

TYPES *of* RESEARCH IMPACT

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Real-life change achieved through research

The Landscape of UK Development Research Impact: An analysis of REF2021 impact case studies by Padilla Cuevas, Chadwick El-Ali & Heintz identifies four categories of research impact: **conceptual**; **instrumental**; **learning and development**; and **connectivity and networking**.



Conceptual



Research that changes the way in which the subject matter is thought about, talked about or debated.

Instrumental

Influencing policy or providing an evidence-based approach that results in changes in practice across various sectors such as business, society or government.

Learning and development

Research that results in increased skills and / or knowledge of end users in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC).

This could be:

- Providing a basis for organisations to build on the research at a later date
- Enabling capacity for end users to engage with the research and take action as a result of the research



Networks and connectivity

Application of the research that results in new or bolstered partnerships and networks. These may be:

- Formal partnerships working towards a defined goal
- Spaces or places that bring people together
- Informal connections that use the research

