



Partnering Principles

This is a summary of a presentation given by Prof William Pomat at the 2022 annual meeting of the Buttressing Coalition. The partnering principles are a living document as IMR and our partners strive to conduct impactful research that improves health and social conditions in Papua New Guinea.

PNGIMR considers that successful partnerships have these attributes:

- Collaborative mindset
- Respectful communication
- Early and continuous engagement with local partners
- Clarity over roles of national and international researchers
- Project management duties are resourced to deal with funding requirements and local challenges
- Financial resources dedicated for PNG are managed by PNGIMR
- Funding covers indirect costs incurred by the institute.

The attributes are included in six partnership principles.

<p>The research will have a reasonable expectation of benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research should be designed to maximise likelihood of benefit • Benefits include informing policy or leading to behaviour change • PNGIMR and partners work together to incorporate steps to enhance benefits 	<p>Research activities are aligned with all partners' strategic research goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All partners are transparent about their strategic interests and work to achieve mutual benefit • PNGIMR interests expressed in the Corporate Plan and GoPNG strategies • All partners consider the risks before taking on a project 	<p>Partnerships are respectful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contributions of all parties are recognised • Partners communicate regularly • Commitments for data sharing, safe storage of samples and data, and timely delivery of activities are met • National interest in data ownership is protected
<p>Ethics and engagement protocols followed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared responsibility for respectful engagement with stakeholders • Research design, conduct, analysis and reporting is sensitive to context • Results are communicated through appropriate media 	<p>Full and fair compensation for research activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underfunded projects are avoided • Transparent information given about direct and indirect costs • Intellectual property and commercialisation rights protected 	<p>Capacity strengthening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable improvements in capacity to conduct independent research • Funding will lead to sustained increases in capacity • Support local health system, e.g. PHAs