

Attachment 9: Interview Discussion Guide for Policy-Makers and Scientific Leaders

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1. Information needs:

Please can you start by telling me a little about the nature of the job that you perform so that we have a better understanding of what types of needs for information you have.

2. Information gathering preferences:

To what sources (organizations and individuals) would you go for (i) technical advice and (ii) in-country research on HIV/AIDS/malaria/TB [*ask as appropriate to the respondent and nature of Fogarty support in-country*].

Possible probe

- To what extent do you use University X as a source of (i) technical advice and (ii) research? Why is this the case?

3. Views on Health Research Capacity at University X

Please tell me about your thoughts on the capacity of X University and its research team (and its capacity to conduct policy-relevant research) .

4. Awareness of FIC training programs

Are you aware of the support to training in health research that the Fogarty International Center has provided to University X? If so, what are your impressions of what the training provided by this program has been able to achieve?

5. Research to policy

5.1 What impacts, do you think research conducted by the University of X has had upon health policy development and health care practice in this country, and more broadly upon the health of the population?

Possible probes

- Are there any specific examples you can cite of how their research has made a difference?
- We are aware of recent changes in program/policy on issue X; in what ways, if at all, was University X involved in the development of this program/policy?
- Additional probes might mirror the suggestions provided by trainees.