

# Understanding the demand for evidence amongst Southern policy makers

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# Knowledge to policy: The problem

Research not  
aligned with national  
development  
priorities

Low levels  
of culture of  
evidence  
use

Institutional  
and political  
barriers

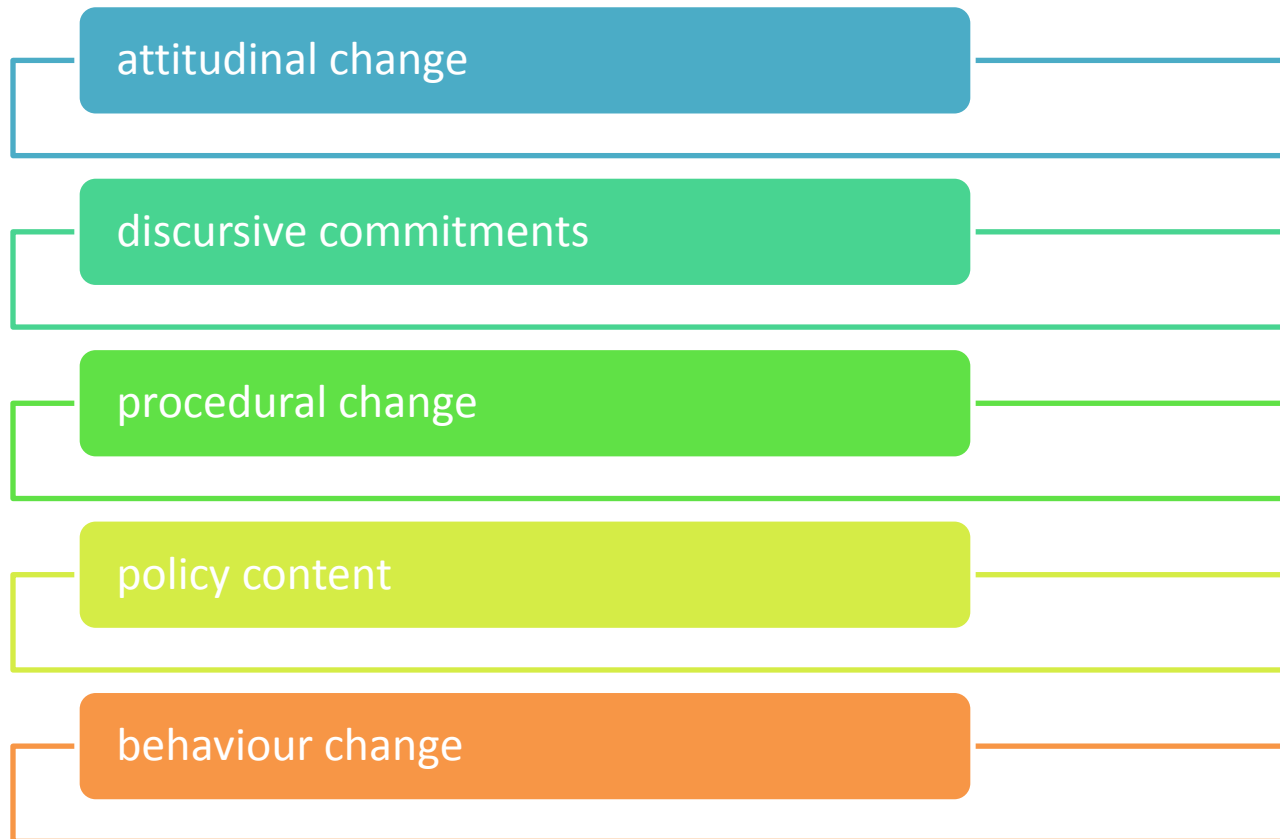
**Research  
has limited  
impact on  
local policy**

Researchers only  
engages policy  
makers at the  
dissemination  
stage

Lack of  
demand for  
evidence by  
policy  
makers

Little  
technical  
capacities  
within public  
institutions

# Different types of change



Source: Jones and Villar, 2008; Keck and Sikkink, 1998

# What we do

We strengthen research and knowledge systems by:



**Supporting** civil servants & parliament staff to use evidence



**Developing the capacity** of public institutions for use of research evidence



**Connecting** users and producers of research to encourage greater alignment within research & knowledge systems

# Organisational context

- Research agenda with an understanding of context
- Embed technical assistance
- Monitor and evaluate your contribution to policymaking processes

