



Building Global Partnership for Global Challenges

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Global Health I: Partnerships and interdisciplinarity in research

- ODA-led challenge: Global Health
 - Pilot research project: Understanding child neglect in Namibia
 - Collaborative research partners:
 - University of Namibia
 - University of Bristol
 - Cardiff University
- Countries who benefited: Namibia
- Approach/methodology:
 - Qualitative exploration to gain an understanding on the conceptualization of child neglect in Namibia
 - In depth exploration on perceptions of life skills teachers and child protection social workers in 3 regions in Namibia
 - Thematic analysis of themes and subthemes
 - Outcomes
 - Preliminary findings to be presented at conference
 - Preparation of manuscript for publication
 - Need for large scale follow research project

- Lessons learnt from this partnership working
 - Unexpected events could interfere with planning, for example national industrial action
 - Procedures and rules seeking ethical clearance differs from context.
 - Importance to disseminate findings to affected communities
 - Strengths of a partnership: Flexibility, regular contacts, commitment
- Need to consider an interdisciplinary approach

Reasons for sharing work at symposium

- **Offering your expertise to other projects**
 - For example, research projects related to children, child neglect, child protection, etc.
- **Seeking new collaborators**
 - Especially in terms of a possible interdisciplinary project
- **Seeking opportunities for funding to embark on a follow up large scale project**
- **To learn from experiences of other researchers on global partnerships**

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