



STRiDE project at the Alan J Flisher Centre for Public Mental Health

The *STrengthening Responses to dementia In DEveloping countries* (STRiDE) project aims to contribute to improving dementia care, treatment and support systems so that people living with dementia are able to live well and family and other carers do not shoulder excessive costs, risk impoverishment or compromise

their own health. In order to achieve this the STRiDE objectives include: 1) building capacity in generating & using research evidence/tools to support policies for improvement of dementia care, treatment & support; 2) increasing research evidence on what works in dementia in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs); and 3) better understanding impacts of dementia in various cultural, social & economic contexts to help countries develop appropriate responses. The project will help countries to develop new or refine their existing national dementia plans.

The work is divided into 10 Work packages including a situational analysis, qualitative work on experiences of unpaid care, a quantitative survey, a stigma intervention, costing and modelling for scale up of services, and policy recommendations. There is a capacity building Work package that cuts across all other work packages addressing skills required for that particular Work Package. There are 7 LMICs involved in the project: Brazil, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Jamaica, Mexico and South Africa with each country team including a Senior Researcher and Early Career Researcher and the country Alzheimers Association (affiliated to Alzheimer's Disease International).

The project is funded by the UK Research Council - Global Challenges Research Fund. This is a 4 year project which started in January 2018 and will end in December 2021. The project is led by the London School of Economics and Political Science in partnership with the University of Cape Town, Brighton and Sussex Medical School and Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI). The lead PI is Prof Martin Knapp. The lead PI at UCT is Margie Schneider with Crick Lund, Sumaiyah Docrat and Erica Breuer making up the team currently. We are in the process of recruiting a full time research officer (Early career researcher) and a part-time junior research fellow.

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