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How can funders, partners & practitioners create a supportive environment for equitable research partnerships?

funding for research management capacity building, which is separate from thematic research projects

Provide funding to enable dissemination of findings after awards end so LMIC partners are involved and participate in this activity.

Redefine scientific excellence to include inclusion of local knowledge, equitable access to research products and impact.

expand definition of what counts as knowledge, consider how this knowledge is shared - whose perspective? whose voice?

Center govt / community priorities; often the focus is on funder / intl research agenda / priorities

Recognise and reward local knowledge

consider ways to share learning across multiple awards where e.g. due diligence is needed and consistency in sharing standards across funders; or fund some infrastructure to act as central support to share learning and provide expertise to assist in different regions

How can we support creation and development of vaccine producing companies in Africa & other low income Asian countries

begin at the beginning of funding pathway - fund well conducted and equitable priory setting partnerships including local communities in the collaboration

Ensuring funds are distributed across organisations not focused on those most able to meet grant management requirements

Provide an embedded MEL team to provide real-time feedback to improve research programmes and partnerships

Funders can create dedicated funding streams that support all elements of the research ecosystem, rather than funding research and counting on the ancillary elements to be supported. e.g. direct funding for research management capacity strengthening

Direct funding to LMICs from HIC funders so they drive partnerships

Fund true costs of research and in a way that allows for capacity strengthening of research institutions

From your experience, what supports equitable research partnerships?

Longer term funding to help develop these. Partnerships take time to develop.

Funding for a partnerships manager to develop and maintain relationships

Seed funding to enable time for the partnership to develop before the application stage

Clear partnership/collaboration agreements from the outset included as part of the conditions of award. Researchers to agree who leads on what at the inception or pre-application stage.

Funder processes that recognize/accept different cultural approaches to financing, e.g. per diems/sitting fees

Time to work with LMIC partners to explain processes and find flexible solutions to programme management issues

Recognizing that equitable partnership may not always look the same - sometimes it looks like even distribution of "normal" leadership roles, while sometimes it recognizes that the demands/constraints on everyone are not the same

From your experience, what prevents/blocks equitable partnerships?

Limited timeframes/resources available to funders in commissioning funding competitions often precludes ability to run pre-award workshops which would be beneficial in enabling researchers to creating relevant networks before making applications to wider competitions

Attitudes. People need to see the need and value in developing equitable partnerships.

Perception - those who hold the purse strings are seen as more important?

Short deadlines dont allow for initial discussions between partners

Disconnect between aspiration to fund institutions and risk appetite

Lack of lead-in time to set-up awards and lack of follow-on to ensure findings are not simply published in academic journals

Lack of transparency, decisions being made without including and/or informing all partners

Limited or lack of equitable or participatory evaluation as a means for funders to be accountable to 'end-users' and learn what works (see https://doi.org/10.1186/s12961-022-00888-1)

time pressure to deliver results

ability of different country partners to lead on awards and manage the funds and distribute outside their country

Top-down funding from HICs to LMICs

all focus of capacity building being on research partnerships, often between academics, and no specific support for research management capacity building between research professional

lack of trust between researchers and funding entities; funders need to be open and honest about power imbalances, their failures, and systemic racism

research agendas that are driven by funders / intl actors

Rigid funding structures that allow for little flexibility for change as partnerships develop

Getting support from leadership to make more equitable budget and partnership decisions can be a challenge -- are there good sources for evidence that we could use to build the case for equitable partnerships resulting in higher impact?