Perspectives on working in behavioural science in LMIC: Opportunities for behavioural trials

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Key concepts

Equipoise
Expertise
Capacity building
Ethics
Partnership
“When there’s an emergency, we don’t do an RCT, we send a ship.”

Global health doctor and researcher

WEIRD science = Partnership
Who is the expert and what expertise is needed?

"a high, hard ground where practitioners can make effective use of research-based theory and technique, and a swampy lowland where situations are confusing 'messes' incapable of technical resolution. The difficulty is that the problems of the high ground, however great their technical interest, are often relatively unimportant to clients and to the larger society, while in the swamps are the problems of greatest human concern.” Schon, 1983

Evidence-based practice or practice-based evidence?

Implementation science or implementation?

rigor or relevance?

= Partnership
Benefits of international placements

Who is benefiting?


= Partnership
Lugina Africa Midwives Research Network

‘LAMRN is a network dedicated to improving maternal health outcomes in Africa through increasing evidence-based practice in midwifery. LAMRN aims to support midwifery research, information sharing, networking and training activities in six countries in the region namely, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Working across the six countries LAMRN brings together a large network of dedicated midwifery researchers, teachers and practitioners.’

http://lamrn.org

= Partnership
Principles of partnership

1. Strategic
2. Harmonised and aligned
3. Effective and sustainable
4. Respectful and reciprocal
5. Organised and accountable
6. Responsible
7. Flexible, resourceful and innovative
8. Committed to joint learning

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Anticonclusions

1. Opportunities for robust trials of behavioural interventions.
2. Partnership is a must have.
3. Learning is two-way.

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Thank you

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