EIC Working Group – Global Health Implementation Science

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Mission and Purpose

Why would you like to establish this working group, what are your aims and objectives? Please be as explicit as possible.

The field of implementation science has predominantly developed within high-income countries (1), yet some of the greatest implementation challenges exist in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) where healthcare systems face unique constraints, including limited resources and distinct health system structures (2–4). There is a need for context-adapted implementation approaches in global health settings (5,6), where task-shifting interventions and community-based models are essential for scaling evidence-based practices (7,8).

Aims and Objectives:

- Connect implementation scientists, practitioners, and policymakers working specifically in LMIC contexts to share knowledge and address unique implementation challenges in resource-constrained settings.
- Develop and disseminate implementation frameworks, tools, and methodologies that are specifically designed for or adapted to LMIC contexts, moving beyond direct translation of high-income country approaches.
- Facilitate connections, networking opportunities, and collaboration between institutions in the Global North and Global South (including academic environments, government agencies, NGOs, and community organizations) for exchanging best practices and reciprocal learning.
- Support the translation of implementation research findings into policy recommendations that can inform global health programming and funding decisions.
- Actively seek joint funding opportunities that advance global health implementation science.

Organisation of the group

Please describe how your working group will be organised. How do members get information (e.g., mailing list)? How often does the group meet? What is the format of the meetings? Please also describe which administrative support you would need from the EIC secretary (e.g., mailing list, website representation, organisation of activities, etc.)

- Bi-annual virtual meetings (once per semester, rotating times to accommodate global time zones).
- Biennial in-person gathering in connection with the European Implementation Event (EIE) conference.
- Active mailing list (e.g. managed through EIC infrastructure if possible) for ongoing discussions, sharing resources, opportunities, and updates between meetings.
- Email-based collaboration for addressing specific challenges and sharing experiences as they arise.

Meeting format:

- Project presentations where members share current LMIC implementation work, challenges, and successes.
- Problem-solving discussions around common implementation challenges in global health settings.
- Experience sharing sessions on lessons learned from different LMIC contexts.
- Methodological discussions on adapting implementation approaches for resource-constrained settings.
- Updates and networking to keep members informed about opportunities and developments in the field.
- Meetings to discuss new project ideas and external funding opportunities.

Members

*Please describe **who** is welcome to join your group (e.g., particular professions or interests). What is expected of members? What is the value of the group for members?*

The working group welcomes implementation scientists conducting research in LMICs, global health practitioners working on scaling evidence-based interventions, and policymakers and program managers from LMIC health systems. We also encourage participation from researchers from high-income countries engaged in global health partnerships, representatives from international organizations such as WHO, and community health workers and local implementation champions. Funders and program officers supporting global health implementation research are valuable members, as are students and early-career researchers interested in global implementation science.

Member Expectations:

Members are expected to actively participate in group activities and show willingness to share experiences, challenges, and lessons learned from LMIC implementation work. We expect a commitment to principles of equitable partnership and decolonized research practices, along with contributions to group resources through case studies, tools, or methodological insights. Members should also support capacity building initiatives for LMIC-based members.

Value for Members:

Members gain access to a unique network of global implementation expertise and experience, with opportunities for collaborative research and funding applications. The group provides a platform for disseminating work to relevant global health and implementation audiences, along with professional development. Members can influence the global implementation science agenda and funding priorities while learning from exemplary projects that demonstrate successful task-shifting and community-based implementation approaches in diverse LMIC contexts.

Activities

***What activities** and **output**s are you planning to deliver? Consider planning for the next one or two years. Please note that the minimum requirement is to organise one activity per year open to the EIC community. Activities include, for example, webinars/workshop sessions, a contribution to the EIC blog, or any other activity of value for the wider community of EIC members.*

Regular Activities:

- The working group will hold **bi-annual virtual meetings** (once per semester), where members can present ongoing LMIC implementation projects, discuss common challenges, and share lessons learned from different contexts. These meetings will provide a platform for connecting implementation scientists, practitioners, and policymakers working in LMIC contexts.
- Every two years, the group will organize an **in-person meeting in connection with the European Implementation Event conference**, allowing for deeper discussions and networking opportunities within the broader implementation science community.
- The working group will have an active **mailing list** for ongoing discussions and sharing information and updates between the meetings.
- The working group will actively share information on **LinkedIn** to promote global health implementation science.

Planned Outputs:

- The working group will produce a joint **paper** describing the development and current status of global health implementation science in Europe.
- As required by EIC, the working group will organize one annual **key activity open to the broader EIC community**. This will typically take the form of a webinar or workshop session that addresses topics of general interest to implementation scientists, such as adapting frameworks for resource-constrained settings or lessons from global health implementation projects.
- A planned key output is related to developing **collaborative project proposals** and identify joint funding opportunities to advance global health implementation science.
- Additional outputs may include occasional contributions to the **EIC blog** sharing insights from LMIC implementation work, and email-based **resource sharing** through our mailing list to keep members informed about relevant funding opportunities, publications, and developments in global health implementation science.

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