

MRC-NIHR TMRP Global Health Working Group Remit

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Objectives

The objectives of this working group are to 1) raise awareness of the field and scope of clinical trials methodology research to those in LMICs, 2) signpost them to the other working groups of the TMRP, 3) further increase the capacity for trial methodology research in LMICs through freely accessible information on a dedicated site on the Global Health Network, 4) respond to queries from those in LMICs wanting guidance on methods, potential collaborators and training opportunities/events and 5) facilitate small pump-priming grants for trials methodologists in LMICs.

Research areas to target

- Priority areas have been identified via a recent survey of low and middle-income countries (LMIC) ([Rosala-Hallas et al 2018](#)). For example:
 - Appropriate choice of outcomes (developing correct objectives, standardising outcome sets, identifying patient-focused endpoints).
 - Methods for staff training (e.g. cost-effective and purposeful methods, blended learning incorporating new technologies).
- Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPI/E) will also be prioritized and encouraged.

However, research areas will not be limited to these because of the broad nature of this working group.

Membership

Membership will likely be staff from clinical trial units (CTUs), TMRP partner networks and organisations, patient research partners, early career researchers and PhD students. Specifically, members will initially be drawn from The Global Health Network membership (including those who already engage with Regional Faculties and specialist member sites in Africa, Asia and South America), and CTUs in LMICs known to the working group leads. We will aim for an inner core of members for oversight purposes, with a wider outer core for activities and dissemination allowing inclusivity. Members should understand and be happy with their 'role' in the group.

Collaborations

- The Global Health Network Regional Faculties
- Academic researchers and students engaged in trials methodology research within The Global Health Network and the working group co-leads (e.g. Malawi-Liverpool Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Programme, Oxford Tropical Network, Universities of Cape Town and Stellenbosch)
- Other Global Health Network site coordinators (e.g. [MESH](#) for PPI/E)
- Researchers at other UK tropical medicine institutions and departments, including the LSHTM and LSTM.