



Partnering for more effective aid and development

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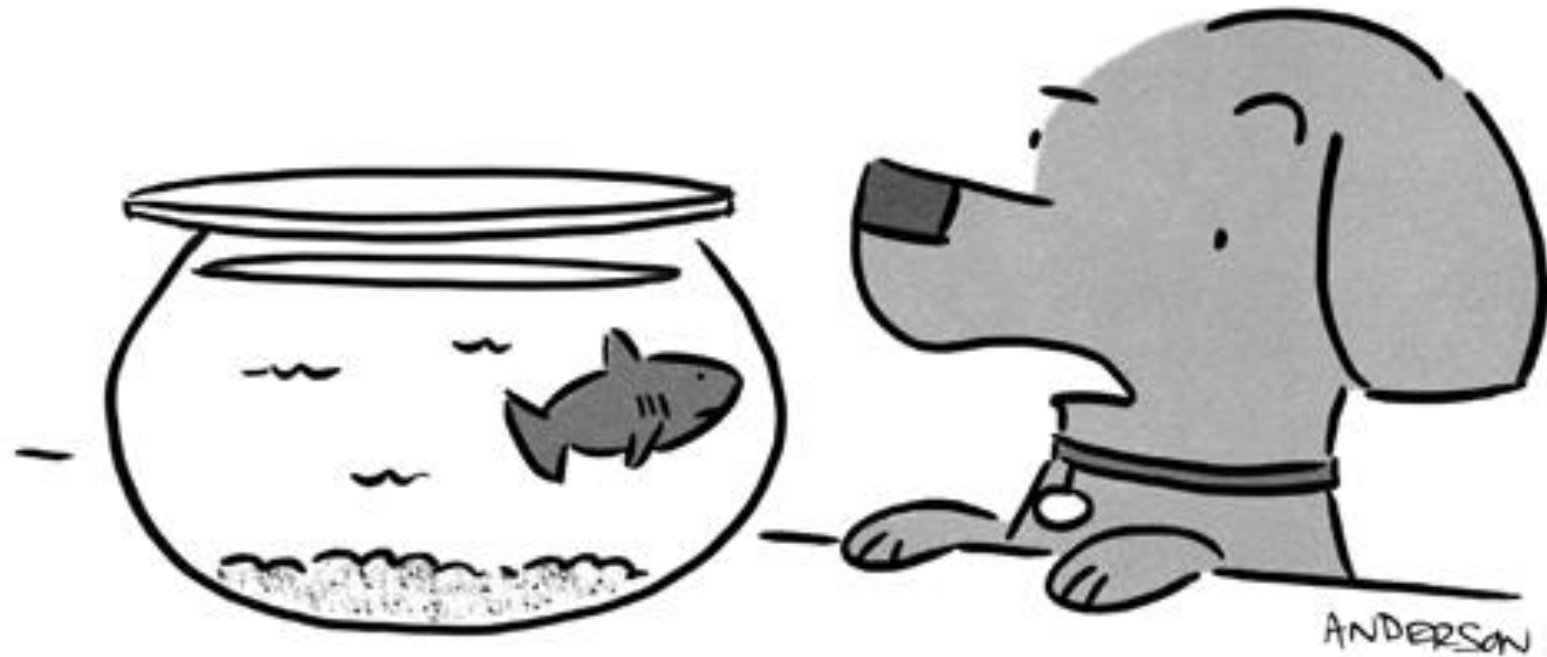
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Why should researchers and international development organisations work together?

- Combining resources for greater impact
- Multi-sector approach in order to address complex problems
- Combining multiple sets of knowledge in order to create new knowledge
- Creating multiple pathways to use evidence and influence policy and practice



What are the benefits of partnership?



"You make a good point; we both hate the cat.
I'm just not sure what it is you'd bring to a partnership."

How to Partner for Development Research

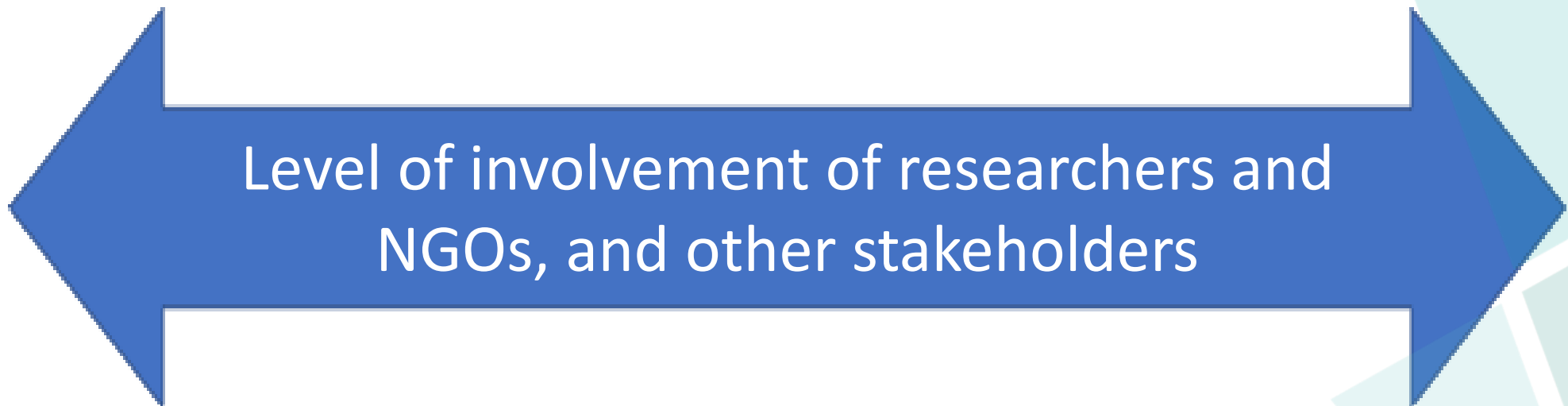


What is partnership?



Source: Adapted from Partnership Brokers Association

A continuum of practice



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A continuum of practice

Not integration	Integration		
Autonomous	Cooperative	Coordinated	Collaborative
• Organisations operate independently	• Remain independent but network and share information • Low commitment • Informal arrangements	• Some joint planning • Often project-based coordination • Medium commitment • Semi-formal partnerships	• Shared culture, visions, values and resources • Joint planning and delivery of some services • High commitment • Formalised partnerships
			

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The value of transformation

Transdisciplinary research



“We can’t solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.”

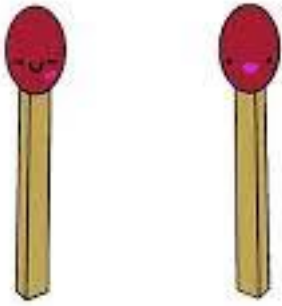
Albert Einstein

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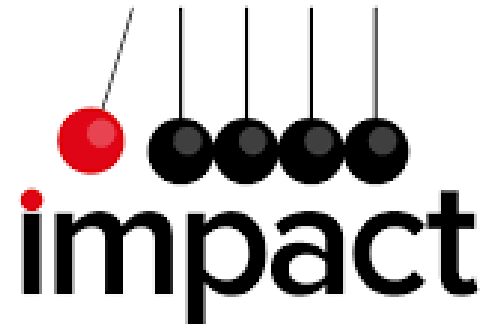


Prepare	Manage	Review
- Find a partner that's going to work best for you - Establish the foundation of partnership - Establish working arrangements to carry out the research - Define research outputs and communication for impact	- Measure and reflect on your milestones - Manage any emerging challenges to your partnership - Conduct partnership health checks	- Measure the value and impact of the partnership - Build ongoing partnerships

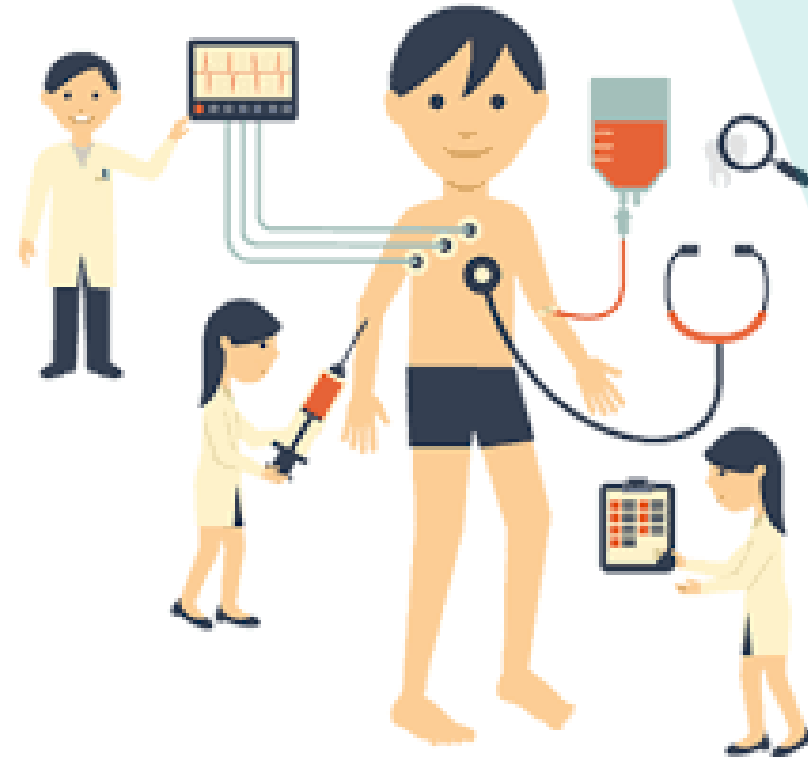
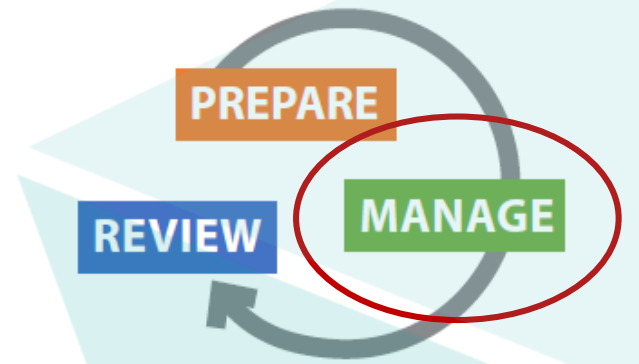
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Perfect Match



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What we know about the value of partnership for development outcomes

☆ Credible evidence to inform policy

☆ Stocks and flows of knowledge – for thinking and practice

☆ Learning for refinement in project implementation

☆ Critical and constructive

☆ Staff and organisational development



Development research in partnership

- Go in with your eyes wide open
- Communicate honestly and create shared commitment
- Check in on your partnership
- Respect and value all partner contributions

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