
PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH RESEARCH IN VANUATU

VANUATU 2ND HEALTH RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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INTRODUCTION

- **264 years between James Lancaster's discovery that lemon juice prevented scurvy and the British Navy's decision to ensure an adequate supply of citrus fruits on navy ships.¹**
- **30-40% percent of patients in the United States and Europe fail to receive cost-effective interventions justified by the best-available scientific evidence.²**
- **20-25% patients get care that is not needed or potentially harmful.³**
- **Typical practice change from Research activities is only about 8-15%.⁴**



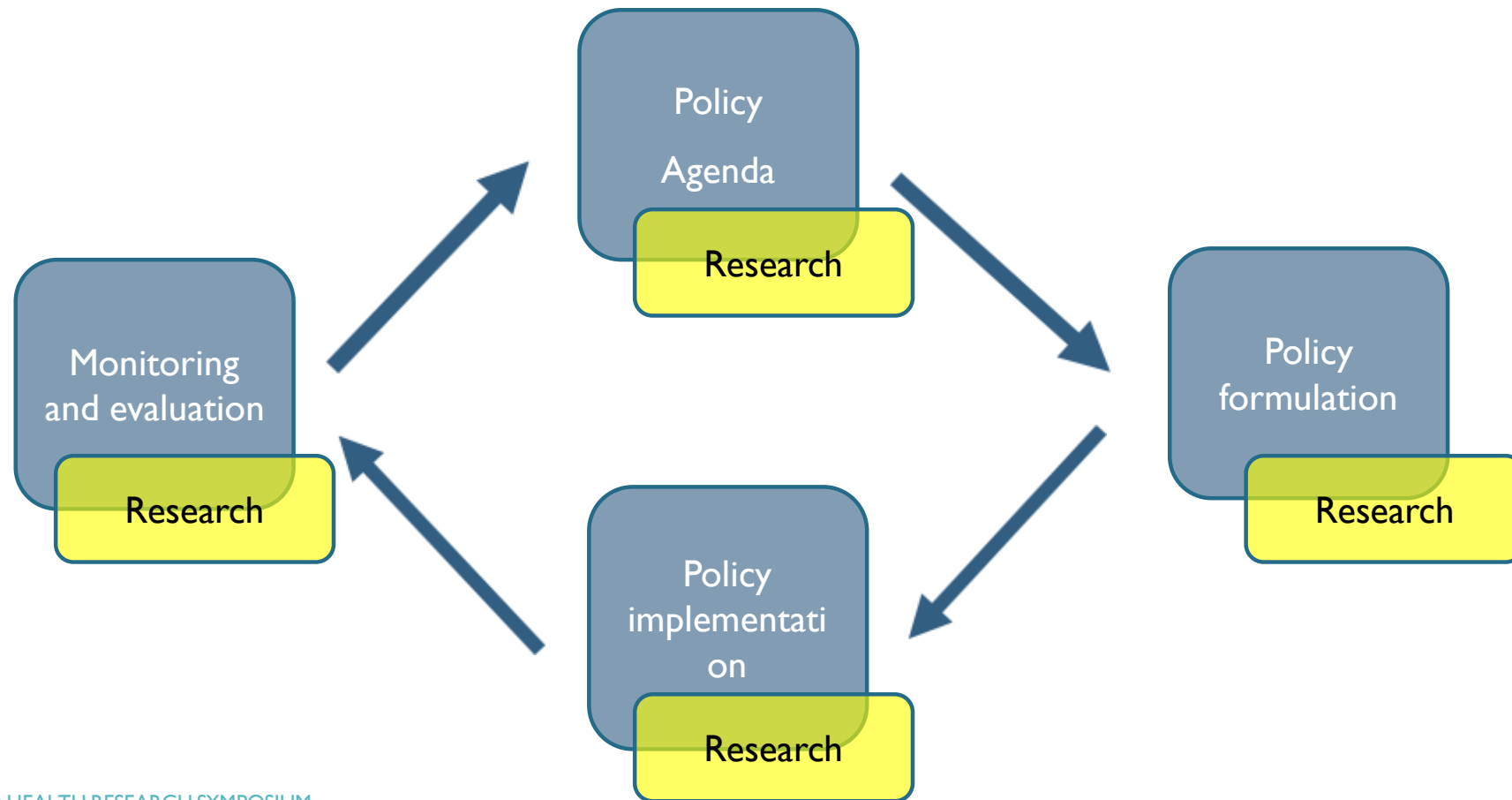
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(5) to establish or strengthen mechanisms to transfer knowledge in support of evidence-based public health and health-care delivery systems, and evidence-based health-related policies;



HOW IS EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MADE



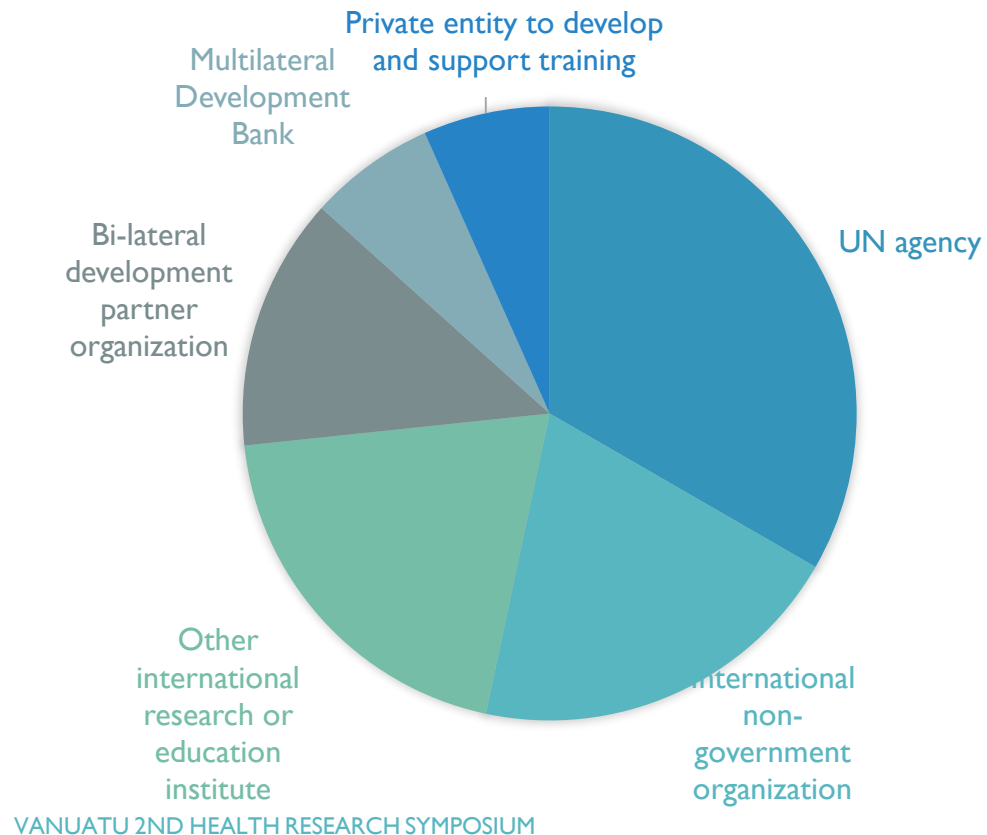
HEALTH RESEARCH IN VANUATU (FROM TODAY'S FORUM)

Program categories are	Presentation	Poster
Communicable diseases	Malaria (3) Hepatitis (1)	Neglected tropical diseases (2)
Non-communicable diseases	Disability (1) Diabetes (2) Mental health (1) NCD and PHC (1)	
Health through life course and environmental health	Maternal (1) Child health (2) Nutrition (2)	Sexual and reproductive health (1) Gender-based violence (2) Maternal and child health (1)
Health system	Health information (2) Human resources (1) Hospital management (1) Clinical care (1)	Hospital management (1)
Health emergency	Surveillance (3) Risk communication (2) Management (1)	Surveillance (2)



PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF HEALTH RESEARCH PARTNERS: OVERVIEW

RESPONDENTS (N=15)

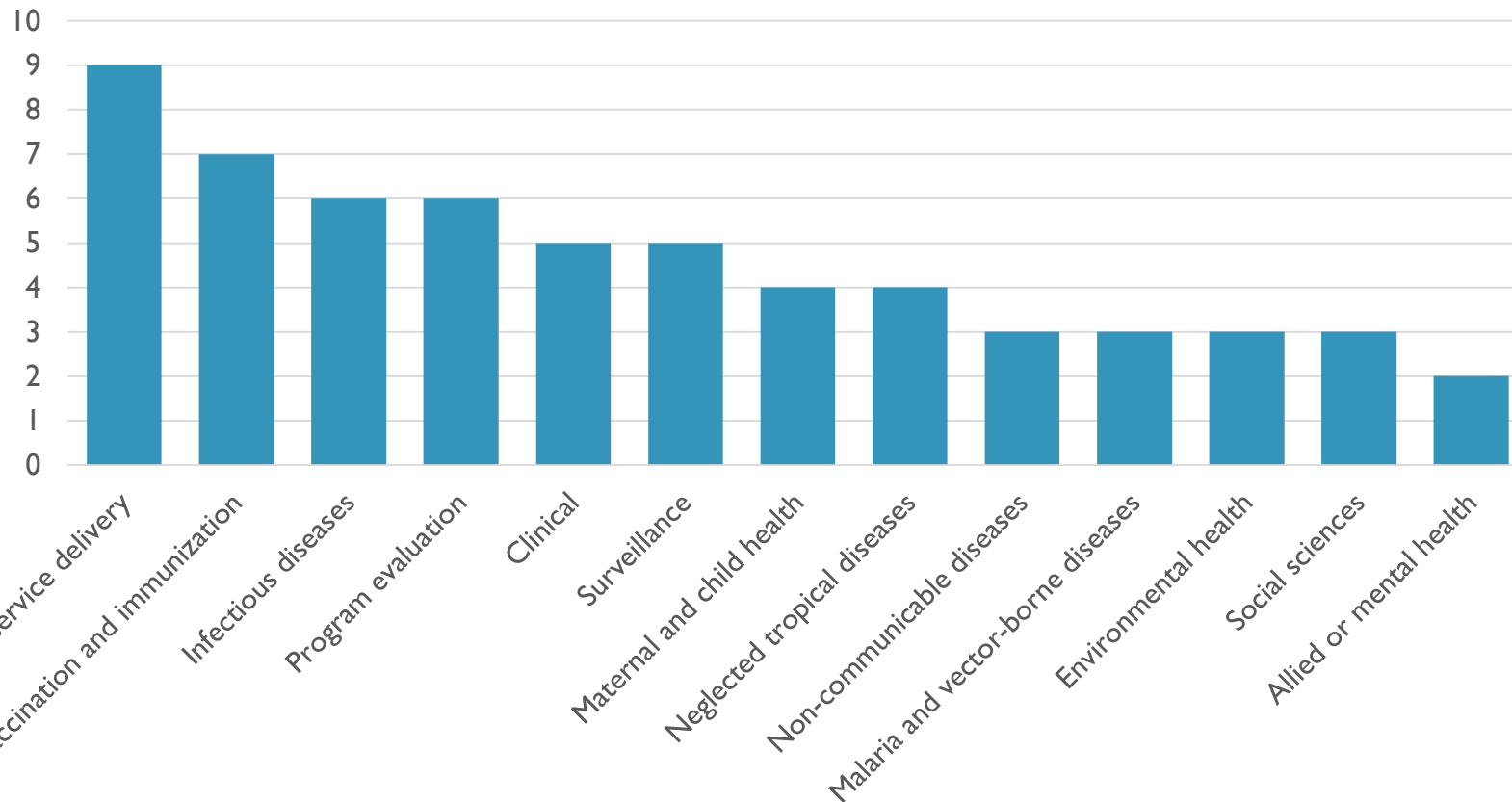


AREAS OF ACTIVITY



PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF HEALTH RESEARCH PARTNERS: RESULTS

TOPICS OF RESEARCH SUPPORT



- Human resources (local, international)
- Finances
- Equipment, supplies and vehicles
- Innovative tools and technologies



DISCUSSION

- Is current research activity sufficient? Any gaps?
- What are the aims of the research?
- Does our research give evidence solid enough to make any policy change? How can we integrate global and country evidence?
- How can we use the result of the research to change wrong practice or inefficient policy?
- What are the priority research areas for Vanuatu? Can we develop a plan together?



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- Tankiu tumas to all!

