

## New Resilient and Responsive Health Systems (RESYST) Consortium



The first annual management planning meeting of the new Resilient and Responsive Health Systems (RESYST) consortium, funded by DfID (Department for International Development), was held in Cape Town from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

RESYST will undertake health policy and systems research (with a focus on financing, health workers and governance) in a set of African and Asian settings, including India, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Thailand, Tanzania and Vietnam.

“The new consortium is an exciting opportunity to interact with colleagues from various parts of the world in research areas such as how progressive financing systems can be developed and how health system leadership capabilities can be strengthened” noted Professor Lucy Gilson (Consortium Co-Research Director).

“Through coordinating these and other activities, the consortium will provide the required support and resources needed to sustain existing, and develop new, multi-country collaborations in health financing and systems research”. Professor Gilson is jointly appointed by UCT’s School of Public Health & Family Medicine and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM).

In addition to conducting research, the consortium will strengthen efforts to support research uptake to enable policy and management changes that promote health, health equity and poverty reduction and support a range of capacity development activities.

For South Africa, UCT’s Health Economics Unit will lead work around key research questions related to financing (Professor Di McIntyre) and governance (led by Professor Lucy Gilson); Associate Professor Sue Cleary will also be a member of the consortium’s management group.

DfID awarded the consortium with £6,000,000, and overall activities will be coordinated by LSHTM until 2016.

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