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This paper should be published because it describes how Brazil developed a
democratic process to establish a National Agenda of Priorities in Health
Research involving investigators, health managers and community leaders. The
Agenda was established according to most of the 'good practice' principles
recently outlined: inclusive process, careful planning and funding policy,
transparency and internal evaluation; and an external independent evaluation is
underway. This commentary is useful because it describes the implementation
process – how the health research support policy fulfilled the National Agenda of
Priorities in Health Research. Many lessons were learned and obstacles were
overcome. The experience shown may be applicable to other countries wishing
to set up and implement priority agenda in health research.