Research for Impact

The Society of Family Planning supports and advocates for the production of research on abortion and contraception primed for impact. This requires actively working to identify areas for research investment that are aligned with the most pressing needs in family planning.

1. Collaborate and explore to identify priority areas
   - Insight from clinical, policy, legal, advocacy, community organizing partners, and fellow coalition members
   - Informal and formal engagement with Society members, Board members, and funders
   - Assessment of emerging trends and policy changes and dialogue with those most impacted
   - Explorations of peer-reviewed literature
   - Ongoing discussions with current and previous grantees

2. Transform concept into a theory of change
   - Structured reviews of literature
   - Interviews with key informants
   - Targeted discussion with clinical, policy, legal, advocacy, and community organizing partners regarding potential uses of research findings
   - Honing purpose and structure of the funding opportunity

3. Match concept with resources
   - Align concept with individual, philanthropic, and/or industry funder, developing partnerships to offer specific open, competitive, and peer-reviewed funding opportunities

4. Hone funding opportunity
   - Work with Society leadership, members, and partners to hone further the funding opportunity, transforming an identified research gap into a clear call for proposals that will generate the evidence needed to serve the needs

5. Launch
   - Announce the funding opportunities broadly as part of our commitment to building a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and multidisciplinary community of those who are engaged in the science of abortion and contraception.