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Global Health Research In the Department of Health

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Context

Spending Review and Autumn Statement, November 2015:

The UK will continue to spend 0.7% of national income on aid

Aid funding will continue to be protected

'UK aid: tackling global challenges in the national interest'

The UK endorsed the Sustainable Development Goals, September 2015

To 'end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all'
with an ambition to see a world where 'no one is left behind'

*Global Reporting System for Development Cooperation on the
SDGs: IDS Working Paper*

UK aid:

tackling global challenges in the
national interest

November 2015



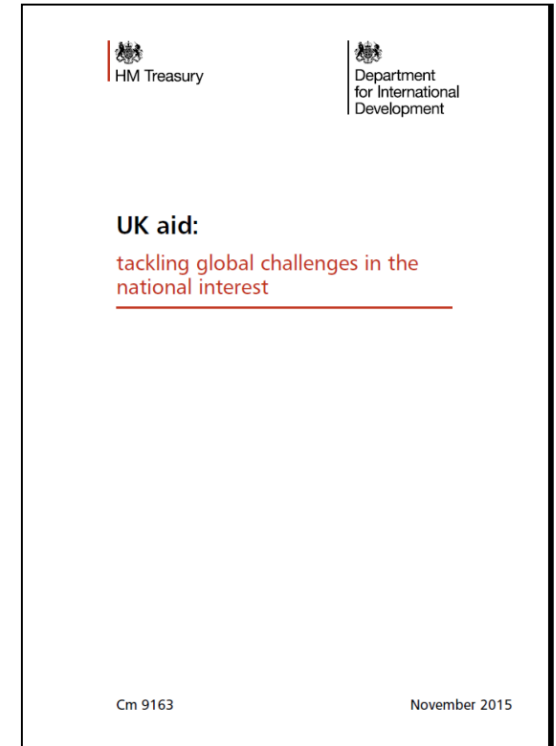
THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

New role for Department of Health in the UK aid architecture

2015 UK aid strategy announced a new cross-government approach to aid

2016-21 Spending review saw a significant redistribution of aid spend across Government Departments:

- Previously 86% of aid spending through DFID
- By 2020 more than 25% of UK aid will be spent outside DFID
- ODA spending by other departments will scale up rapidly over coming years from £1.7b to projected £4b in 2020



ICAI Annual Report 2015-2016

Changes have resulted in an increase in spending for research for international development

Department and programme	Description	ODA funding ⁷⁷
Department of Energy and Climate Change		
International Climate Fund	Promoting mitigation and adaptation to climate change in developing countries	£2 billion 2016-21
Business, Innovation and Skills		
The Global Challenges Research Fund	Scientific research into developing challenges in developing countries	£1.5 billion 2016-21
The Newton Fund	Building science and innovation capacity in developing countries	£735 million 2014-21
Medical Research Council	Medical research grants relating to the needs of developing countries	£50 million in 2014
Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation	Research into the links between ecosystems and development	£40.5 million 2009-17
Zoonoses and Emerging Livestock Systems	Research into the control of zoonotic diseases, ³⁸ to protect both people and livestock	£20.5 million 2014-19
Department of Health		
Ross Fund	A basket of programmes on global health issues	£460 million 2016-20
Health research	Health research for developing countries	£450 million 2016-21
Health system strengthening	Support for the implementation of international health regulations and strengthening public health systems	£16 million 2016-21
Tobacco	International tobacco control programme	£15 million 2016-21
Foreign and Commonwealth Office³⁹		
Strategic Programmes	A series of thematic programmes, grouped under categories of security, prosperity and diplomatic influence and values. These include the Human Rights and Democracy Fund, ⁴⁰ which supports human rights and democracy in developing countries, and the Arab Partnership Participation Fund, which supports democratic reform in North Africa	£144.5 million in 2015/16
Aid-related frontline diplomacy	A share of the costs of FCO staff in developing countries to cover time spent supporting the aid programme. Staff report the time they spend on ODA-related objectives under each country business plan	£132.3 million in 2015/16
British Council	ODA-eligible proportion of the core grant to the British Council for promoting English language education and cultural relations. The British Council has a wide range of ODA-funded programmes, such as Active Citizens, which operates in 22 countries, equipping participants with the skills and knowledge needed to effect social change in their communities	£115.7 million in 2015/16
Bilateral Programmes	Small grants administered from diplomatic posts for a wide range of purposes	£21.3 million in 2015/16
Defra		
International Climate Fund	Promoting mitigation and adaptation to climate change in developing countries	£210 million 2016-21
Darwin Initiative	Protecting biodiversity in developing countries and UK overseas territories	£6.2 million in 2014
Illegal Wildlife Challenge Fund	Fighting the illegal wildlife trade	£13 million 2014-18
DCMS		
Cultural Protection Fund	Protection of cultural heritage in conflict zones	£30 million in 2016-20

Table 3: Major non-DFID aid programmes (page 17)

BEIS includes
£1.5bn Global Challenges Research Fund
£735M Newton Fund

DH includes
£460M Ross Fund
£450M Global Health Research Fund

Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI)

Annual Report 2015 to 2016:

Report to Parliament's International Development Committee

June 2016

Note: Allocation of funds is provisional and subject to change

ODA Funds in the Department of Health

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Science, Research and Evidence Directorate

NIHR Global Health Research Call

Contribution to Partnership schemes

Capacity strengthening (fellowships)

£450M Global Health Research Fund

Flexible global health research funding - within ODA eligibility and time-frame constraints (ODA and Spending Review)

Policy

Global Health Security Directorate

Ross Fund (DFID)

Fleming Fund

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GAMRIF

Rapid Response

IHR

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Describing UK Govt. investments in:

- *Diseases of epidemic potential*
- *Neglected Tropical Diseases*
- *Diseases with emerging resistance, including AMR*

DH & DFID: Ross Fund

The Ross fund aims to develop, test and deliver a range of new products (including vaccines, drugs and diagnostics) to help combat the world's most serious diseases in developing countries.

£315 million AMR

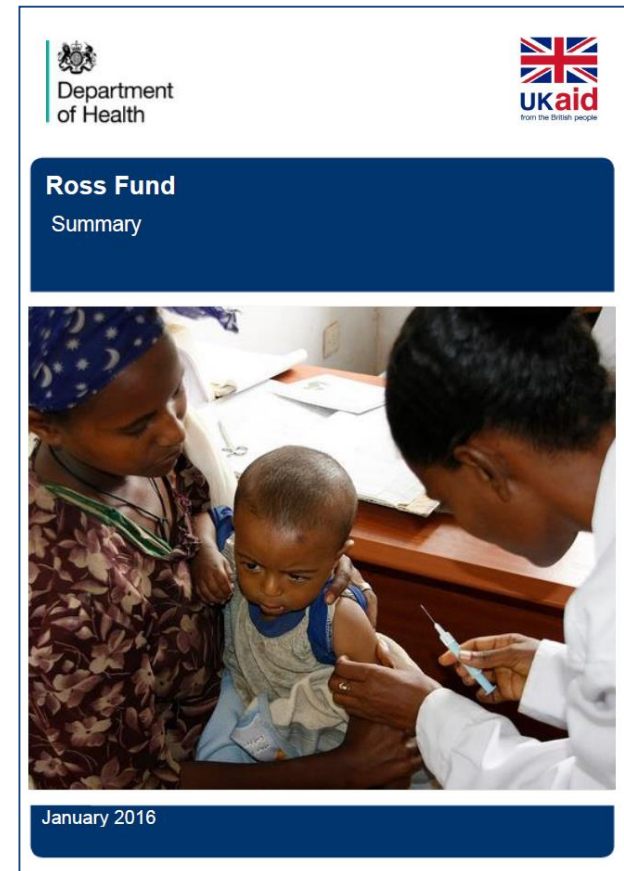
- £265m **Fleming Fund** to strengthen surveillance
- Global **AMR Innovation Fund (GAMRIF)**

£188 million Future Disease outbreaks

- £100m in **vaccines** (on top of £20m previously committed to the **UK Vaccine Network**)
- **bio-preparedness**
- product development of **diagnostics**
- **UK Rapid Response Team**
- Research to accelerate the **trials and regulation of medical technologies** during an outbreak

£200 million to tackle NTDs:

- Products (drugs & diagnostics)
- Prevention and treatment



Role for Department of Health in Global Health Research

The Global Health Security role for DH is clear

– why a role in Global Health Research:

- Building on UK research strengths in health research through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)
- Supporting the global health research community to address health issues that address the poorest people
- Complementing other Whitehall ODA Research Funds:
 - ❖ DH-DFID Working Group
 - ❖ Engagement with BEIS, RCUK, MRC and coordination with GCRF calls
 - ❖ Cross-Whitehall Ministerial-level meetings
 - ❖ Advice from DFID on ODA eligibility and financial reporting
- Partnership opportunities with other funders and initiatives

National Institute for Health Research

- £816 million investment into ground-breaking health research (focussed on England and NHS)
- To improve the health and wealth of the nation through research
- Outstanding individuals working in world-class facilities, conducting leading-edge research focused on the needs of patients and the public
- Dissemination centre, Discover portal – supporting high quality, high impact research

Patients and the public	Best evidence for health	An engine for growth	Developing research leaders of the future
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NIHR Global Health Research Call

To support world-class global health research through new NIHR Global Health Research Units and Groups that will deliver measurable benefits to patients and the public in low and middle-income countries (LMICs)

“We want to support other nations across the world with our gold standard science and research”

Nicola Blackwood, Minister for Public Health and Innovation,
November 2016



Two types of application:

NIHR Global Health Research Units

Universities and research institutes with an existing track record of delivering internationally recognised research who wish to consolidate and expand this work (up to £7m, 4 years)

NIHR Global Health Research Groups

Existing specialist academic groups who wish to expand into the field of global health, especially in shortage areas of skills (up to £2m, 3 years)

- UK universities could submit 2 applications for each
- Overall £60 million available as an outline budget

<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-to-support-research/funding-to-support-global-health/global-health-research.htm>



NIHR Global Health Research Units and Groups

- Research in any field of applied global health research
- For the primary benefit of patients and people in LMICs
- Under-funded, under-researched areas (for example highlighting areas such as surgery, NCDs, tobacco)
- Research excellence and impact
- Open to all of the UK (not only England)
- Collaboration and partnerships with LMICs essential

Assessed through:

- ✓ International peer-review
- ✓ Bespoke independent international Panel
- ✓ NIHR Grants Management process

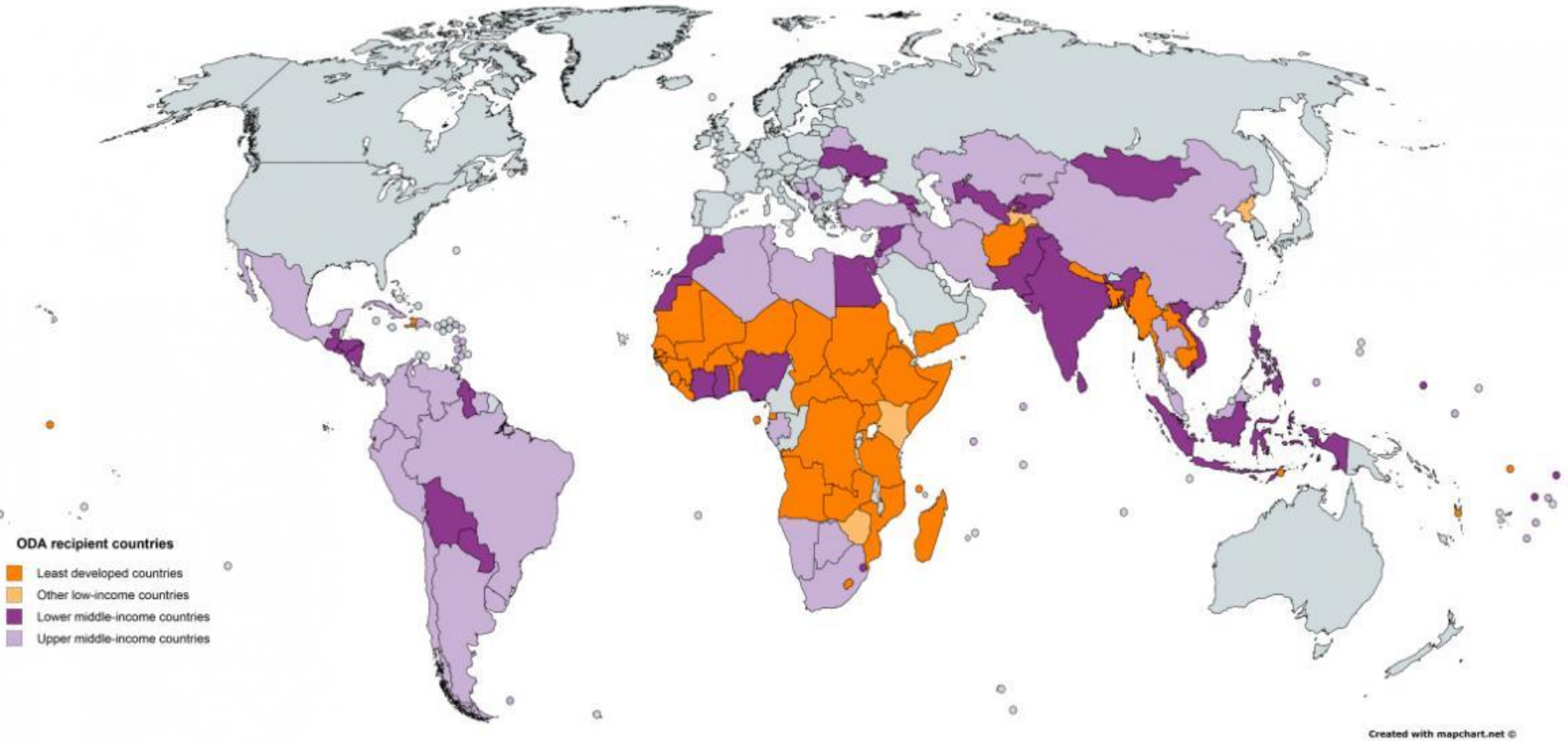


ODA compliance is paramount

- Demonstrate direct and predominant relevance to improving the health needs of those in developing countries
- Outline which country/countries on the DAC-list will directly benefit
- Activities that benefit poorest people within countries on the DAC list (60% of the world's poor live in middle-income countries)
- High quality research with impact and applicability



Countries eligible for ODA-spend:



***results of the call will be announced soon***

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DH: Global Health Research Fund

(to FY 2020/2021)

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Strategic priority areas

Global Health Research Team at DH:

- Alison MacEwen
- Marta Tufet
- Val Snewin
- Ursula Wells
- 2 posts under recruitment
- Reporting into CSA (Chris Whitty)

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- **Joint Global Health Trials Initiative** (MRC, DFID, Wellcome Trust)
- **Cross-Council AMR: behaviour within and beyond the healthcare setting** (ESRC and others)

NEW Strategy Development:

Options paper focusing on underfunded areas, unmet need, global shortages of skills & capacity strengthening

Questions & Discussion



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