Background
• Local evidence is important to inform tobacco control policies
• The Institute for Global Tobacco Control (IGTC) supports two tobacco control research networks: Bangladesh (2013-present); and Indonesia (2012-present)

Objective
• To expand the local evidence base for tobacco control research, build tobacco control research capacity, and cultivate an associated research network

Methods
• Seventy-nine small seed grants were funded in Bangladesh, and 27 in Indonesia
• In-country researchers conducted tobacco control policy relevant studies that align with WHO MPower and the local research needs
• Ongoing research capacity building trainings were provided for grant recipients
• An annual research conference for tobacco control advocates, government agencies, and media was held to disseminate results

Results
A repository of local evidence is being built in each country:

**Bangladesh**
• The Bangladesh Tobacco Control Research Network launched in 2013 as a separate entity which can solicit its own funds
• Seventeen papers have been published in local and international journals, and 20 posters presented at conferences
• Extensive media coverage is achieved during the dissemination conferences

**Indonesia**
• The conferences have been co-hosted by other entities over the years (e.g., MOH Indonesia, US National Cancer Institute)

Conclusions
• Finding the right in-country partner with qualified staff committed to the long term success of the network is critical. In Bangladesh, JHSPH continues to work with the same partner. In Indonesia, we have been working with a new partner since 2016

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