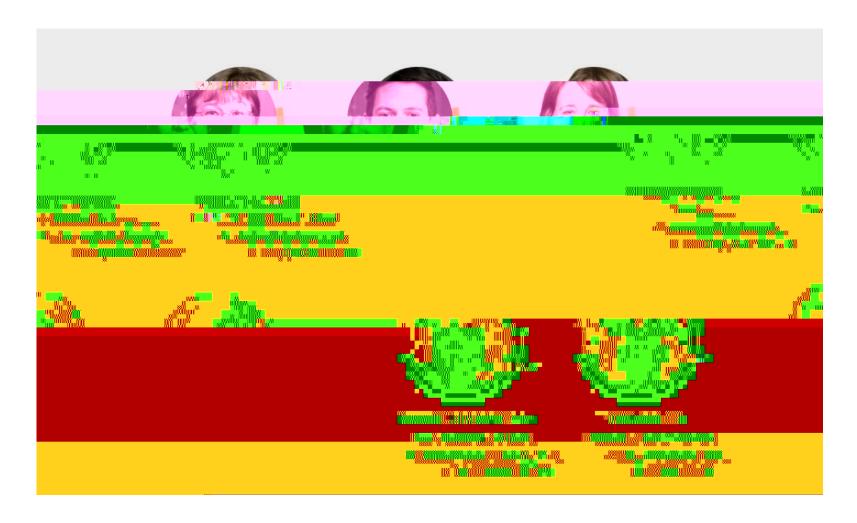


The Evolving Research for Development Landscape

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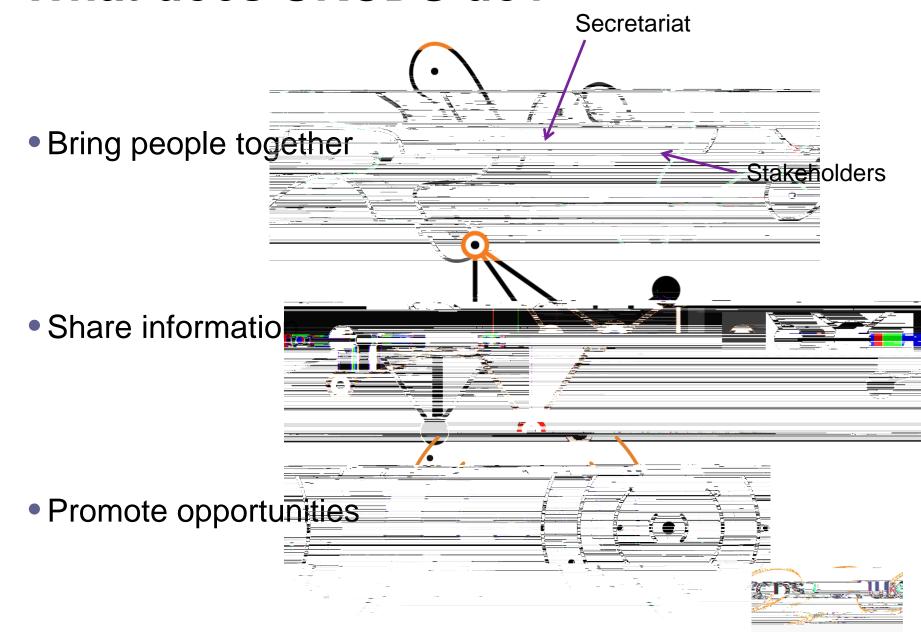


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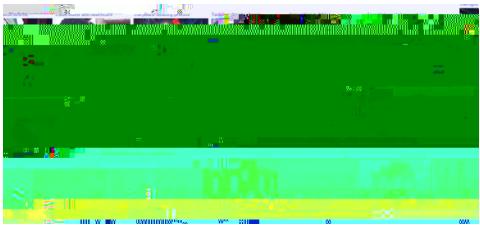
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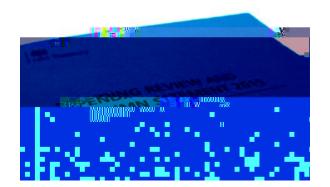


Connecting research with development challenges: the changing landscape









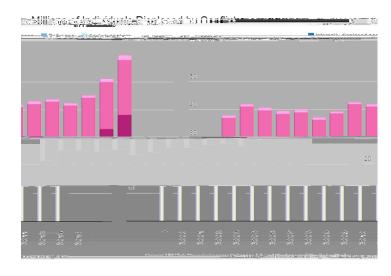


Increasingly fragmented development landscape

Key development trends

- 1. Inequality
- 2. Fragility and conflict
- 3. Urban poverty
- 4. Changing demographics
- 5. Environmental change
- 6. Resource scarcity







¹ The Data Report: putting the poorest first, 2015

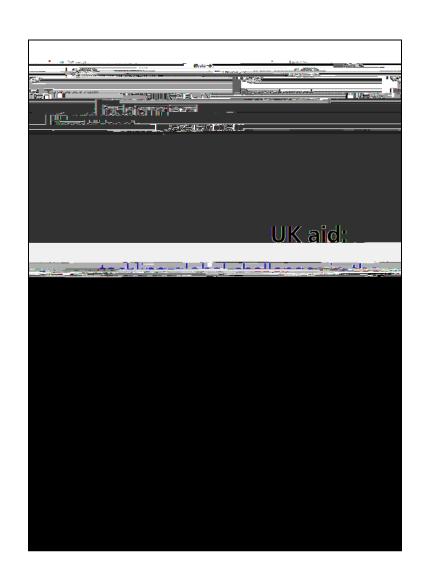
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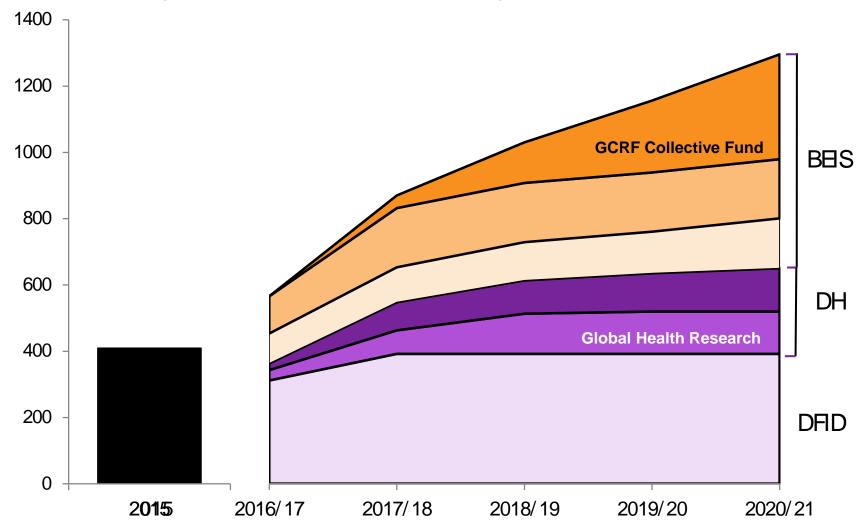
And in the UK?

- Strengthening global peace, security and governance
- 2. Strengthening resilience and response to crises
- 3. Promoting global prosperity
- 4. Tackling extreme poverty and helping the world's

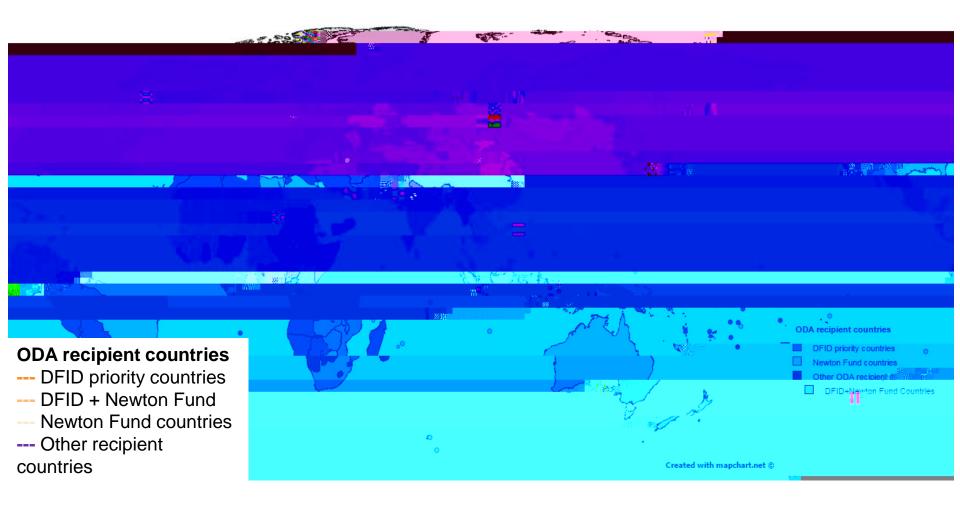




Rising ODA R&D spend across government: 2016-2021*









ODA funded research

- Impact on development challenges
- Interdisciplinary
- Attracting new research teams/ideas
- The strengths of UK research in helping to contribute to challenges
- Building new partnerships
- In line with UK Aid strategy and Sustainable Development Goals
- Must qualify for classification as ODA (OECD-DAC definitions)



DFID Research Review

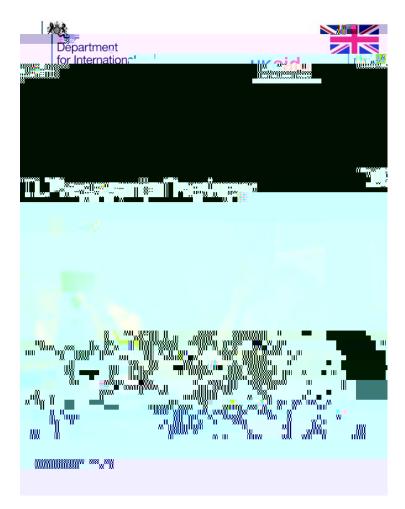
Research Review focuses on DFID's areas of comparative advantage and complementarity to other funds.

Impact: does research focus on an important and practical development challenge & increased focus on research uptake

Quality: will the commissioned research be of the highest quality?

Deliverability: will the research deliver benefits within a realistic timeframe?

Cost: has every possible step been taken to control costs?





DFID research priorities

Fragile and conflict affected states:

- Research around security and justice, migration, taxation and accountability, cross border drivers of conflict and justice
- Multi-disciplinary research on transformational development in African cities
- Research and innovation in humanitarian settings including building resilience and delivering education in emergencies

Health: vaccines and infectious diseasees (half of Ross Fund), resilient health systems, reaching the most vulnerable in health crises, maternal health

Climate, Energy and Water: scale-up access to clean energy and access to water and climate science including weather disaster risk reduction

Agriculture: commercialisation and food systems with strong focus on women, investment in sustainable agriculture including nutrition and resilience to climate change, speeding up development of productive and resilient crops and agricultural technologies



Department of Health

Two funding streams:

- Ross Fund: ~£500 million over
 5 years
 - Anti-microbial resistance
 - Infectious diseases with epidemic potential
 - Neglected tropical diseases
- Global Health research programme: ~£400 million over 5 years
 - Funding through NIHR
 - Partnerships and capacity strengthening





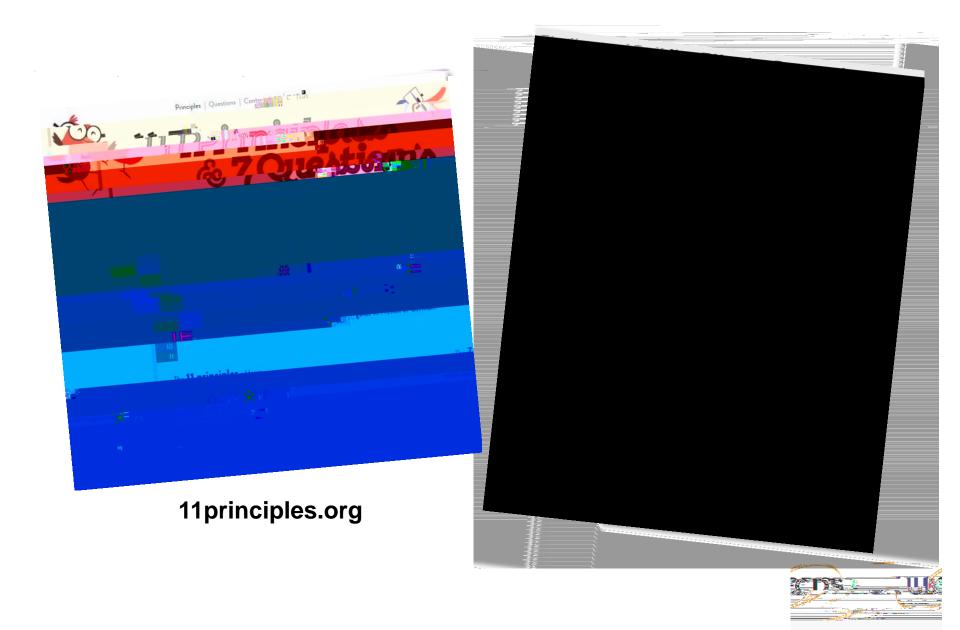


Its about approach and context

Is the research relevant and needed? – check



Issues to think about when developing partnerships



Fairness and equitability in research partnerships

Before the research happens:

- Joint shaping of the research agenda
- Explicit research plan with clear budgets, roles and responsibilities
- Assessing research and management capacity needs
- Awareness of financial management challenges payment in arrears, due diligence

During the research:

- Fair contracting and compensation
- Building capacity locally including research leadership
- Avoid imbalance in status e.g. research planning, authorship, governance/management/supervision
- Inclusion of communities and policymakers

After the research – fair benefit sharing:

- Credit and recognition for contribution
- Access to data and intellectual property
- Sustainable legacy planning



Role of institutions

Develop institution wide guiding principles for good research management in partner overseas institutions

Provide institution-toinstitution capacity strengthening e.g. financial, communication, grants



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