Stakeholder analysis at the research-policy interface: Enhancing equity in health systems research in six low and middle income countries

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### Key advantages

**Enhanced influence**
Systematic stakeholder identification & analysis enhances likelihood of pro-equity research successfully influencing policy

**Consumer perspectives**
Consumer ideas, concerns & expectations can enhance successes of pro-equity health system reforms based on research

**Intervention refinement**
Understanding stakeholder perspectives allows intervention refinement & incorporation of pro-equity innovations

**Coalition construction**
Sharing perspectives between stakeholders enhances solidarity around pro-equity interventions

### Bangladesh
Informal health care systems in rural areas
- Influential local decision makers included
- Consumers are often the poor
- Research action focused
- Local coalitions facilitated

### India
District level health systems development
- Coverage of many powerful decision makers
- Explores consumer health shocks
- Practical focus on decentralizing
- Powerful coalitions

### China
Rural new cooperative medical scheme
- National and local decision makers
- Focus on rural poor consumers
- Research on finance and quality of care
- Stakeholders engaged throughout

### Afghanistan
Maternal health care seeking
- International agencies examined
- Consumer health seeking inhibitors and enablers
- Demand generation
- Engage international to local

### Uganda
Access, cost, volume and quality of facilities
- Decision maker priority
- Consumer poverty-health connections
- Operational research focus
- Stakeholder workshops to aid coalitions

### Nigeria
Effective malaria treatment for the poor
- National priority
- Poverty- malaria linkages
- Current drug suppliers considered
- Non-intuitive stakeholders included