

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES IN HUMANITARIAN HEALTH RESEARCH

PARTNERSHIP COORDINATION

EXAMPLES OF CHALLENGES:

- Communication across partnership
- Competing priorities difficult to align to research demands
- Unsuccessful partnership negotiations
- Loss of partner organisation (/site)
- Difficulty obtaining visas for face-to-face meetings

IMPACT OF CHALLENGES ON A STUDY

- Loss of partner organisation (/site) after study has started
- Unable to use the pre-selected study site
- Low recruitment/tracing and prevention
- Difficulty implementing study activities/logistics with existing staff and/or money
- Difficulty effectively communicating/engaging all partners

MITIGATING ACTIONS

- Improved and regularised partner communication
- Identified new/alternative recruitment sites
- Simplified study methodology
- Identified new/alternative recruitment partners
- Established a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for ways of working
- Ensure roles and responsibilities are clear and understood
- Ensure individual and partner expectations are discussed and understood