Course material

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Ethics in Emergencies

Video:

8a Monitoring and evaluation, capacity building

Concepts (extracted from automatically generated subtitles):

Conduct of implementation research. Emergency setting. Research process. Ethical issues. Implementation research. Ethics review. Implementation researchers. Important component of solidarity. Critical components of ethical research practice. Local people. Capacity building. Ethical implications of multiple factors. Appropriate transfer of skills. Health systems. Ongoing community.

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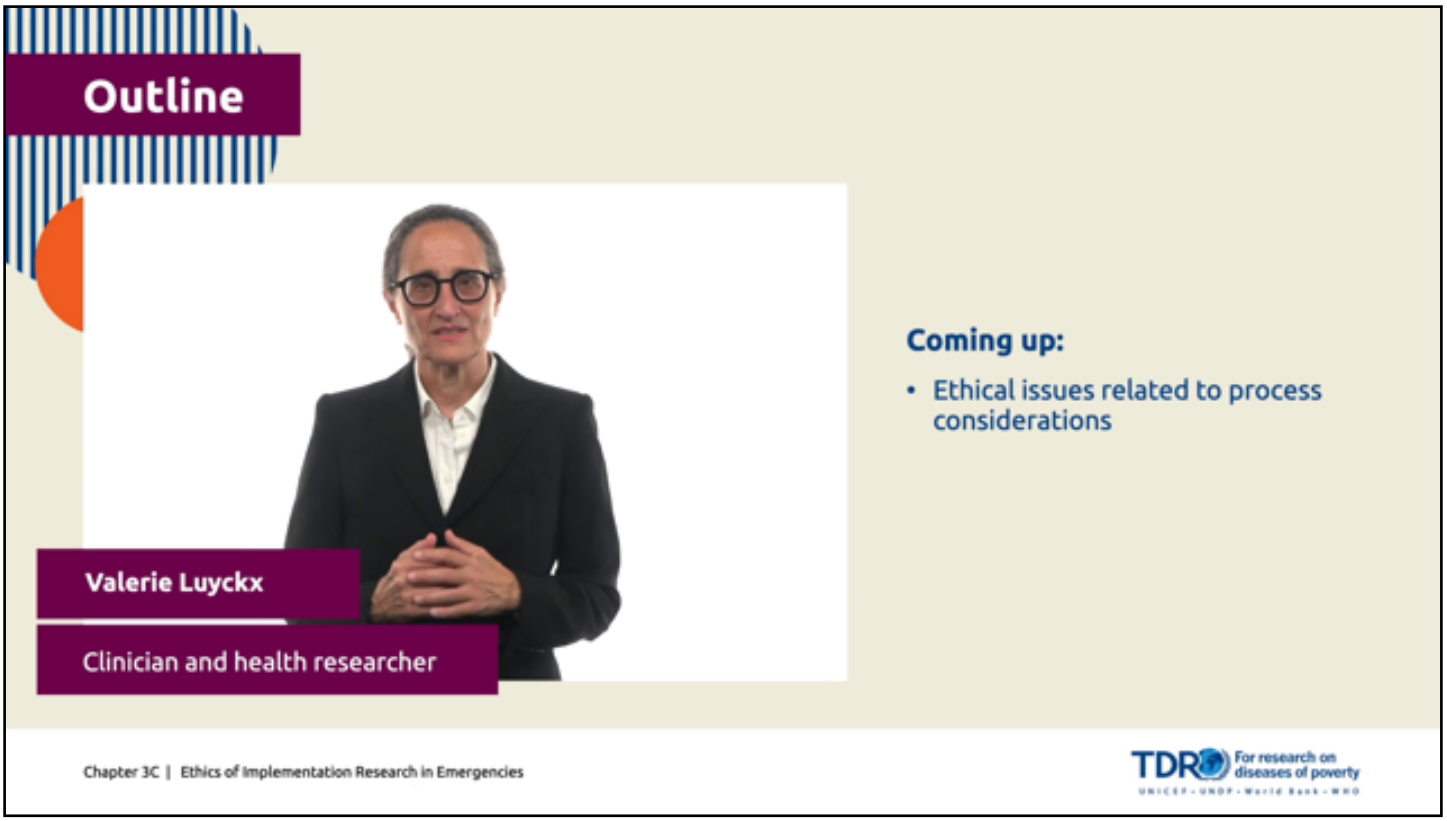


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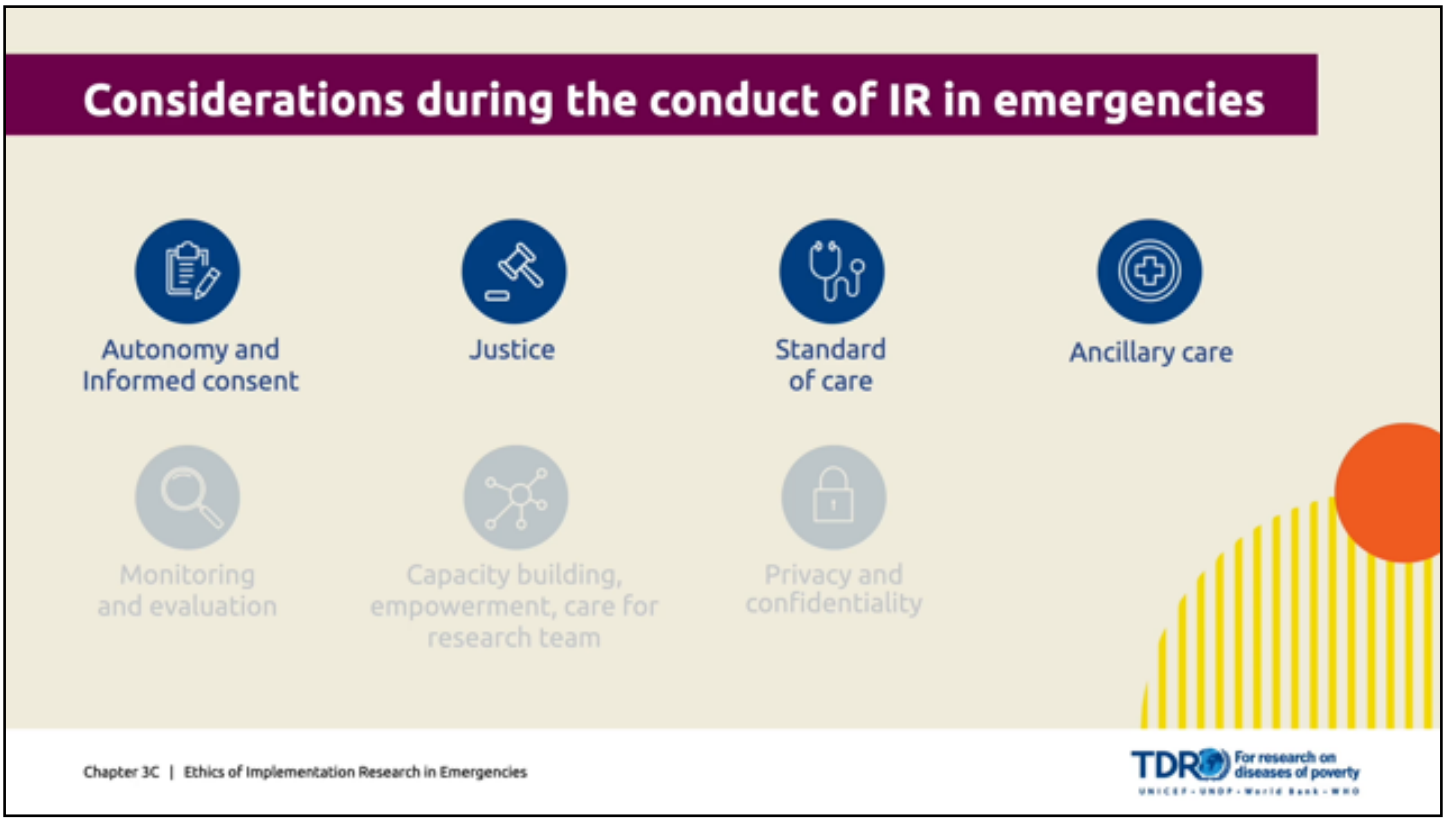


We are now coming to the final section on ethical issues in the conduct of implementation research. Here we will discuss the ethical implications of multiple factors that need to be considered

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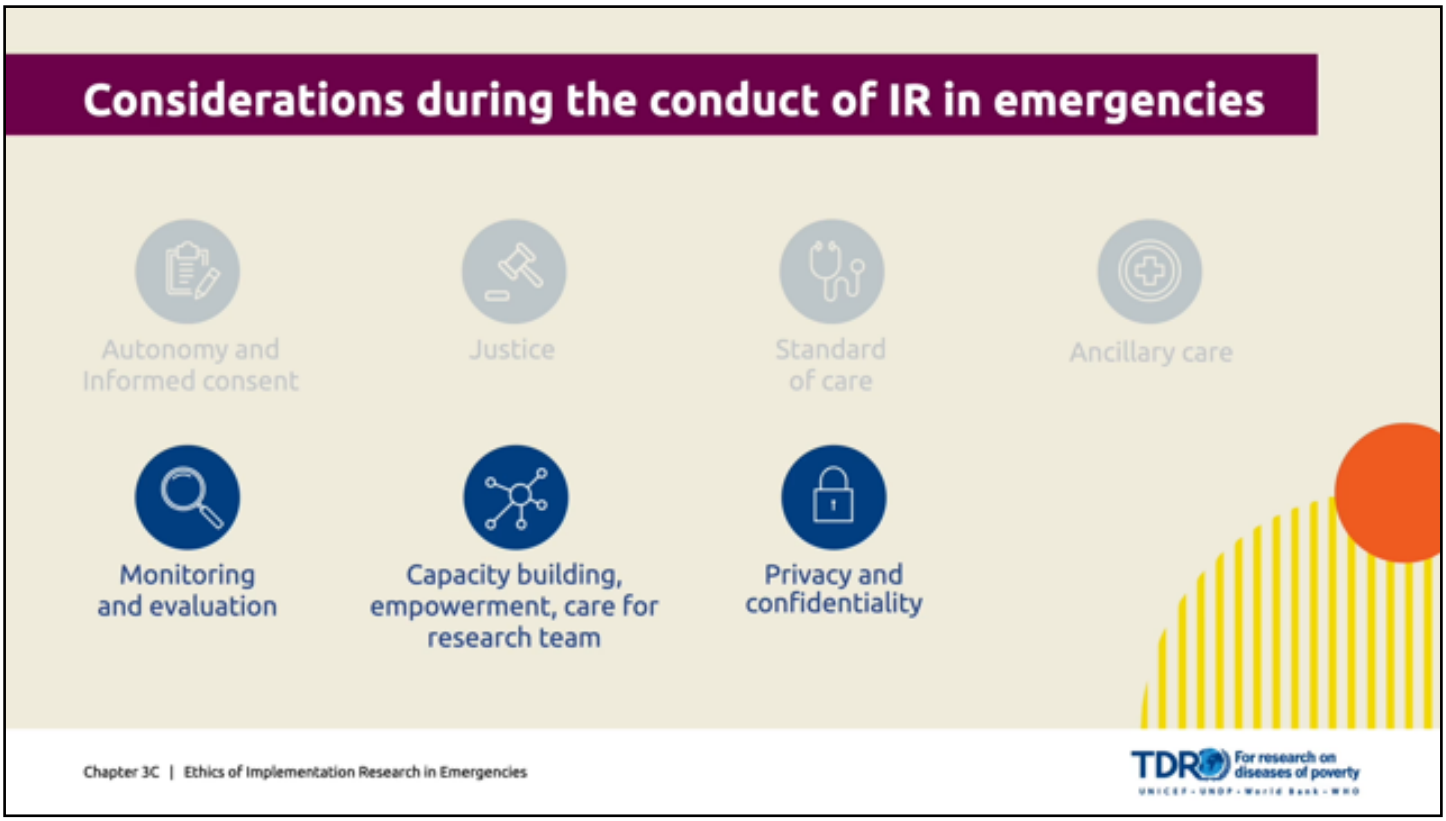


during the research process. Attention to these is extremely important when implementation research is conducted in an emergency setting. As we've reviewed in the past few chapters, respecting participant autonomy and addressing justice concerns during the conduct of implementation research in emergencies are critical components of ethical research practice. It is

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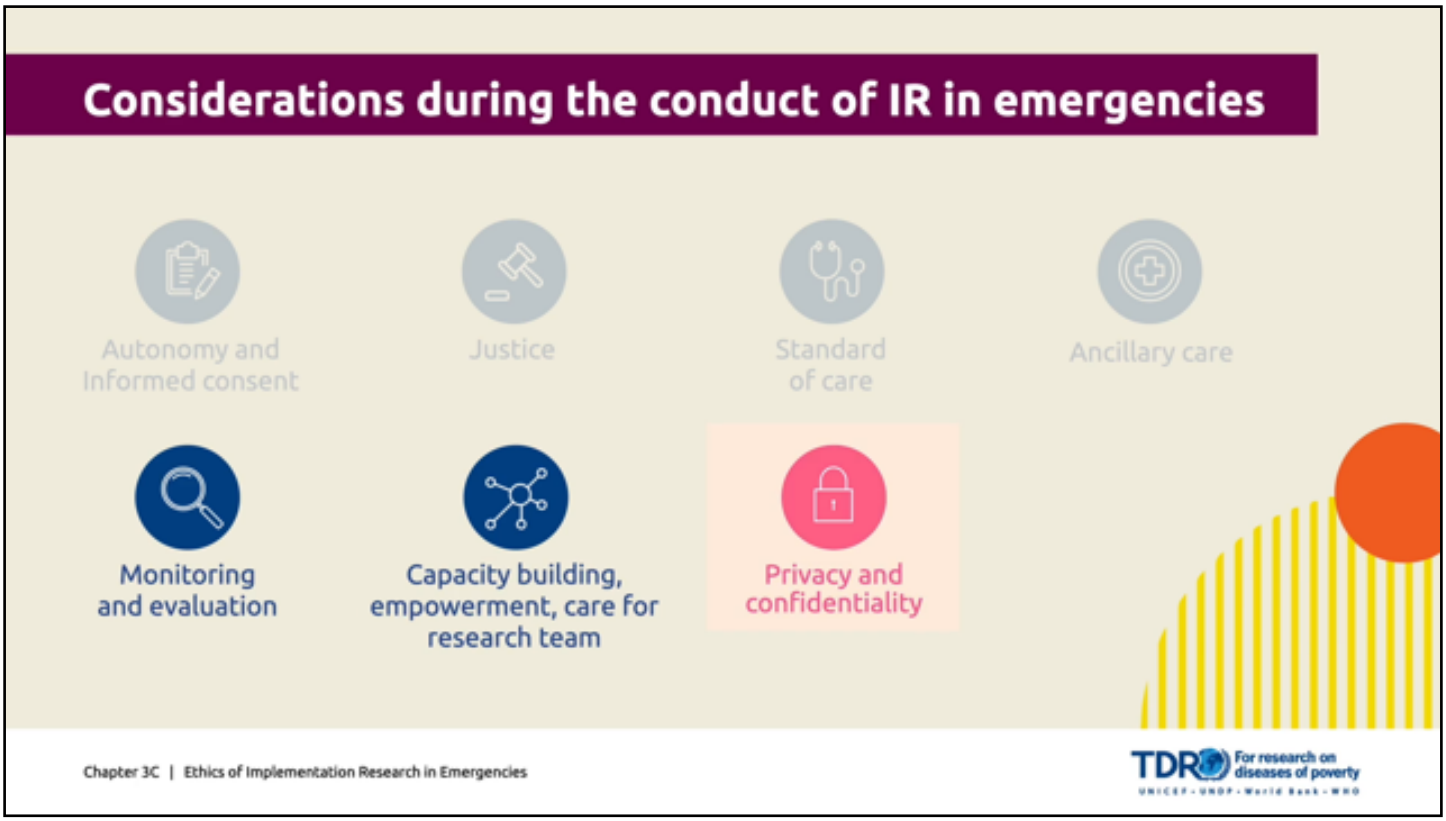


important that participation in implementation research does not exacerbate inequities. Implementation researchers are therefore accountable for mitigating inequities and risk across all aspects of a study. This accountability may arguably be greater in an emergency, given that the researchers may be in a unique position to identify challenges and provide linkages to support. Building on all that we've learned so far, we now come

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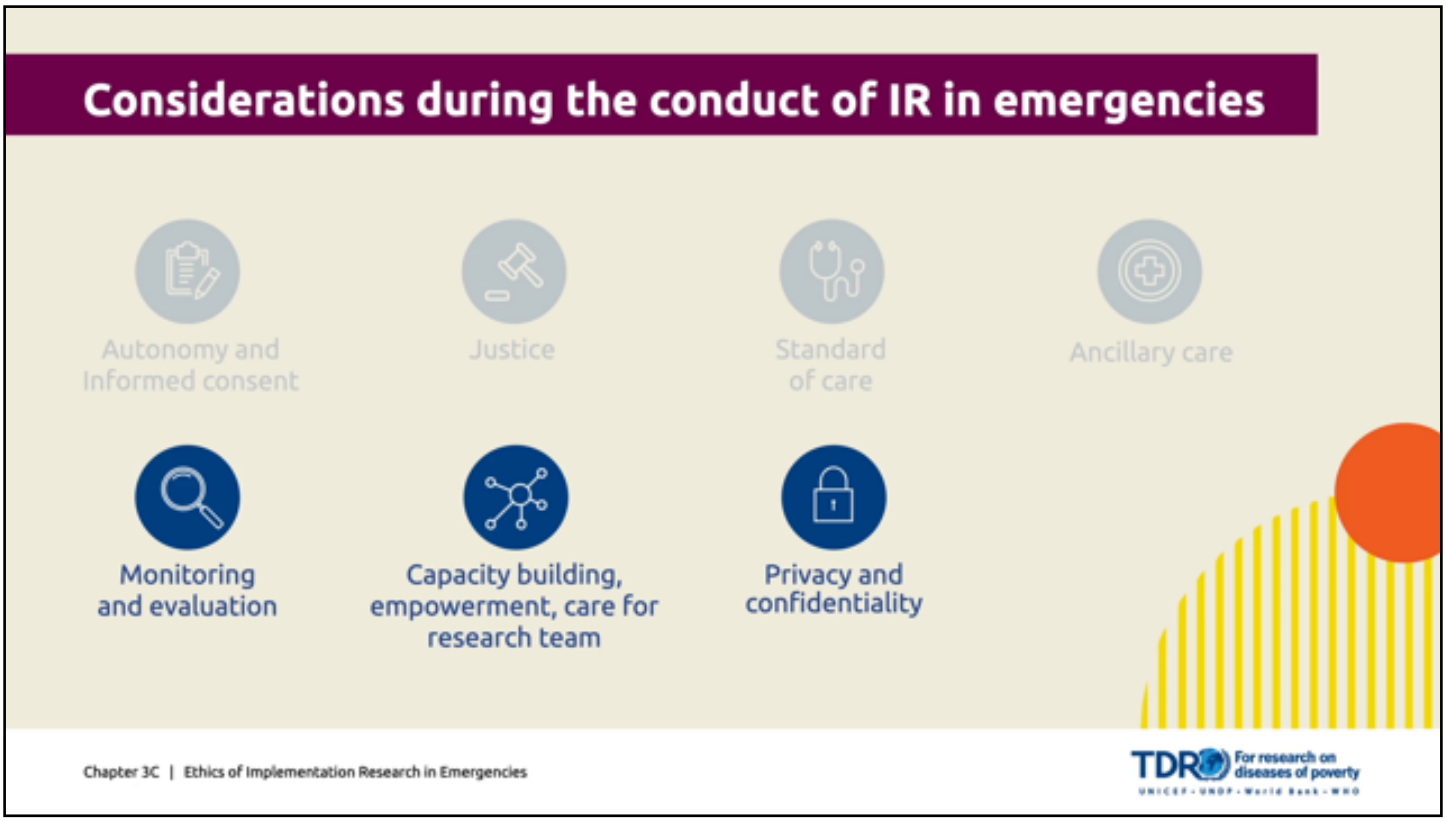


to the ethical issues that are related to process concerns in the conduct of implementation research in emergencies. These include monitoring and evaluation, capacity

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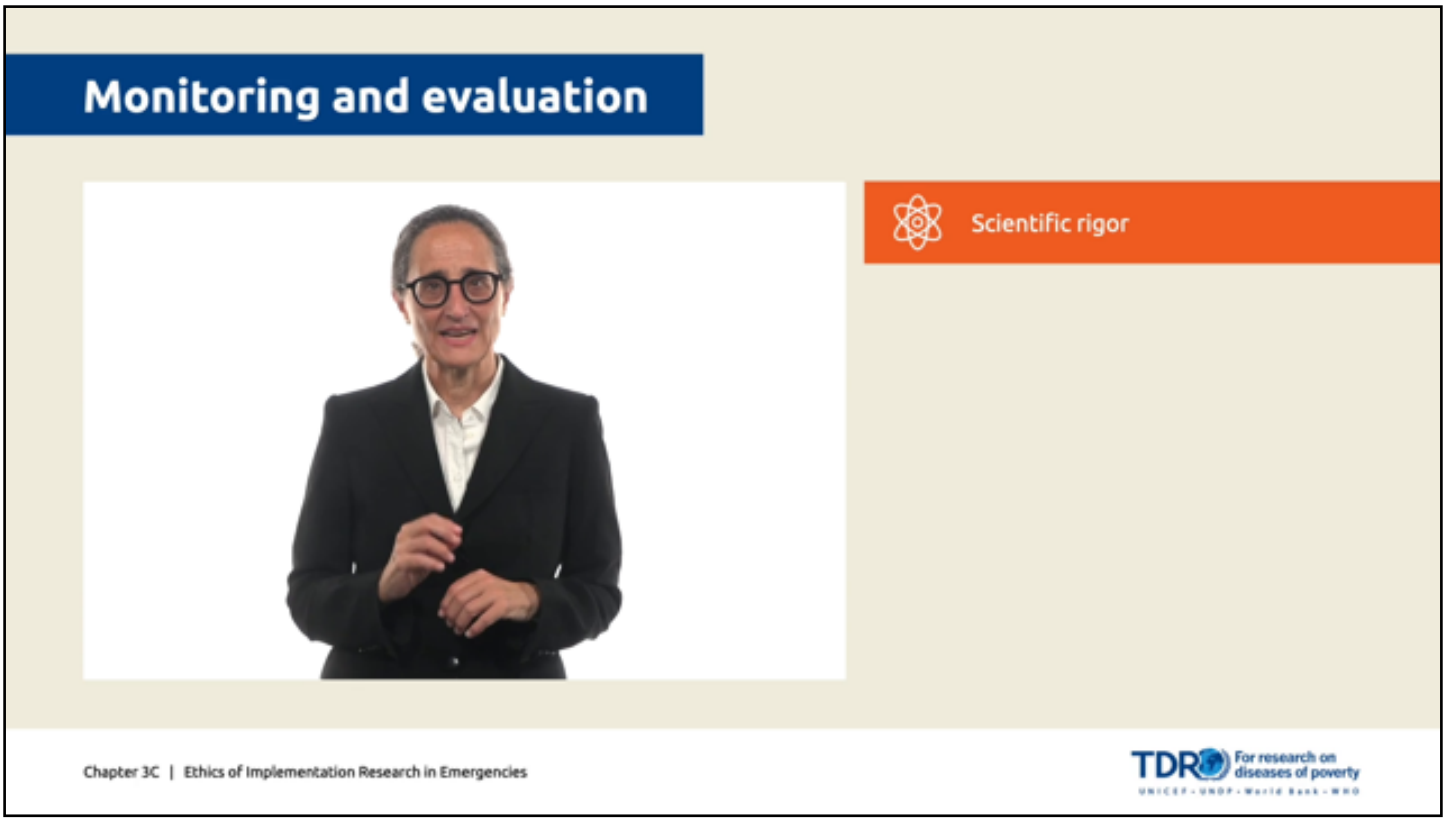


building and the importance of ensuring privacy and confidentiality are maintained throughout the

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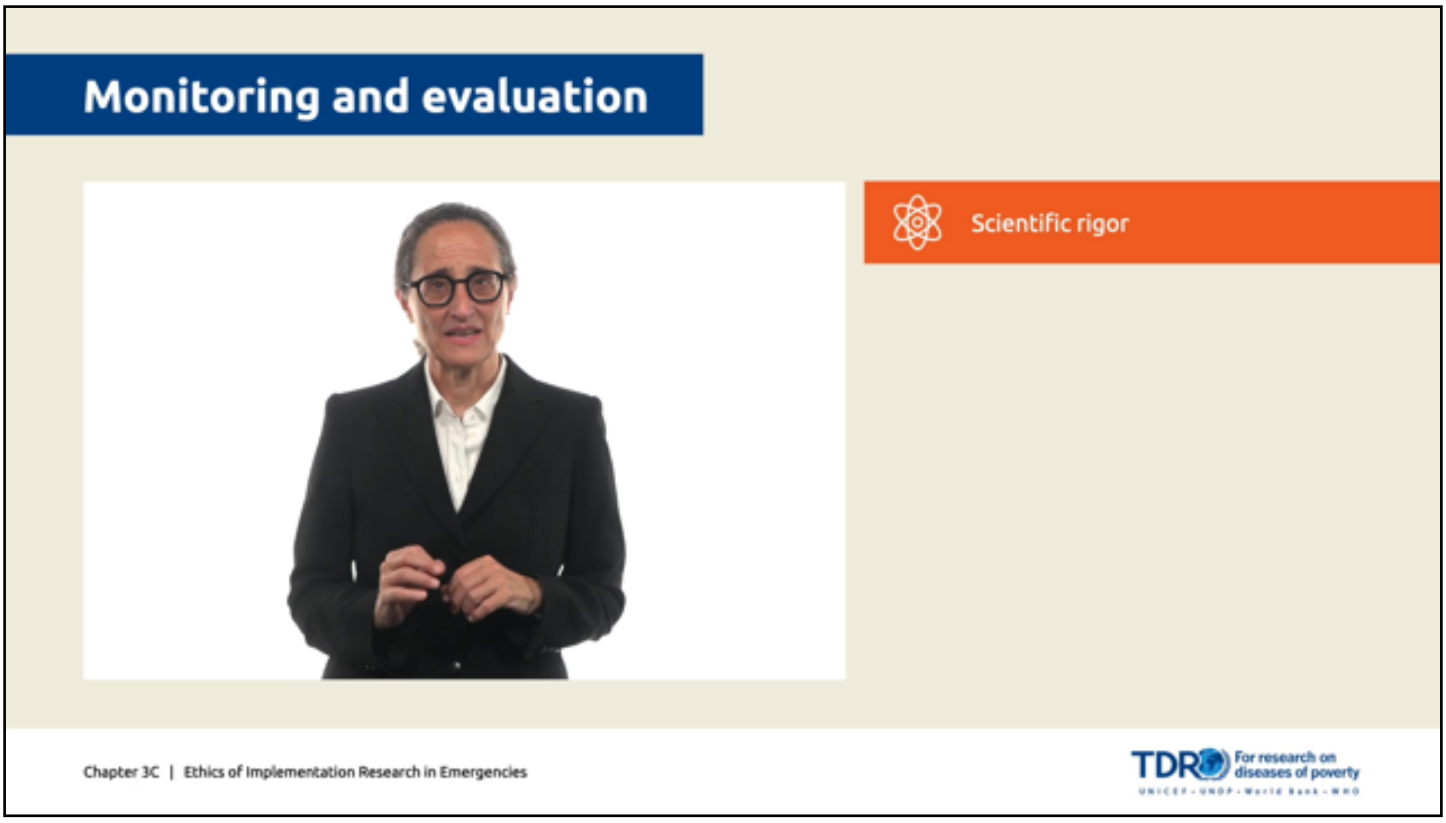


study. We will discuss each of these in turn. As we've discussed in

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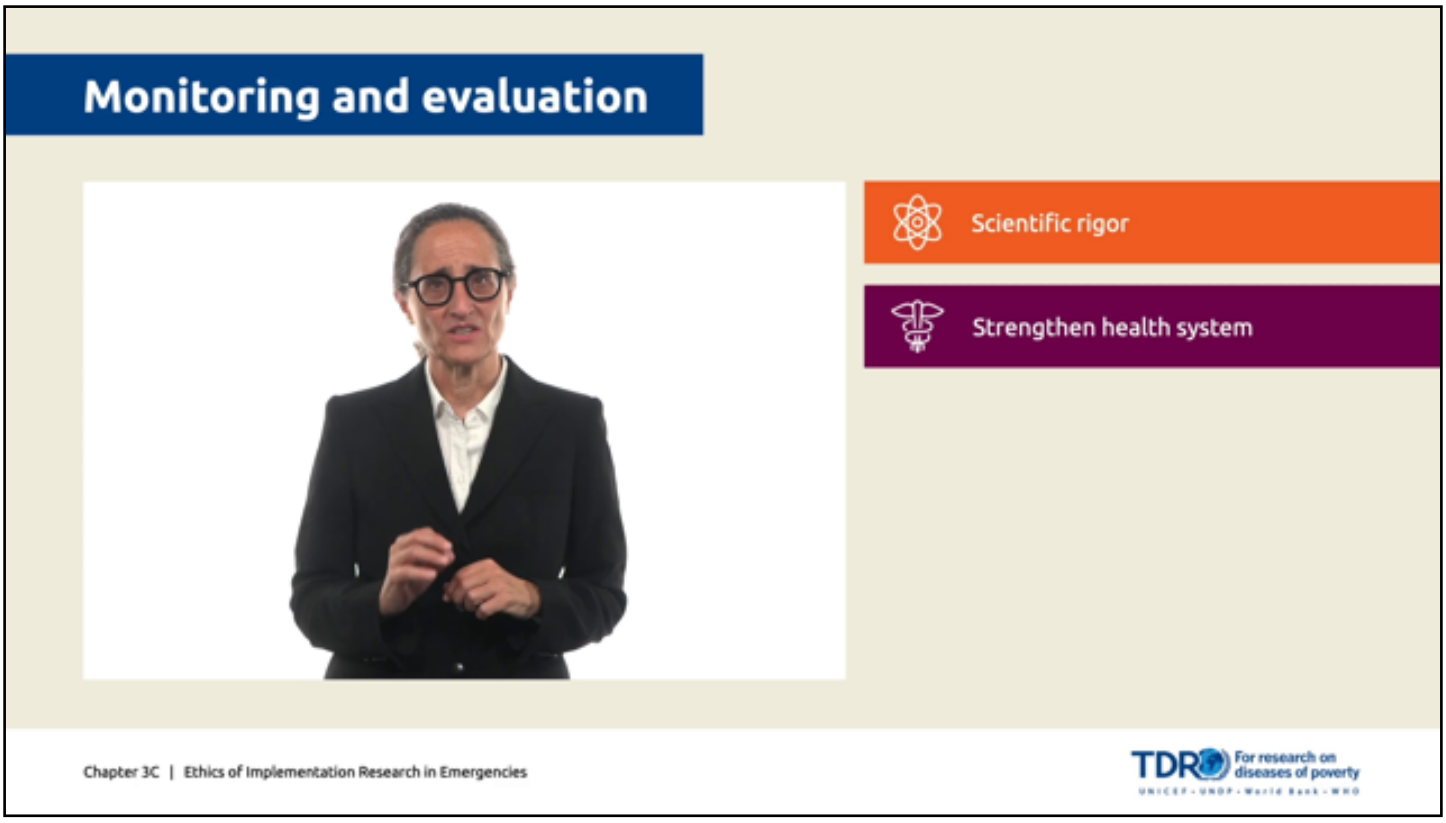


previous chapters, there's an ethical obligation that any research conducted in an emergency or at any time for that matter, is scientifically rigorous. It is not enough to consider this only

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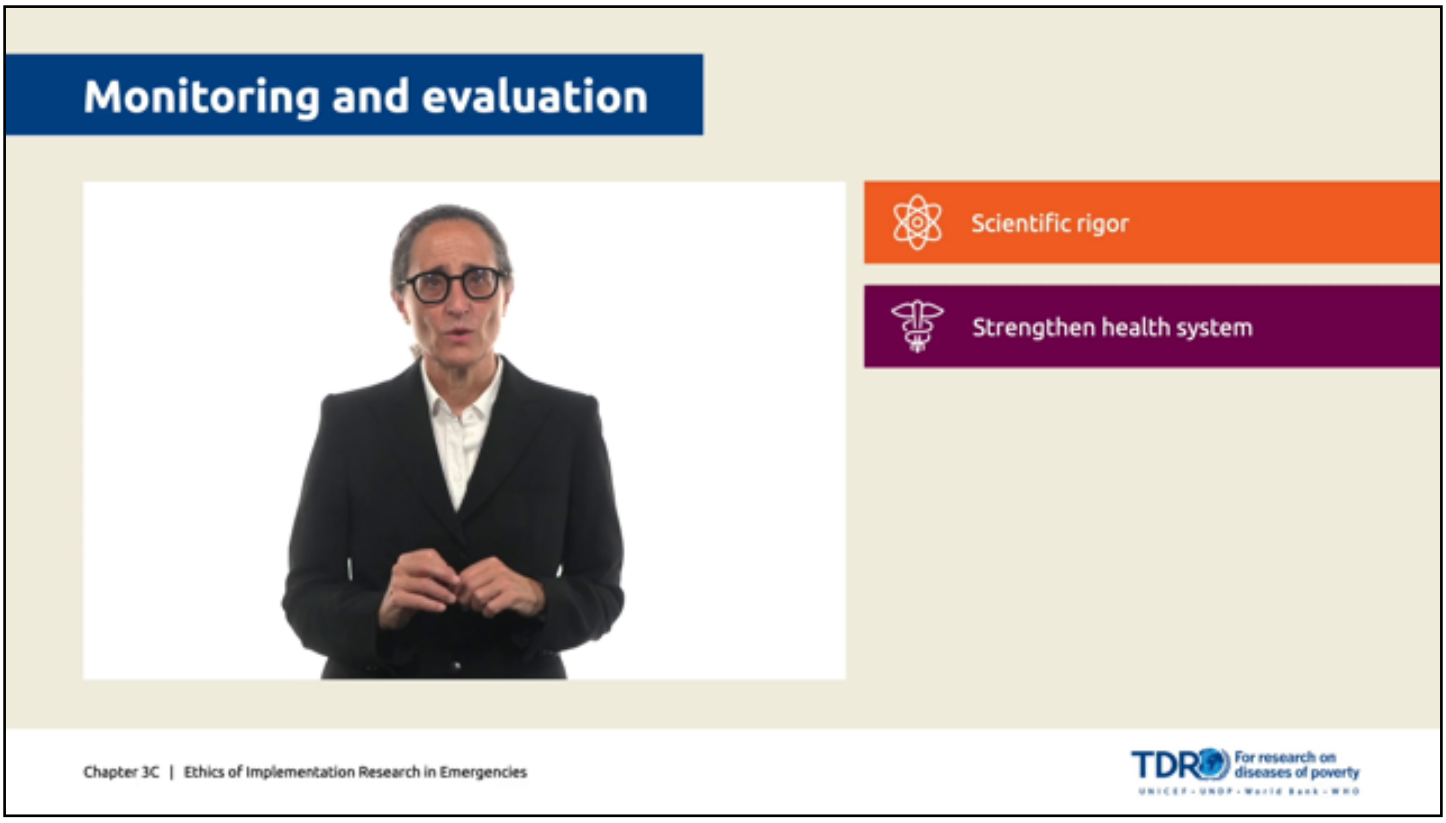


at the planning stage. Scientific rigor must be achieved and maintained throughout the research and post-research phases. Such rigor feeds into a core purpose of implementation

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research, which is to strengthen health systems. Especially in emergencies, continuous monitoring,

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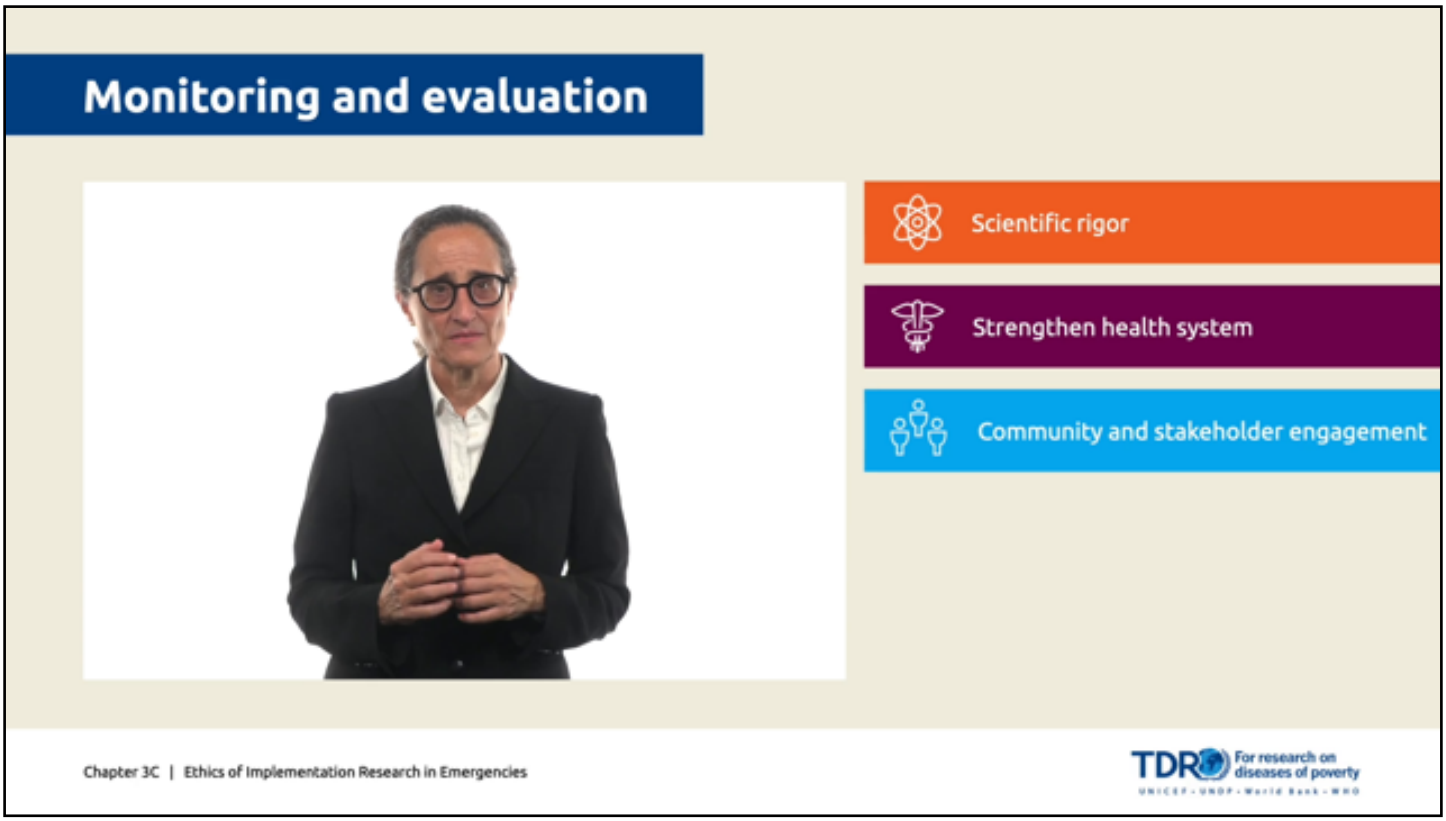


evaluation and feedback in implementation research can contribute to increasing health systems resilience in the current emergency, as well as for future emergencies.

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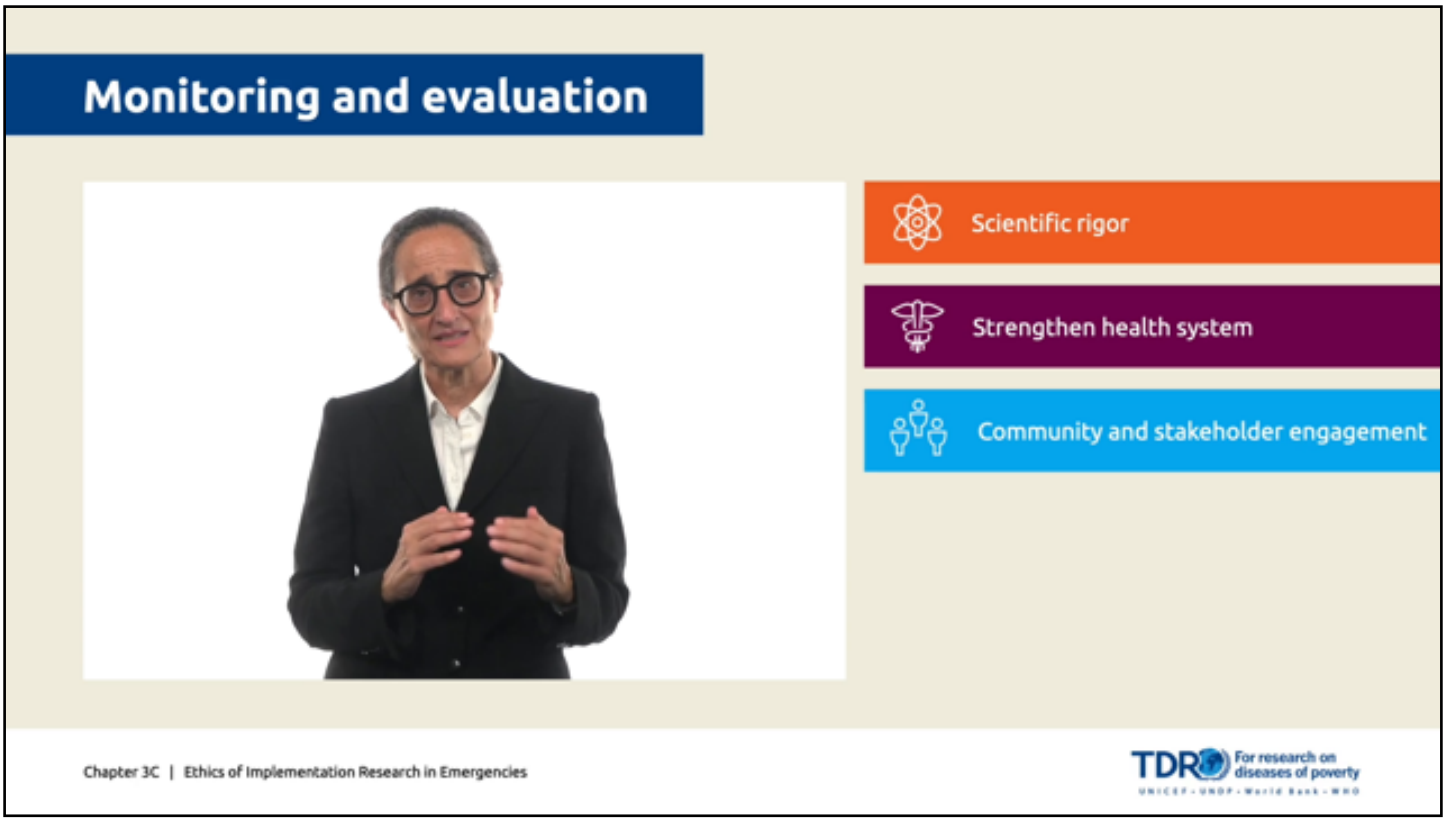


Channels for communication should remain open in all directions to enhance transparency, accountability and solidarity in the research. In emergencies, as we've already mentioned,

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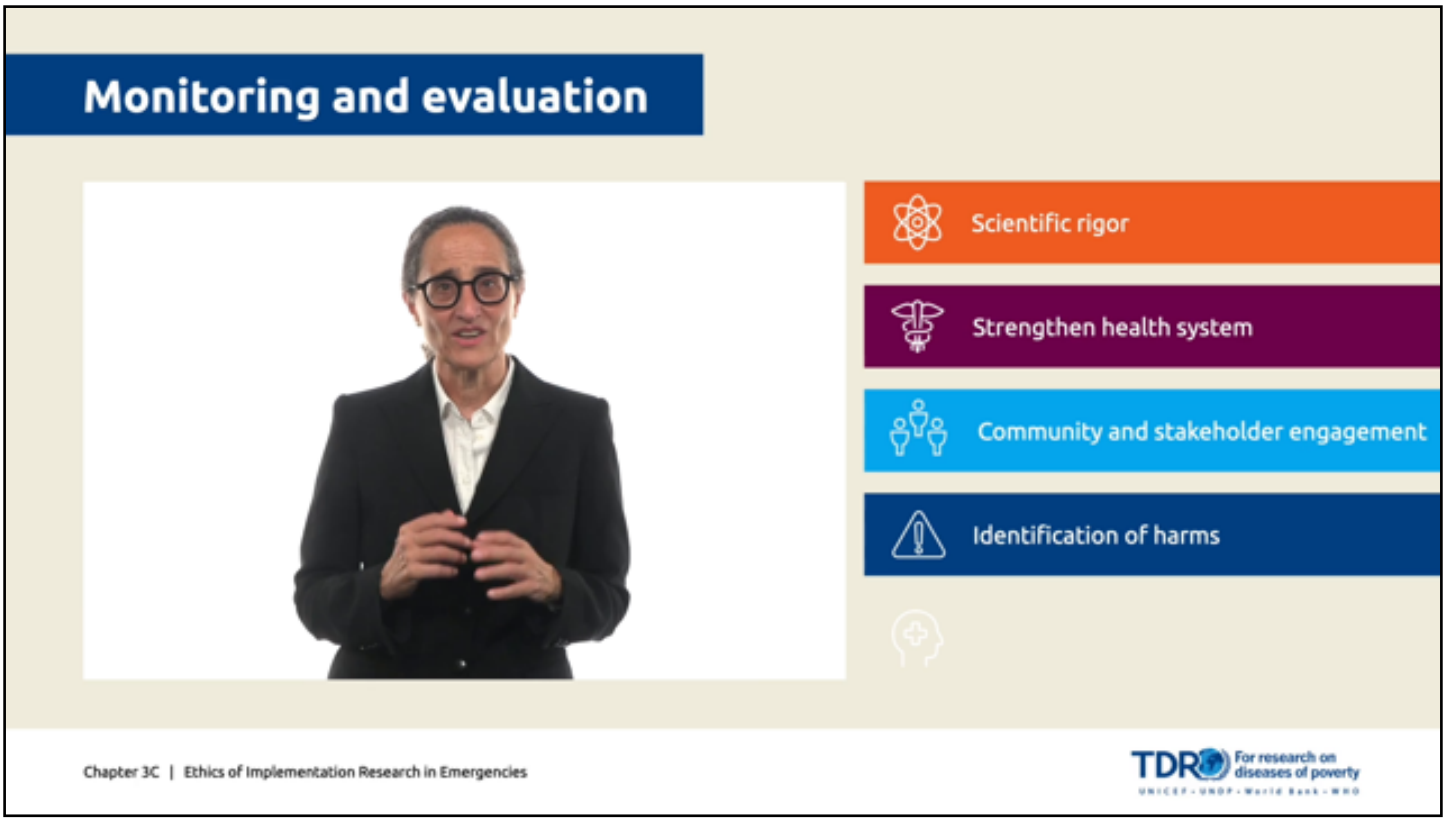


circumstances may change from day to day. Ongoing community and stakeholder engagement is

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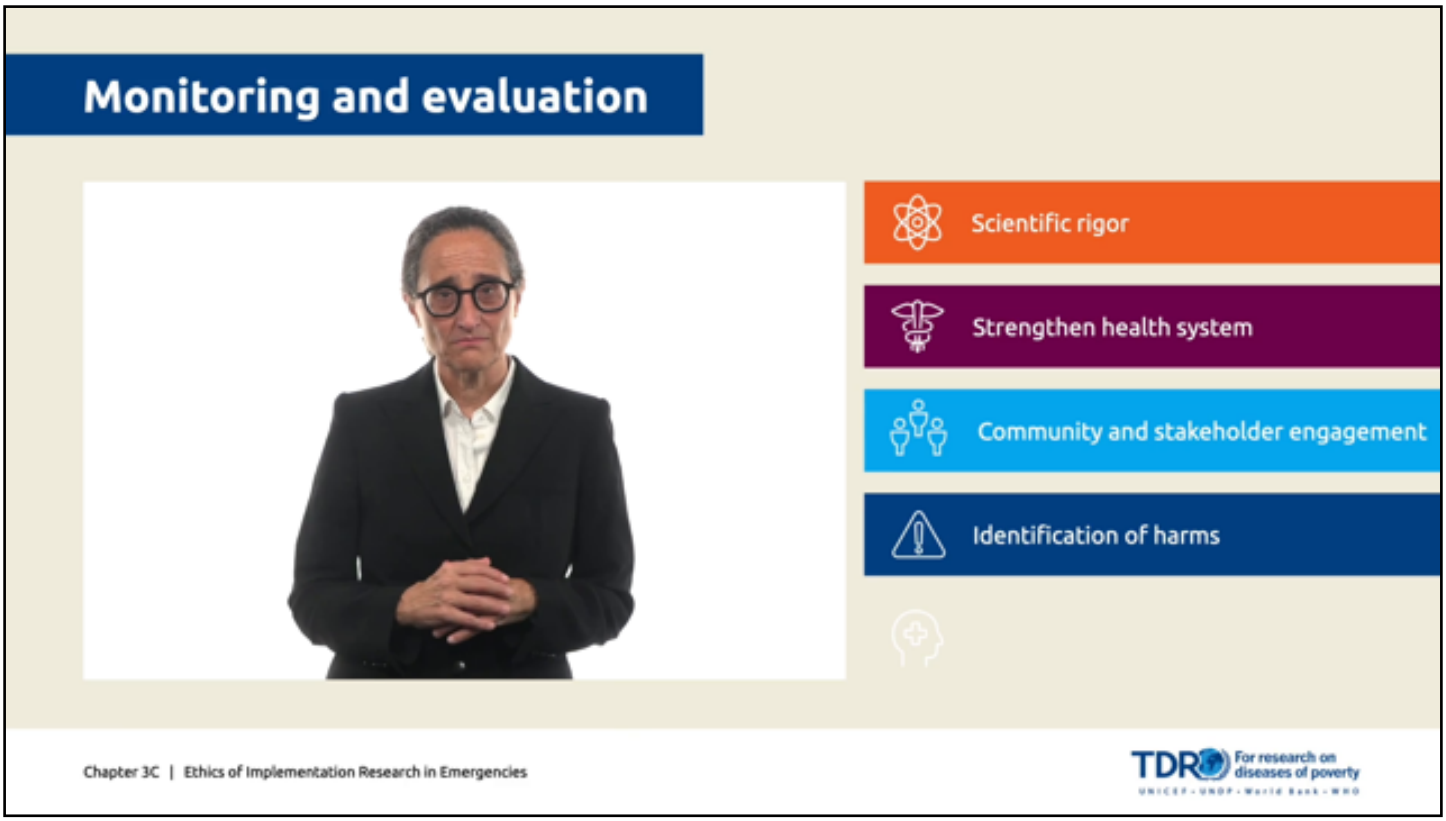


imperative, such that the researchers continue to respect and respond to the community's needs.

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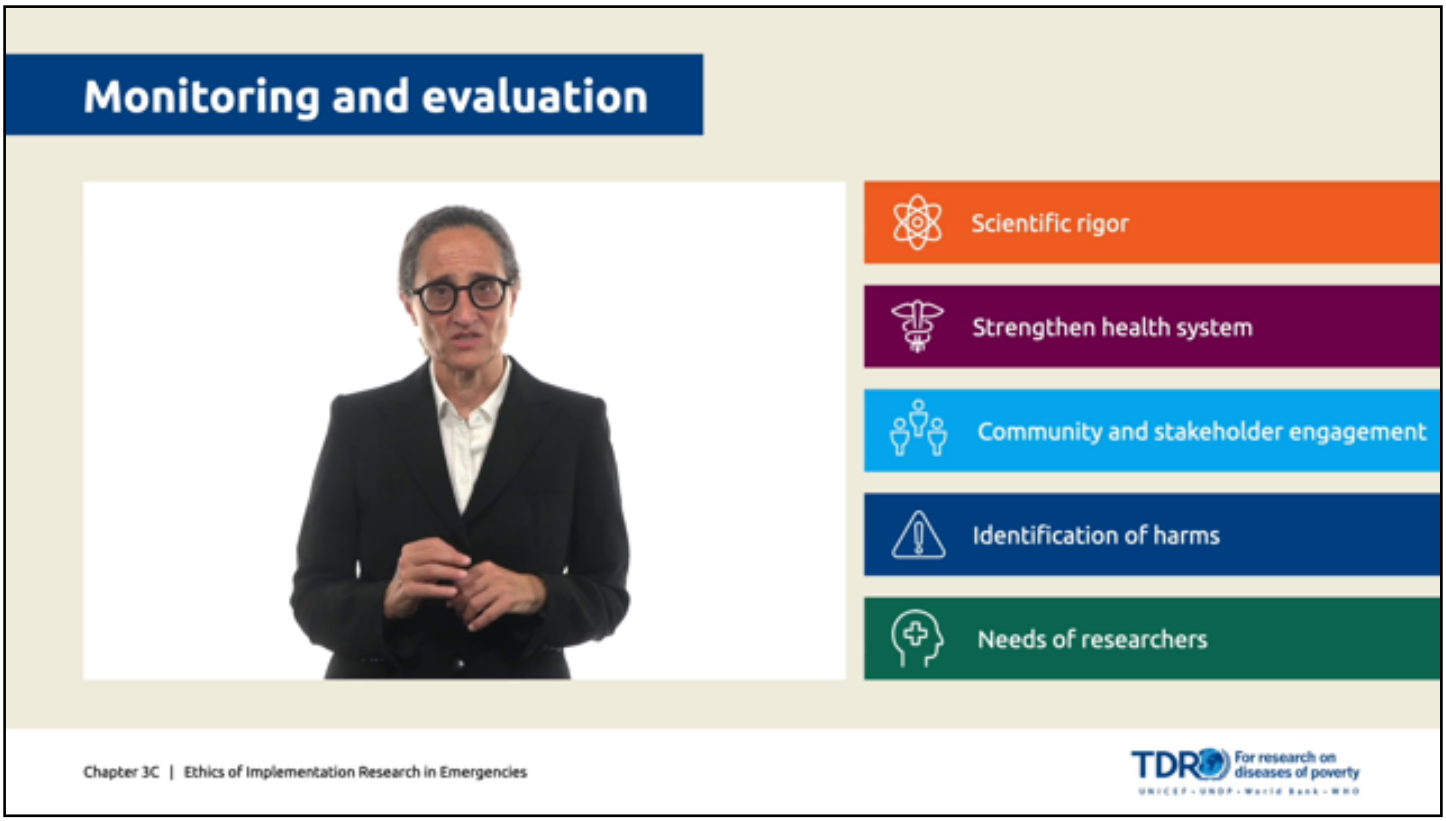


It is important also to identify and respond to any unanticipated harms early.

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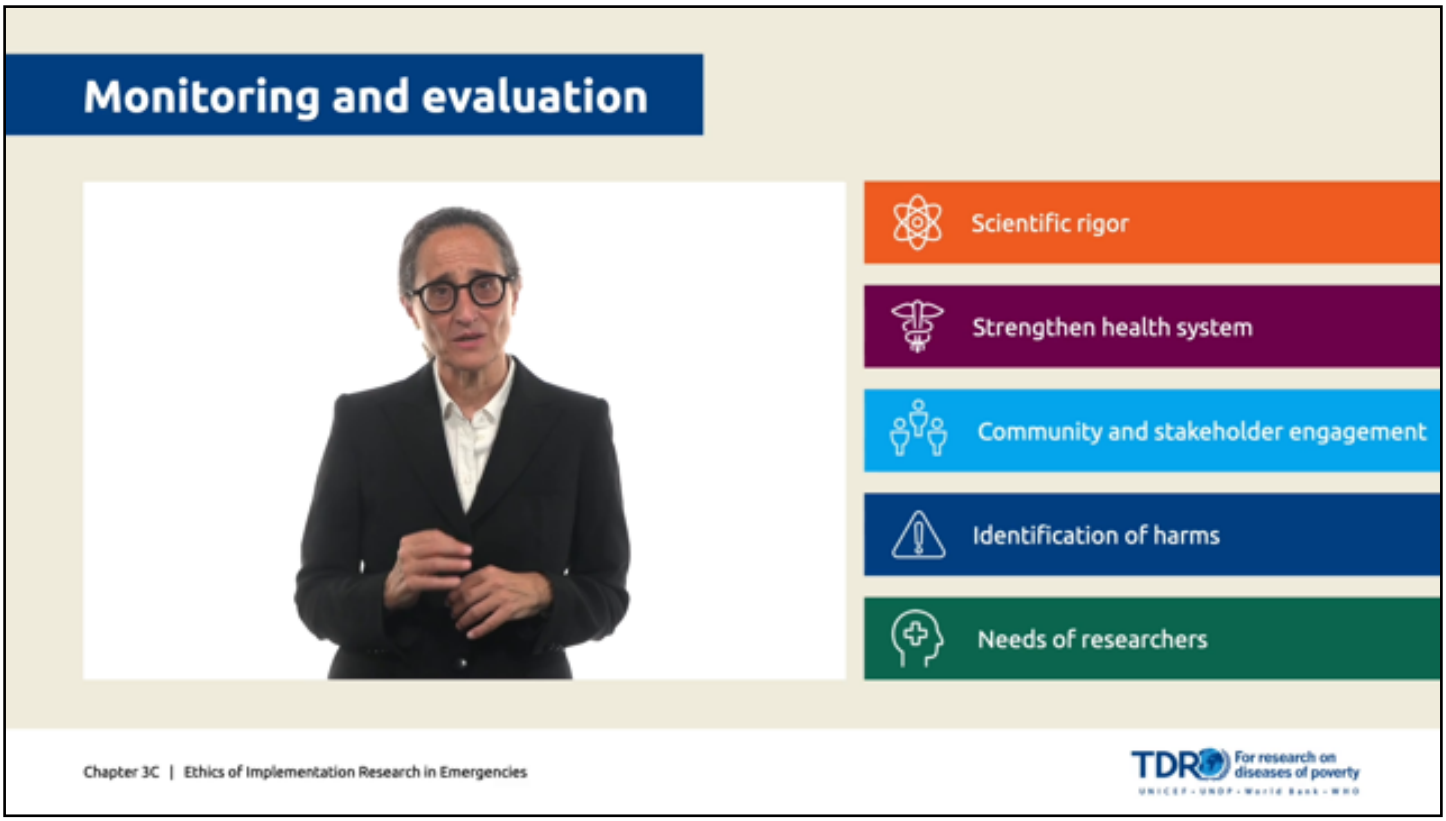


Research protocols may require adaptation, and these adjustments may require rethinking of ethical consequences and requirements at all stages. Especially when

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implementation research is conducted during emergencies, it is likely that the research team on the ground will be local people who may or may not have previous research experience, and who may or may not also have other responsibilities. External researchers need to be mindful of this,

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Ethical obligation to promote capacity building



Research infrastructure

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and must continue to communicate with the researchers on the ground about competing needs and responsibilities. Given that solid research infrastructure can help identify crises before

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they emerge as full blown emergencies, strengthening research capacity on the ground is

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an ethical imperative. This will not only improve the ethical and scientific conduct of an ongoing study, but will strengthen local research capacity for the future. This is an important component of solidarity between the implementation researchers and the local community.

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Research infrastructure

Partnerships and transfer of skills

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Strengthening research capacity does not only mean bringing in new machines or techniques, but more importantly, means forging of strong, equitable and respectful research partnerships

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and ensuring appropriate transfer of skills to build local expertise.

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- Research infrastructure
- Partnerships and transfer of skills
- Patient education and community skills

TDR For research on diseases of poverty

Implementation research conducted during an emergency can also be a very important mechanism for patient education, and for communities to gain skills in research and community engagement.

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These skills can have longer term benefits in terms of improving health and research literacy, and building trust within communities. As with all research, implementation research conducted in emergencies must always undergo ethics review, and ideally

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- Research infrastructure
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- Patient education and community skills
- Local ethics review

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also local ethics review, even if an ethical review has been conducted elsewhere.

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Researchers may be tempted to try to find shortcuts in emergencies, as these processes are often considered to cause delays. Ethics review is not only critical to ensure that the planned research adheres to ethical norms and standards, however, but is also a demonstration of respect and accountability to the local community. A challenge in emergencies may be that members of

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the ethics committee may not be familiar with the ethical issues in implementation research, and how these may apply in emergencies. It is important that members of ethics committees are familiar with the ethical issues relating to implementation research conducted in emergencies, which we've discussed throughout this course, to ensure appropriate quality of the review.

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