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Impacts of Demand Side financing Instruments on the Continuum of Care for Maternal and Child Health in India and Bangladesh

Dear Dr Pallikadavath, Dr Bhuiya and Dr Mishra

Thank you for submitting your proposal to the MRC/DFID/DBT Global Research Programme. I am pleased to inform you that the panel agreed to fund your proposal. Feedback from the panel is below:

- Demand side financing is a topic of great interest and importance. The project was innovative and had clear objectives.
- Would it be possible to incorporate more consideration of the pre-conception phase and health of adolescents within the continuum of care?
- Members discussed the potential for impact of the programme; engagement with policy makers as introduced in the Pathways to Impact statement would be key. Please ensure that these links continue to be prioritised and are strongly embedded in the research project as it develops.
- Members also noted that there were strong benefits of potential relevance to other countries from conducting this research to learn lessons from the use of these instruments and to explain what they do and their ultimate impact.
- There were concerns that there was still insufficient engagement with epidemiological expertise. It would be important to incorporate this into the work and the plans to measure outcomes.

After detailed discussion of your proposal at the panel your proposal scored 7. A description of each of the scores can be found at <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/research/funded-research/meeting-outcomes/>.

Start Date and Procedure

I would also like to remind you that due to the tight time scales and funding restrictions on the Newton Fund you will need to start your award by **14th July 2015**. Please note that under the newton fund terms and conditions the start confirmation must be submitted by **14th July 2015** (shorter than the standard 42 days for Research Council grants).

Please refer to <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/documents/pdf/guidance-for-applicants-and-award-holders/> for information on what the starting procedure entails; please ensure that you inform the relevant support staff in your organisation of this requirement to ensure the project starts on time.

With best wishes,

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