Women’s Genital Prolapse and incontinence: a priority Setting partnership in Gondar, Ethiopia

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The PSP Setting - Gondar

- Located in the Northwest Ethiopia, Amhara region
- 727km from Addis Ababa (The capital)
- Previous capital of Ethiopia
- Tourist attraction site
Gondar PSP

- Evidence uncertainties relating to genital prolapse & incontinence
  - Treatments
  - Care, support and diagnosis
  - Cause or prognosis
How & why Gondar PSP came to picture and develop?

- During my visit to University of Leicester
- A major public health problem
- Much has not been done
- To give patient centered solution
Bring patients, carers and clinicians together to identify uncertainties or unanswered questions for genital prolapse & incontinence

Agree by consensus a prioritised ‘Top 10’ list of those uncertainties for research

Publicize the methods and results of the PSP

Draw the results to the attention of research funders
Methods

- Method set by the JLA initiative’s using novel way fitting a new context.
Step 1: Identification and invitation of Steering group members……..

- The PSP Steering Group was chaired by a JLA Adviser

- To ensure neutrality, transparency and adherence to the JLA process
Step 1: Identification and invitation of Steering group members

- Balanced representation of patient, carer clinician and other stack holders
- Set
  - Name of the project
  - Term of reference
  - Protocol
  - Draft questions
  - Participants identification strategy
- All members verbally consented their picture to be used in promoting Gondar PSP
Interruption

- Two and three months has been sufficient time to generate enough responses to achieve saturation point
Role of PSP Lead and coordinators

- Working effectively with all Steering Group members

- Making sure that the Steering Group follows JLA priority setting methods

- Have overall responsibility for all data
Step 2: Evidence uncertainties gathering

- Survey questionnaire prepared
- Demographic information
- Cause/Diagnosis/Treatment/Impact
- Data collectors were trained
- The survey piloted
Pilot survey challenges

• Was difficult to the participants to comprehend
Uncertainties gathering......

• Survey questionnaire simplified
Step 3: Summarizing the responses gathered

- 350 participants
- Steering committee meeting
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Summarizing......

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Step 4: Evidence checking

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Step 5: Interim priority setting

- Consultation with Steering committee
- Data collectors survey
- Pilot
Interim priority setting….

• Figuring out how to do

• 116 participants involved

• Currently on transcription & translation
Step 6: Workshop

- Postponed
חקקודמיס!
(Ah-Me-Se-Gi-Na-Le-Hu)
THANK YOU!