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Managing global health research collaborations

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Outline

- Introduction to programmes
- Approaches used to manage global health research collaborations
- Challenges

Freetown, courtesy Queen Margaret University

Introduction

- Learning from multi-country research consortia:
    - ReBUILD for Resilience (2020 – 2026)
    - ReBUILD (2011- 2018)
    - PERFORM (2011- 215)
    - PERFORM2Scale (2018-2022)
    - REDRESS (2019-2023)

- Funded through European Commission, FCDO/UKAid and NIHR

- Partnerships across Europe, Africa, and Asia with higher education institutions and NGOs

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1. Agreeing a way of working

- Discussing partnership working early on in the consortium

- Development of partnership 'values' with indicators to track progress

- Revisit throughout programme

2. Transparent & distributed decision-making

- Decision-making responsibility within collaboration

- Governance structure reflects transparent decision-making processes

- Mechanisms for distributed leadership

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PERFORM2Scale workshop Ghana

3. Building an effective team

- Identifying the staff needed to fulfil research objectives

- Roles and responsibilities agreed early

- Equitable allocation of resources to allow for recruitment of staff

- Dedicated programme management and support

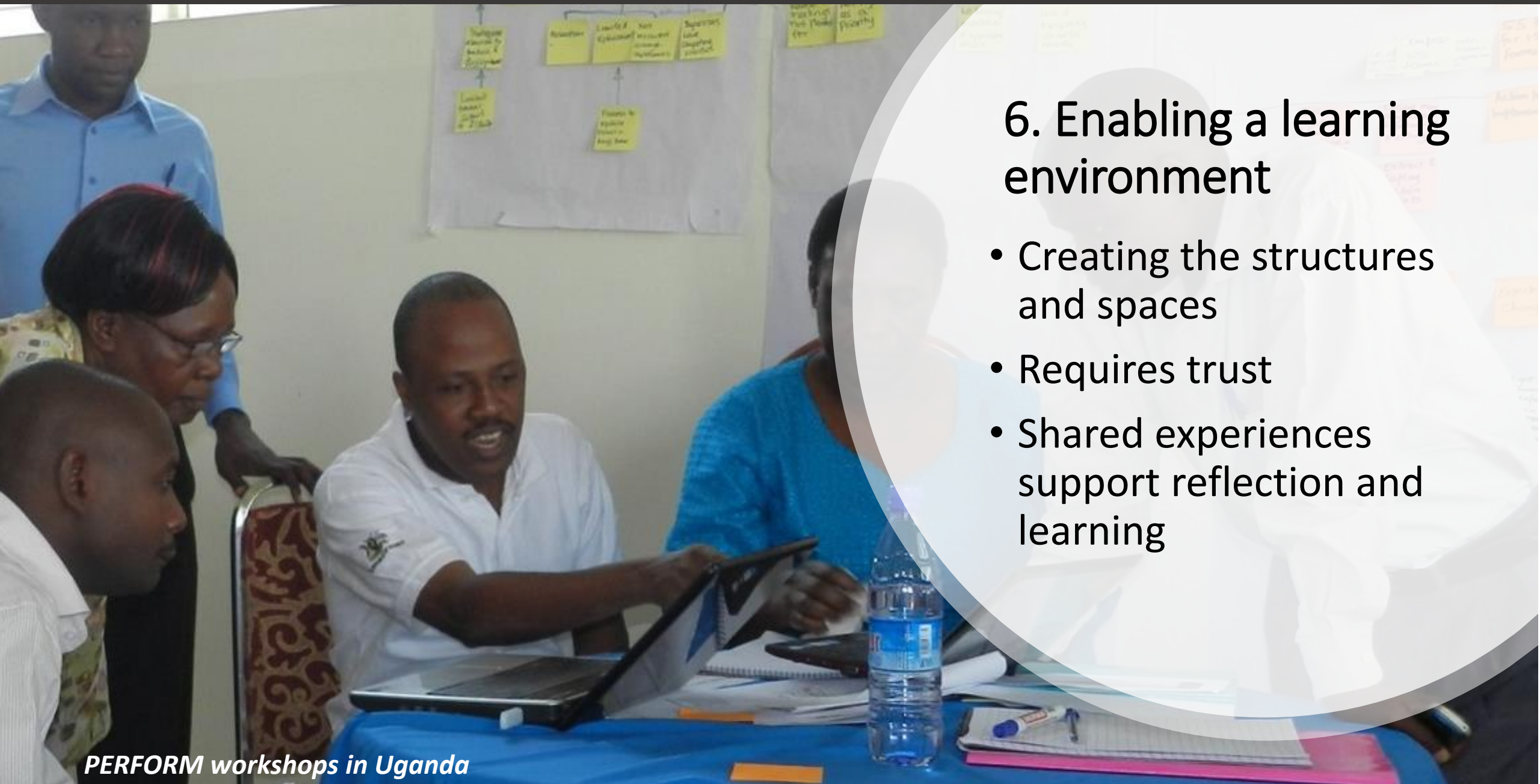*PERFORM2Scale team in Ghana*

4. Embedding capacity strengthening

- Opportunity to develop own knowledge and skills

- Capacity strengthening at organisational and institutional levels

- Mix of approaches

PERFORM supervision meeting in Uganda

5. Making communication work

- Simple effective systems for communication and file sharing

- Regular communication

- Opportunities for the full consortium to come together

6. Enabling a learning environment

- Creating the structures and spaces

- Requires trust

- Shared experiences support reflection and learning

PERFORM workshops in Uganda

Challenges

- Lack of face-to-face meetings can make relationship building challenging

- Capacity gaps to support research implementation

- Delays in ethical approval for research studies

- Meeting deliverables can be challenging

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Healthcare workers at Beni Hospital in Beni, Democratic Republic of Congo

Thank you

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