Welcome to the global health policy and systems community on SLACK

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Welcome to the global health policy and systems community, in partnership with the NIHR, HSRUK and HSG. This is an opportunity for you to share thoughts and ideas that will help inform a new NIHR research programme in global health policy and systems research (HPSR).

The NIHR is the largest funder of health and care research in England. It is a world-class leader in applied and health services research and is looking to build on established national expertise to expand into global health systems research. The NIHR wants to create opportunities that complement initiatives led by other UK and international funders. We want to hear your views on the gaps in existing funding opportunities and how a new scheme can address HPSR research priorities in low and middle income countries (LMICs), promote equitable HIC-LMIC (north-south) and LMIC-LMIC (south-south) partnerships and support institutional and individual capacity development in LMIC – drawing on UK and LMIC expertise in health systems and multidisciplinary research.

Why join the community?
Being part of this community gives you the opportunity to:
- share your thoughts with the NIHR on priority LMIC research themes and models
- meet other researchers interested in global HPSR, and learn from those already working in this space
- get the latest global HPSR news, including updates from the NIHR
- develop research collaborations and partnerships
- share learning through and beyond the initial NIHR consultation period
- hear about plans for NIHR Global HPSR calls in 2019/2020

How the online community works
SLACK enables collaboration across the globe. Our community workspace uses #channels to keep conversations under key themes. Click on a #channel on the left, then start a conversation by typing a new message in the box (or just hit reply to join in an existing conversation).

- **#readthisfirst** – welcome, why join this community, how to use SLACK and contact us
- **#nihrglobalhealth** – information about NIHR and its global HPSR programme
- **#introduceyourself** – say hello, include your name, role, organisation, city and interests
- **#eventsandmeetings** – information on upcoming global HPSR events
- **#newsandopportunities** – global HPSR news stories, latest research and funding opportunities
- **#collaborations** – get to know each other, build partnerships and future collaborations

Terms of engagement
This forum will be moderated with a light touch by HSRUK. We politely request that members do not create private messages with each other, but instead use the open discussion channels to encourage information sharing, collaboration and learning. Please read the attached privacy policy, including terms of engagement.

Contact us
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