ReBUILD: Research for Building pro-poor health systems during recovery from conflict

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"the only thing positive about the Ebola outbreak is that it has created a window of opportunity to prioritise health systems research and strengthening”

Dr Haja Wurie, Sierra Leone
Overview

- Health systems research and conflict-affected states
- ReBUILD consortium
- Early findings
- Thematic Working Group for HSR in fragile and conflict-affected states
- How to get engaged
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- Opportunity to set HS in a pro-poor direction
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Different stages relating to conflict

Deteriorating state → Collapsed state → State recovering from conflict

Emergency & stabilisation (1 year) → Transition & recovery (1-4 years) → Peace and development (4-10 years)

40% of countries relapse into conflict (Collier and Hoeflller, 2004)

Source: DAC, 2005; Ahonsi, 2010
Cambodia (CDRI), Sierra Leone (COMAHS), Uganda (MUSPH), Zimbabwe (BRTI), UK (LSTM) and (QMU).
Creating a new body knowledge of health systems in post-conflict settings

- Health financing
- HW incentives
- Contracting
- Aid architecture
- Rural posting
- Responsive fund

Gender lens
Some knowledge outputs

- Literature reviews on health financing (Witter, 2012), HRH (Roome et al, 2014) and gender (Percival et al, 2014) in post-conflict settings
Justine Namakula
Uganda

This research helps us to understand the lived experience of health workers during and after conflict in Northern Uganda and how policy-makers can protect and motivate them.
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In countries affected by conflict health systems often break down. Emergency assistance is often the main source of care. As recovery begins so should the process of rebuilding health systems. However, in practice not enough is known about how effective different approaches are.

The ReBUILD Consortium is a research partnership funded by the UK Department for International Development. We are working in Cambodia, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zimbabwe to explore how we can strengthen policy and practice related to health financing and staffing.

In health financing, we are investigating how different financing strategies affect the poorest households. Our work on human resources studies different management innovations and opportunities for reallocating roles among health professionals.

News

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Health Systems Global Board announces new thematic working group for Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict Affected States.

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Blog: Opportunity for ReBUILD research uptake in the Zimbabwean President’s first 100 days in office

By Shungu Musyat and Brian Chandiwana

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Influencing change

**Impact:** poor women and men have improved access to effective health services and reduced burden of health related expenditure

**Outcome:** research based evidence informs policy and practice
Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict Affected States

**Theme**

This thematic working group will draw upon the breadth of experience of key actors in health in fragile and conflict affected states and promote research, policy and advocacy actions to contribute to the development and implementation of responsive and context-specific health systems.

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Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict Affected States
a subgroup of Health Systems Global

Start a discussion or share something with the group...

Health inequalities, victims of armed conflict and health system research in Colombia

Juan Rivillas
Health Economics and Policy Research at Epidemiology Unit In Ministry of Health - Colombia

I am greatly to be part of the thematic working group! In 2014, Colombia has reached almost 5 million victims of violence due to 45 years of social conflict. Our country is working to improve the arrangements of health care system and ensure and ...
Filling the void: Health systems in fragile and conflict affected states

Edited by: S Fustukian, Dr Bayard Roberts, Egbert Sondorp

Healthcare in fragile and conflict affected states remains critical and it is becoming increasingly evident that this cannot be improved without special attention, policies and programming. This series aims to provide evidence on health policies and programs that work in fragile and conflict affected states.

This series is a rolling thematic series and further articles will continue to be added.

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Mirwais Rahimzai, Ahmad Naeem, Silvia Holschneider, Ahmad Hekmati
Conflict and Health 2014, 8:21 (22 October 2014)
Abstract | Full text | PDF | ePUB

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The “empty void” is a crowded space: health service provision at the margins of fragile and conflict affected states
Peter S Hill, Enrico Pavigiani, Markus Michael, Maurizio Murru, Mark E Beesley
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Ebola session in Cape Town
Future plans of TWG

- Journal club based on papers
- Webinars
- Research topic prioritisation exercise + advocacy for funding
- Make links with G7+ and other southern groups
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