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The IBP Consortium- Our Value added

As a partnership:

- We offer an outstanding opportunity for organizations and agencies in the field of reproductive health to identify common activities and work collaboratively to share their expertise, reduce duplication of effort, harmonize approaches and accelerate scaling up.
- We are not linked by donor funds, but by a commitment to work collaboratively to take to scale effective practices to improve reproductive health.
- We offer a forum to create a united voice on key issues and practices that, when applied, will make a tremendous difference to reproductive health programmes at the country level.
- We created a vision of using best practices when we changed our focus of activities in 2000 and renamed the partnership the Implementing Best Practices (IBP) Initiative. Since then the concept of "best practice" has become widespread and accepted by many countries and organizations.
- We have started to work with countries and other partnerships to document and share practices that make programmes work.
- We works collaboratively to identify how to scale-up proven, effective practices and use change management techniques to strengthen health systems to more effectively support health care providers' performance.
- We produce joint publications and promote the use of existing materials and tools that support proven effective practices and are published by our partners.
- We aims to harmonize approaches, reduce duplication of effort, and unite to address challenging managerial and technical issues.
- We believe that there needs to be a reassessment of the manner in which programmes are implemented at the country level. Our approach is not "business as usual" but a constant questioning and reassessment of the effectiveness of what we are doing to support the use of best practices.
- We have demonstrated that it is possible to organize effective meetings that result in follow-up through the formation of collaborative networks at country level. These networks are led by the Ministry of Health and supported by our partners that continue to work together in the longer term to accelerate improving access to quality reproductive health care.
- We have brought issues to the table, shared our experience and worked together to seek solutions to address to achieve our common goal of improved reproductive health.

- We have responded to the challenge of closing the knowledge to practice gap and have explored how knowledge management can help address this problem.
- We developed the IBP Knowledge Gateway to promote virtual collaborative learning and to support the sharing and exchange of knowledge within and among countries through communities of practice.
- The IBP Knowledge Gateway has grown to include over 10,000 members from 180 countries. The technology and approaches are shared with other organizations who can own, customize, brand and manage their own global and sub-communities of practice. In 2006 the IBP Knowledge Gateway was accepted as a corporate tool for WHO.