

# Taking everyone on board: stakeholder involvement in health systems research, an example from Malawi

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# Methods

- **Study Team**
  - District team – Providers: clinicians, nurses, environmental health, administration
- **Stakeholder and causal analysis workshop**
  - Stakeholders: ministry of health, national and international NGOs, faith-based organisations, civil society organisations and health providers
  - Causal analysis report
- **Situation and Policy analysis**
  - Stakeholders full involvement
  - Reports: situation and policy analysis of maternal and infant health services
- **Policy Advisory Boards meetings**
  - Review of study team and stakeholders analysis reports
  - Advisory on draft interventions

# Findings

- **Sense of ownership**
  - Commitment with providers involvement
  - District ownership: Inter-sectoral stakeholders involvement (education, community services, local government, NGOs)
- **Depth of MNH situation**
  - Wider scope
- **Policy Advisory Board relevance**
  - National level inputs
  - Participatory planning (district and national level)