Introductions



Evaluation of the Pilot of the EquiPar Tool

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Aim:

To assess the perceptions and experiences of LSHTM staff and our partners in using the EquiPar Tool in selected research projects, and to identify options for improvement

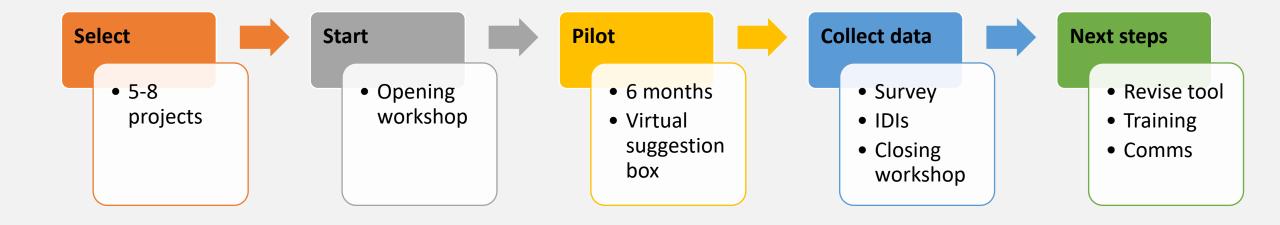
Objectives



- 1. To describe why and how research teams used EquiPar (or why they did not)
- 2. To assess team members' perceptions of the utility of EquiPar in planning, managing and monitoring their partnership, and any challenges they identified
- 3. To document any changes to the operation of partnerships made as a result of using EquiPar
- 4. To identify areas for improvement in EquiPar in terms of its content, clarity and ease of use, and to provide advice on how it could be used by research teams

Case Study Design





Selection of Pilot Projects



Eligibility criteria:	LSHTM staff +	Range of characteristics:	geographical location				
	LMIC partners		topic area				
			disciplinary fields				
	LSHTM prime recipient of		size of partnership				
	funding		type of partner (e.g. large and established institutions v. smaller or newer ones)				
	No staff from		whether or not fragile state setting				
	evaluation team		stage of project (grant writing, new partnerships, ongoing and long-running)				
			funder(s)				

EquiPar Pilot Projects

Understanding the risks of zoonotic disease from swine production & exchange systems in Cambodia (PigFluCam+)

2018-23: US Dept. of Defence

CAMBODIA:

- University of Health Sciences,
- Directorate of Animal Health and Production
- Livestock Development for **Community Livelihood**

2022-24: MRC/HSRI

Developing Strategies to coordinate HEalthcare provision between The **GAmbia and Senegal** (SHEGAS)

SENEGAL:

Institute for Training and Research in Population, **Development and Reproductive** Health, UCAD, Dakar.

-	2020-26: FCDO				
2019-24: NIHR	Support Comprohensive				
Skin Health Africa	Support, Comprehensive and EmpowErment for pe				
Research Progamme	with psychosocial Disab				
(SHARP)	Africa (SUCCEED)				
ETHIOPIA:	SIERRA LEONE:				
Armauer Hansen Research	University of Makeni				
Inst.	NIGERIA:				
Addis Ababa University	University of Ibadan				
GHANA:	MALAWI:				
University of Ghana	 Kamuzu University of Health 				
Kwame Nkrumah University of	Sciences, Blantyre				
Science and Technology	ZIMBABWE:				

2022-26: NIHR

Improving Hypertension Control in Rural Sub-Saharan Africa (IHCoR-Africa)

KENYA:

KEMRI Wellcome Trust **Research Programme. THE GAMBIA:**

MRC Unit, LSHTM.

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ZIIVIBABWE:

University of Zimbabwe, Harare

2022-26: OAK Foundation & Wellspring Fund

Learning Initiative on Norms, **Exploitation and Abuse** (LINEA) Pilot Trial Evaluation of a Complex Intervention to **Prevent Age-disparate Transactional Sex in Tanzania TANZANIA:** TBD

2023-25: Wellcome Trust

Pathfinder 2: accelerating climate action for health
MALAWI:
• TBD
KENYA:
• TBD



2021-25: Unitaid

Plus Project- evaluation of scale up of
perennial malaria chemoprevention

BENIN:

Centre de Recherche Entomologique de Cotonou

CAMEROON:

Fobang Institutes for Innovations in Science & Technology

COTE D'IVOIRE :

- Institut National de Sante Publique **MOZAMBIQUE** :
- Centro de Investigacao em Saude de Manhica

ZAMBIA: Tropical Diseases Research Centre

Consultative Workshops



Opening Workshop:

- Introduce tool
- Discuss how to implement within projects
- Adjustments to tool if necessary
- Feedback

Closing Workshop:

- Present and discuss preliminary findings
- Advice & recommendations on tool use

Data Collection Tools



- 1. Virtual suggestion box any time
 - optional and anonymous
 - open to anyone at any time within or outside pilot projects
- 2. On-line survey Oct 23:
 - anonymous, 15-20 mins, MCQs
 - all team members in pilot projects
 - awareness, use, impact, time burden
- 3. In-depth interviews Sep-Oct 23:
 - 4-10 staff per project purposefully selected
 - 30-60 mins
 - how & why used, perceptions of scope, utility & ease, challenges, impact, unintended consequences, areas for improvement

Ethics and Approvals



- Proposal approved by LSHTM Ethics Committee
- Ethical approval in each partner country not requested as not considered health-related research
- Each team to obtain a letter of support from their institution
- Informed consent for
 - > PI(s) for project participation
 - Individuals participating in online survey and in IDIs
- No individuals or projects identified in any report of the findings
- Major concerns can always be reported using the LSHTM Report & Support online tool https://reportandsupport.lshtm.ac.uk/

Timeline



2022-23	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Project selection	x												
Opening workshop			х										
Projects use Tool				x	x	х	x	x	x				
Online survey										x			
IDIs									x	x			
Data analysis										x	x		
Closing workshop												х	
Final report & revised tool													x
Communication materials													x