PSBI Implementation Research at the Cross-Roads

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There is a burden to stakeholders to support (and then sustain) research in terms of time commitment, resources
  – May be more challenging with the ongoing, participatory, embedded nature of IR

Persistent problems, areas of interest: (1) how to capture increasing complicated data in timely way (via HMIS); (2) capturing for role of resources – especially financing or within private sector

There is value in taking an IR approach

IR is evolutionary in nature; adaptive management in real world is critical with innovations that are not fixed in time or place

Embedded IR builds local capacity to do research; solve problems by (1) specific interventions (PSBI) and (2) developing platforms that use IR and engage in both superficial and deep learning
  – See for example “African Health Initiative” – Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (www.ddcf.org)

IR may result in better process documentation – occurring policy change, integration of IMNCI; transitioning/handoff to system