

conducted at research institutions and the community's and decision-makers' needs.

Conclusions

Despite the encouraging increase in the research output from Palestine over the last decades, there remains a weak association between research output and burden of disease. NCDs (e.g. CVD and cancer) receive much less attention by researchers despite accounting for most of the disease burden in Palestine. National research priority-setting should be developed to meet the Palestinian community's need for quality evidence to establish independent and informed health policies.

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