Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL)
Map of Research and Evidence led by Workstream 2 of
Learning Evidence and Advocacy (LEAP) pillar

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Links to LEAP Workstream 1 (Learning and Adaptation): Discussion of WS2 research products in Learning and Reflection Sessions, WS1 Theory of Change testing, Most Significant Change methodology update (WS2+1)

Links to LEAP Workstream 3 (Communications): research dissemination, institutional partnership with Nigeria Institute for Socio-economic Research (NISER)

Workstream 2 (Research and Evidence) Objectives – Guiding questions
1. **What** has been the impact of PERL and its predecessor programmes on core governance reforms & service delivery improvements in Nigeria?
2. **How** have PERL and its predecessor programmes achieved these results?
3. **Looking ahead**, how can PERL and future governance programmes most effectively support core governance reforms and service delivery improvements, in particular in response to the COVID-19 crisis?

Scope: All Nigeria – All sectors 2000-2020

Scope: Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Yobe – Governance, Health & Education – 2000-2020

Scope: PERL and previous programmes

2. Big picture Impact Case Studies ❶❷❺❻

Testing impact and contribution of PERL and predecessor programmes for specific sectors, themes and locations. Value for Money and Theory of Change analysis.

1. Education reforms in Kaduna (complete)

2. Budget reforms in Yobe (complete)

Additional studies on locations and sectors **not** covered by the Flagship report:

3. Women's role in Governance (all Nigeria) (complete)

4. Adaptive governance programming in fragile and conflict-affected settings – North East Nigeria (complete)

1. Flagship Report: 20 years of UK governance programming in Nigeria ❶❷❸❺

Whether, how, under what conditions and for whom have UK-funded State level governance programmes contributed to sustained changes in governance and related changes in health and education in Kaduna, Kano, Jigawa and Yobe since 2000? (draft circulated)

4. Politically smart and adaptive programming

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How has PERL adopted principles of politically smart and adaptive programming and how this has contributed to results?

1. Regional hubs evaluation (complete)

2. Study on PERL and partners response and adaptations to COVID-19 crisis (complete)

3. Study on PERL architecture and incentive framework (draft circulated)

4. Lesson learning on governance programmes working with sector programmes (complete)

5. Lesson learning on Issues Based Programming (to complete by end June 2021)

6. Lesson learning on federal-level programming (concept note only)

3. Operational research guiding future programming

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Topics under consideration were:
(1) Managing shrinking fiscal space (concept note prepared; suspended)
(2) Implications of #EndSARS for engagement strategies with civil society & social movements (concept notes not developed)

Scope: Any sector of PERL engagement - forward looking

Key to audience codes		Change objective - Reason for targeting the audience.
❶	FCDO managers responsible for PERL, and future programming	Better informed with evidence on impact and VFM of governance programming and links to sectors.
❷	FCDO and international policy communities interested in governance programmes	Better informed on successful and unsuccessful approaches to governance programming.
❸	Sector programmes, FCDO staff working on health & education; tax and public financial mgt	More effective joint working between sectoral and governance programmes based on evidence of what works.
❹	International Communities of Practice on adaptive programming	Better understanding of how the principles of adaptive and politically smart programming are applied in practice.
❺	PERL and front line government and non-government partners	Improved programme impact and VFM based on better understanding of what works and how the 6 big bets can be addressed.
❻	Nigerian policy and research communities	Better equipped to engage in debates on politically smart and adaptive programming.