



This guidance offers some practical steps to develop equitable research partnerships and knowledge production processes and systems. It focuses on partnerships between Global North and South research actors and is informed by our collective experience and aspirations as partners. We worked in collaboration with our five partners (CoLAB – Fiji, GLOW Consultants – Pakistan, inSights – Bangladesh, PIANGO – Fiji, and The Pujiono Centre – Indonesia) across Asia Pacific to develop this guidance note. This paper is structured in line with the above three main phases of the above research cycle, from phase 1 (agenda setting), phase 2 (undertaking the research), and phase 3 (sharing the outcomes).

Equitable research partnership can be defined as: *“Partnerships in which there is mutual participation, mutual trust and respect, mutual benefit and equal value placed on each partners contribution at all stages of the research process.”*

PHASE 1: Defining the problem and setting the agenda	
Activity	What Does Success Look Like?
Identifying The Need for Research	Calls for proposals are accessible for a diversity of actors, written in plain language and elicit proposals from a diversity of Global North and South actors working in partnership.
Developing Research Proposals	Research proposals and budgets are developed in partnership, leverage each partners' skills and capabilities, and are underpinned by key principles and ways of working.
Awarding Research Contracts	Research proposals are reviewed and scored by diverse panels with equal representation of Global North and Global South members. Contracts are awarded to research teams featuring both Global North and Global South partners. Mechanisms are in place to support unsuccessful partners to strengthen future submissions.

PHASE 2: Undertaking the research	
Activity	What Does Success Look Like?
Developing Detailed Methodologies:	Research methodologies are developed collectively, leveraging the skills and expertise of each partner. Designs are contextually appropriate, and local knowledge is drawn on appropriately.
Collecting And Analysing Data	Data collection and information sharing take place in ways that leverage partners' complementary strengths and communication preferences.
Developing and Testing Findings	Validation processes are meaningful, collaborative and findings are agreed by all research partners, and jointly shared with the commissioning agency.
Producing the Research Product	Production of research outputs leverages skills and inputs from across research partners. Branded outputs are tailored to context and reflect the contributions of all partners.

PHASE 3: Sharing the outcomes	
Activity	What Does Success Look Like?
Socialisation and Dissemination	All partners contribute to socialisation and are equitably resourced and recognised.
Reviewing the Partnership	Reflection promotes learning and strengthening of equitable research partnerships.

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