

The interplay between governance and global health partnerships: One domain to consider in assessing partnerships

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Context

- Effective and strong partnerships (SDG 17) contribute to attaining all SDGs, wherein partnerships act as platforms for governance decisions about what, how, when, and with whom to act.
- To benefit all partners, assessment and monitoring must be included from conceptualization and extend over the life of the partnership with equity considerations integrated at every stage.
- This scoping review has been complemented by an exploratory study, including an on-line survey and key-informant interviews, conducted simultaneously, and will inform the development of a “partnership valuation tool”.

Project overview



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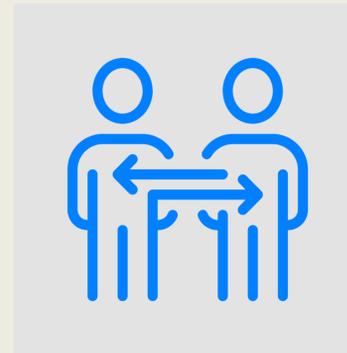
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What is a global health partnership?

- A partnership consists of two or more people collaborating together to address a common objective.
- A global health partnership is a partnership where the partners are individuals or groups of individuals, from government or non-governmental organizations, who collaborate together in addressing a common objective of global health relevance.



What is a partnership assessment?

- A partnership assessment refers to the process of critically examining and evaluating a partnership in terms of specified criteria.
- Most often, a partnership assessment is undertaken to review the quality and effectiveness of a partnership in order to improve on-going performance.
- A partnership should be assessed ideally during each of the four phases of a partnership (i.e. at inception, during implementation, during dissemination and at completion).

OBJECTIVES

- Identify peer-reviewed, published articles addressing either a partnership assessment or proposing partnership assessment metrics
- Assess identified articles for the type of partnership
 - Sustainable development
 - Research
 - Capacity building
- Categorize the identified metrics into domains that could potentially be included in a partnership assessment tool
- Develop measurable definitions of each metric

METHODS

- Databases searched: Medline, Embase, PsychINFO, CINAHL, Web of Science, Scopus
- Groups of search terms used: LMICs, Partnerships, Evaluation, Characteristics, Global health
- Limits:
 - Date: 2010-2019
 - Language: English and French
- Use of Covidence software
- Two reviewers, a third if discordant

KEY CONCEPTS

Study Populations:
 NGOs/CSOs or academic/research institutions involved in a global health partnership

Concept:
 Global health partnership assessment – tools and metrics

Context:
 Global health partnerships - between HICs and LMICs

RESULTS

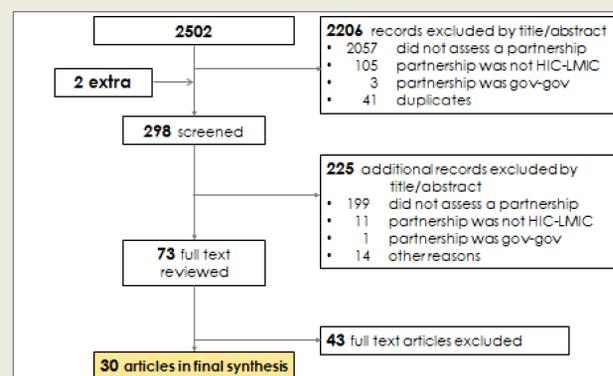


Diagram 1. Flow chart

Main type of partnership addressed in the 30 articles included in the final synthesis:

- Sustainable development: 13
- Research: 6
- Capacity building: 11

Table 1. Identified domains of criteria to be included in the partnership valuation tool

Main domains of partnership assessment criteria
Planning/Priority setting
Partnership implementation and conduct/Communication
Management/Governance
Partnership team
Representation/Stakeholders
Accountability
Equity
Gender
Personal/Social
Capacity building/Continuous improvement

CHALLENGES IN THE LITERATURE

- Confusion between partnership versus project/program assessment
- Non-standard definitions and methods
- Small sample sizes of participants

CONCLUSIONS

- Findings of this scoping review are consistent with those of the online survey and key informant interviews (Poster #8).
- Findings highlight the widespread recognition of the need to address quality of partnerships.
- These findings will inform the development of a “partnership valuation tool” that is being constructed with the participation of stakeholders from the global health community through English and French workshops in Canada, Burkina Faso, and Vietnam.