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Abstract Efforts to improve health sector performance in resource poor countries have not yet been satisfactory and adequate and sustainable improvements of health outcomes have not been shown. Current priority setting in health systems do not equip decision makers to address a broader range of values that are of concern to all partners in health development and not least to the populations concerned.

The objectives of the study are to describe and evaluate district-level priority setting, to develop and implement improvement strategies guided by an explicit ethical framework and to measure the effect on quality, equity and trust within selected disease and programme interventions and services, within general care and on health systems management.

Accountability for Reasonableness (AFR) is a framework for legitimate and fair priority setting that provides decision makers with an explicit tool to identify and consider a wide range of relevant values, and priority setting decisions as necessary compromises between partners.

REACT is the title acronym for a 5 year intervention and action research study testing the application and effects of the AFR approach in one district in Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia. Qualitative and quantitative methods are applied in an action research design.

The project baseline surveys indicate both a strong need and a high willingness for change in the study districts. An increasing range of actors including the communities are becoming involved.

Results are expected to lead to changes in policies for priority setting in health systems.

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