

Strengthening research and knowledge systems in lower and middle income countries

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Materials science in Ethiopia

“You only need a couple of weeks in Ethiopia to realise that materials science is a priority...

...Even in the capital you’ll experience cuts in power and water; in rural areas it’s even worse...

....Producing quality and inexpensive bricks for building houses, designing active water filters, and supplying ‘off-the-grid’ energy systems for rural areas are all vital to the country’s development.”

Visiting academic



What does INASP do?



INASP is an international charity working with a **global network** of partners to improve **access, production, communication and use** of research information and knowledge, so that countries are **equipped to solve their development challenges**



Access

- Work in 22 partner countries, building skills to enable **affordable, sustainable access to research information**
- Offer 150 packages, containing about 50,000 journals and 20,000 books
- Consortia make annual selections based on research interests and budget
- Sustainability is key, so we are preparing consortia to take over responsibility for access



INASP's principles for responsible engagement *#inaspprinciples*

1. Make an effort to understand the country context
2. Respect a country's wish to negotiate as a consortium or purchasing club
3. Avoid making sudden changes
4. Think medium to long term on pricing
5. Be realistic about sales expectations



Production and communication of research

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- Supporting developing country researchers in **writing up and publishing** their work

Journals OnLine

- Raising visibility of Southern research
- Addressing quality of Southern journals



Use - Evidence-Informed Policy Making (EIPM)

Strengthening the capacity of policymakers and practitioners in the use of evidence

Aims:

- Promote the use of evidence in policy and practice
- Stimulate demand from policymakers for evidence
- Strengthen capacities to use evidence
- Strengthen links between researchers and policymakers



Our approaches

Finding ways that work – ways that fit countries' needs

- Sustainability
 - Embedding
 - Organisational capacity development
- Networking and convening
 - Mentoring, brokering relationships
- Scale
 - Online courses



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