Research gaps of migrant health agenda in Thailand

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The Trust Problem

1. Where am I?
2. You’re 30 metres above the ground in a balloon
3. You must be a researcher
4. Yes. How did you know?
5. Because what you told me is absolutely correct but completely useless
6. You must be a policy maker
7. Yes, how did you know?
8. Because you don’t know where you are, you don’t know where you’re going, and now you’re blaming me

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Research gaps

• ‘Gap’ depends on which direction(s) you wish to proceed.
• Egg and chicken situations
• Do we need research or do we need process that can translate knowledge into actions?
• Do we need exact research findings or do we need a platform that can feed diverse research findings into policy decision makings?
• ‘Forest for the tree’ or ‘devils in the details’