



Strengthening research capacity and ensuring sustainable funding for neglected diseases

The Role of Donors



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Outline

1. Encouraging R&D innovation
2. Strengthening research capacity and the research uptake environment
3. Encouraging funder harmonization and sharing knowledge



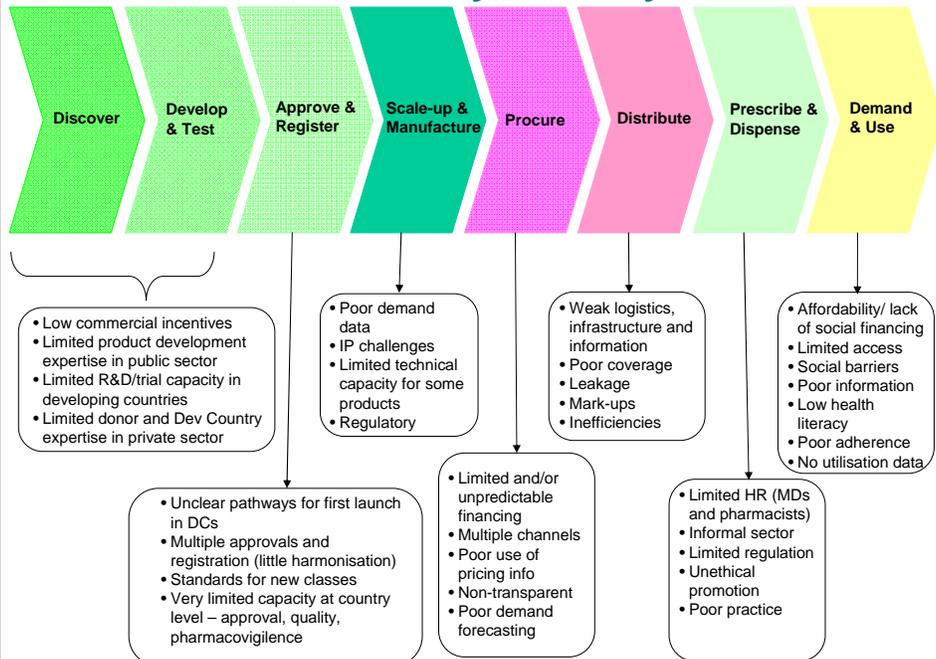


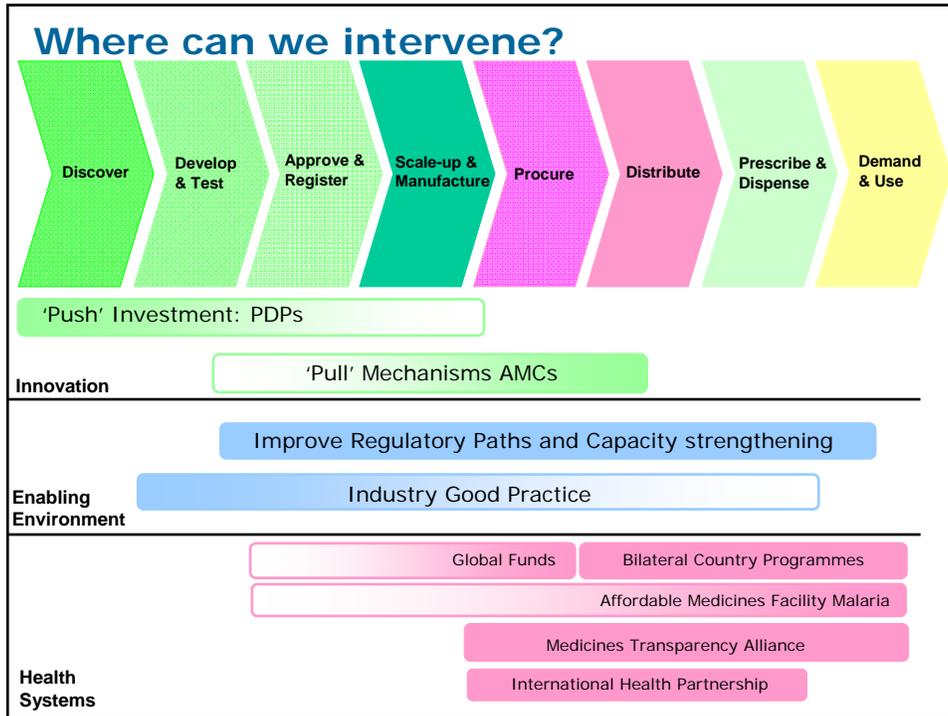
1. DFID, R&D and Innovation

- DFID's mission: reduce poverty
- Research and innovation are crucial to development and economic growth
 - viewed as an investment both for health and for human development
- Investment in R&D is one part of an overall strategy for improving access to medicines for neglected diseases



Bottlenecks in discovery, delivery and access







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DFID Push - PDPs

Donor Challenge	PDP Model
Limited Technical Capacity	Expertise – science and industry
Picking 'winners'	Portfolio Management
Unfamiliar Partners	Partner Management
Encouraging efficiency	Target profiles Leveraging inputs
Politics	Advocacy & country engagement
Impact = Uptake	Explicit access focus
Strategic Coordination	Business Cases Donor management



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DFID Push - PDPs

- First government donor to PDPs
 - IAVI (1997)
- Currently fund 5 PDPs ~£25m p.a.
 - IAVI, MMV, IPM, TB Drug Alliance & DNDi
- Increase commitment over 5ys
 - Renewal of existing PDP funding
 - Expand portfolio (currently considering proposals)
- DNDi funding: £18m (2008-13)



2. Research Capacity strengthening

- Capability to use and to do research are closely linked
- Need to focus on improving research capability by supporting *environments* that encourage people to use research
- Improve researchers skills, as well as their access to research information and resources
- DFID will pay more attention to capacity development
- Aim to strengthen African research organisations by supporting regional organisations and research initiatives





Health Research Capacity Strengthening Initiative

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- Joint initiative with Wellcome Trust and Canada's IDRC in **Kenya** and **Malawi** (total funding-£21 million)
- Aims to:
 - **strengthen capacity** for generation of health research knowledge
 - **improve its use** in evidence-based decision making, policy formulation and implementation
- Main activities
 - **support** and train promising individual scientists
 - **strengthen** key academic research and policy-making institutions
 - **facilitate** collaborative engagement of national representatives
 - **improve** regulation and co-ordination of the national research environment



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HRCS in Kenya

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- Led by the newly created National Consortium for Health Research (CNHR)
- International NGO which brings together key players in health research in Kenya
- Will address:
 - research co-ordination,
 - prioritization of research activities,
 - training and leadership
 - institutional support,
 - strengthening the legislative environment
 - sharing knowledge



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HRCS – Current activities

Internship grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call early 2009 • First group of interns: Jan – Jul 2009
Research Leadership Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call in April 2009 • Targets research leaders working in national teaching and research institutions • Commitment to mentorship and training • Focus on national research priorities (MDGs 4,5 and 6) • up to Ksh34M for up to 3 yrs • Awards to be made in July 2009

Find out more at <http://cnhrkenya.org/>

3. Funder harmonization

- Aim should be to build on partnerships with all kinds of international research funders
- Ensure that funding fits with regional priorities and initiatives
- PDPs allow funders to work together to fund more diverse research projects
- DFID current chair of the PDP funders co-ordination group
 - Aim is to share information, esp on PDP metrics, evaluation and funding plans
- ESSENCE funders group for capacity strengthening (pilot in Tanzania)



Sharing knowledge

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- **Research Capacity Strengthening in Africa: Trends, Gaps and Opportunities.** A scoping study commissioned by DFID on behalf of IFORD.
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The role of the donor

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- Provide support across the R&D and access to medicines pathway (including strengthening health systems)
- Create an enabling environment for scientists in disease endemic countries to do and use research
- Harmonize activities with other funders, and align with country priorities

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