



NIHR-Wellcome Global Health Research Partnership

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Wellcome and the UK's National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) are jointly supporting global health researchers who focus on health priorities in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The aim is to strengthen the evidence base for interventions which address health problems in these settings.

Who and what the funding is for

The NIHR is co-funding a set of awards spanning several Wellcome funding schemes:

- For LMIC nationals at an early or intermediate career stage: International Master's, Training and International Fellowships
- For research leaders from LMICs or the UK: Investigator Awards, Senior Research Fellowships and Collaborative Awards in Science

To receive NIHR-Wellcome joint funding, you must be employed by a university or research institute based in an LMIC that is eligible for ODA funding or in the UK.

Your research must:

- address health priorities in ODA-eligible countries and mainly take place in those LMICs
- focus on improving the health and welfare of the poorest and most vulnerable people
- be applied health research which is patient-oriented and not entirely lab-based

Examples of funded projects

1. Dr Aly Diana

Dr Aly Diana of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Regional Centre for Food and Nutrition, in Indonesia, holds an International Training Fellowship with NIHR-Wellcome funding.

She is running a randomised controlled trial to assess whether micronutrient-enriched crackers, based on chicken liver and eggshells, can overcome micronutrient deficits during pregnancy and lactation.

In West Java, Indonesia, there is a high prevalence of anaemia and micronutrient deficiencies among lactating new mothers and their babies, whose growth is commonly impaired.

The trial will test whether eating the enriched crackers for six months during pregnancy and for five months after delivery can improve micronutrient levels in new mothers, their breastmilk and their babies.

2. Dr Celia Gregson

Dr Celia Gregson of the University of Bristol, UK, is heading a team funded through a Collaborative Award. They are investigating the epidemiology, economic impact and ethnography of bone fractures in The Gambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

As life expectancy rapidly rises across Africa, the risk of fragility fractures among older people is increasing too. Health services and policy makers need to better understand how to prevent and manage these fractures.

The multi-disciplinary team, combining expertise in epidemiology, health economics, anthropology, qualitative methodology, HIV

medicine, orthopaedic surgery, gerontology and skeletal imaging, will establish vertebral fracture prevalence, hip fracture incidence and their impact on survival, disability and health costs.

The project will give insight into risk factors, care pathways, patients' beliefs, patterns of health service delivery, and factors influencing implementation of fracture services.

Find out more

Get more information about the NIHR-Wellcome partnership or the schemes it covers: wellcome.ac.uk/funding/nihr-wellcome-global-health-research-partnership

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