Hot topic discussion

HT, DM and Scale-up groups

Using scale-up methodology, which is the best in LMICs?

Successful ways to facilitate health systems changes
Which is the best in scale-up methodology to use in LMICs?

• Strategies:
  • Influence policy/talking to policy makers – leads to policy adoption
  • Power of social movements
  • Commercialization of interventions/ use of social enterprises
  • Linking interventions together to be more effective as a group

• Methods/science to use in research that help scale up
  • Economic analysis
  • Decision analysis

• Challenges
  • How do we know what to scale up?
  • There isn’t a method anyway
  • In research generalisability vs. specificity poses difficulties to deciding what to scale up
What are successful ways to facilitate health systems changes?

• Health systems
  • Need to understand what they are first
  • Need to understand the context within which they operate
  • Know the health system really well and map it out

• Engagement
  • Of stakeholders early on
  • Consult them in the development
  • Find out the priorities from the stakeholders and advocacy agencies

• Commonalities
  • Piggy back different disease specific strategies together
  • Identify common concepts within projects
  • Are there generics that are in common?

• Research
  • Include implementation outcomes in the RCTds
  • Include learning networks for KT