Rapid Landscape Review Map: A navigation guide to the R2P jungle in Uganda
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Research producers:
• Universities:
  o Public – Makerere, Mbarara
  o Private – Mukono (UCI), Nkozi (UMU)

• Research institutions:
  o Cancer Institute (UCI)
  o Virus Institute (UVRI)
  o Agriculture (NARO)

• Think–Tanks:
  o ACHEST (African Centre Health & Social Transformation)
  o IPPR (Institute for Public Policy Research)
  o UNAS (Academy of Sciences)

Users of research:
• Government departments:
  o Prime Minister:
    ▪ M & E/Impact Evaluations
  o Ministries:
    ▪ Health
    ▪ Public Service
    ▪ Finance
  o Legislature Committees:
    ▪ Health
    ▪ Budget

• International agencies:
  o DFID
  o WHO

• Local NGOs:
  o CSBAG (Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group)
  o (UNACOH (Uganda National Health Consumers Organization)
  o HEPS (Coalition for Health Promotion and Social Development)

Intermediaries:
• National institutions:
  o UNRO (Uganda National Health Research Organization)
  o UNCST (National Council for Science and Technology)
  o UAC (AIDS Commission).

• Non-state actors:
  o ACHEST
  o IPPR
  o Uganda Evaluators Association (UEA)

• Regional & Global Networks:
  o EVIPNet (Evidence Informed Policy Network)
  o KNET (Knowledge Translation Network Africa)
  o SPEED (Supporting Policy Engagement for Evidence-based Decisions)
  o GESI (Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative)

B: GAP ANALYSIS:

Skilled critical mass, critical density: University programmes emphasize primary research with less value for syntheses, evidence briefs and hardly any opportunities for engagement with decision makers

Working in silos: institutional structural arrangements or external funding lines, with absence of vibrant national platforms

Optimizing policy windows: in research translation to provide palatable evidence briefs for policy

Sustainability: beyond donor projects that denote the local funding gaps

C: RESEARCH PRODUCERS & USERS:

• There has been an increase in research demand by users in particular state actors, and a concomitant increase in supply.

• Policy makers often ignore the research adduced to them, even after they have made the request

• When research informs decisions, the decisions are impactful.
RESEARCH PRODUCTION

Universities (>8)
Makerere; Mbarara; Gulu; Busitema
Mukono; Nkozi; Namuwongo; Ishaka

*Networks for research & capacity building: Thrive, MEPI/MESAU

Research Institutes/Councils (>5)
UCI; IDI; UVRI; MRC; JCRC

Think tanks/Private consultants (>2)
ACHEST; IPPR

RESEARCH TRANSLATION

Government departments (>3)
UNRO; UNCST; UAC

Non-state actors (>3)
ACHEST; IPPR; UEA

Networks (>3)
REACH/EvipNet ("African Centre"); KNET; AEN; SPEED

*African Centre for Systematic Reviews & Knowledge Translation
Systematic Reviews; Evidence Briefs; Policy dialogues; Priority setting & capacity building

RESEARCH USE

Universities (>8)
Graduate students; Faculty researchers; Policy programmes

Civil society/Media (>3)
Journalists (USJA); Advocacy groups (NGO Forum, HEPS); Consumer groups (UNHCO)

Government departments (>4)
OPM, NPA, MoH/HPAC, Cabinet, Parliament/Health Committee
Briefs/Memos; Health policy

Health care organizations (>10)
Prevention care & treatment

Funding for Production:
GoU/Research Inst.; Non-state actors (NIH, BMRC, EU, ANRS)

Funding for Translation:
GoU/OPM; Non-state actors (IDRC, DFID, AHPSR, AiGHD, EU, 3ie)

Funding for Use:
Technical Working Groups
Policy dialogues
Research Unit Parliament
Conclusions:

- Among the promising interventions are (a) set up a **national platform** for research producers and knowledge brokers, (b) **capacity strengthening** for techno-professionals charged with producing policy briefs, in government departments; (c) sustainable financing.

- **Engaging decision makers** is key in improving research uptake for public policy; **Understanding what works** in EIDM and contextual issues; and assessing whether the use of research positively **impacts human lives**

- **Direct relationships** with decision makers works very well and should be scaled up via a **buddy system** supplied by expanding **sustainable capacity** among **graduate students** in research institutions.