Strategies for Aligning National Priorities with Funding: Stimulant for discussion

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Overview

- Paris Declaration signed on Aid Effectiveness organizes partnership commitment around five principles:
  - Ownership
  - **Alignment**
  - Harmonization
  - Managing for Results
  - Mutual Accountability

- Alignment refers to donors provision of support based on partner countries’:
  - National development strategies
  - Institutions
  - Processes
Overview

- Paris Declaration intends to improve development aid and was not tailored for health research support.

- COHRED was commissioned by donors to provide an understanding of Paris Declaration on health research support with respect to:
  - Potentials
  - Limitations
  - Implementation
Some Issues Involved

- Health research are being supported externally
- Donors traditionally fund research based on their own priorities
- Governance of health research is either weak or lacking in some countries
- Often health research priorities are not clearly articulated
- Policies on research are still lacking in some countries
- Lack of clear research strategies impede alignment
The bottom line!!!!

Alignment of funding to priorities is essential to improving the impact of health research

What strategies would help us to promote alignment?????
DISCUSSION!!!!