Scaling Up Successful Practices: From Research to Practice in Local Communities

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1) What are the key components for successfully scaling up of public programs in local, urban environments?

- Sustainability
- Community participation
- Coverage
- Measurable, meaningful outcomes
- Measurable outcomes beyond public health
- Consensus across sectors of urban structural & functional development, including non-public health players (examples in sanitation)
- Implementation plans
- Institutional home
- Long-term promotion of equity
- Adapt to local culture & circumstances
- Optimal for scaling up to amplify impact

2) How can/should public health scale up be integrated with other development programs?

- Integrate consensus across
- Engage leaders with will & power to implement programs
- Be aware of political & private interests that might help or harm scale up & implementation
- Develop plan that includes management, governance, finance & leadership
- Are we assuming we want large infrastructure improvement v.s. disease specific response (need short term & long term solutions)
- How can security be a motivating factor
- Increase cross-talk & awareness of benefits for urban development
- Coordination among agencies

3) How do we create a translational pathway from basic science to operational research to health policy, implementation, and impact in low-income urban settings?

- Evidence base to inform policy
- Go beyond policy to implementation & monitoring
- Implementation science (operational science) before/with policy
- Current situation disease specific & fragmented – don't have pipeline for multi-disciplinary development
- Investment in core sites (urban slums) with institutional support
- What should the role be of efficacy, effectiveness & cost effectiveness studies in urban development?
- Coordinated work force

4) Does one size fit all or do we have to tailor intervention scale up to each city?

- No
- Implementation science with translatable protocols – will require new cohort with appropriate expertise
- Partnerships & collaborations
- Learn from successful programs; e.g., HIV in Africa, polio eradication, climate change communication & strategic marketing of drugs
- Workshops that cut across urban development, modern cities & public health