

Health at IDRC

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International Development Research Centre

- ▶ Canadian organization created in 1970 by an Act of Parliament to support the generation and application of research knowledge to economic and social development
- ▶ « A country's development depends on the capability of its citizens to address their own social, economic, and environmental problems. » IDRC Act, 1970
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- ▶ Head Office – Ottawa; 5 Regional offices (Nairobi, Dakar, Cairo, Montevideo, New Delhi, Singapore)
- ▶ Core parliamentary grant – currently \$110 million programme funds; direct donor/funder partnerships - \$30-40 million
- ▶ Programme Areas: Social and Economic Policy; Environment and Natural Resource Management; ICTs for Development; Innovation, Policy and Science; Research for Health Equity
- ▶ Grantmaking and technical support through thematically focused « programme initiatives » within programme areas; minimum 5 years, typically 10-15 years
- ▶ Most granting – projects, average \$400,000; often multiphase; many network grants; occasional core institutional grants

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- ▶ **dedicated programme initiatives** (Governance, Equity and Health – health systems governance and policy focus; Ecohealth – ecosystems and other-than-health-sector focus; Research for International Tobacco Control)
- ▶ **Multi-donor partnerships** (e.g. Global Health Research Initiative – IDRC, CIHR, Health Canada, CIDA; Wellcome Trust-DfID-IDRC Health Research Capacity Strengthening Initiative – Kenya and Malawi; Gates – Infectious Diseases, African Tobacco Situation Analyses; PAHO – Research for Social Protection in Health; SDC – Research Matters)
- ▶ **Mainstreamed** within other programmes, especially ICT programming and Innovation, Policy and Science

Partnership and leveraging

- ▶ IDRC typically sole-funds small grants and operating grants (\$50,000-\$500,000, can exceed \$1 million), but actively seeks opportunities to leverage other funds to increase funding base for recipients and build complementary programming
 - ▶ Through seed funding and RX support to help recipients to diversify their funding base
 - ▶ Through funding and programming partnerships with other institutions (e.g. CIDA, DfID, SDC, CIHR, Canadian govt departments, WT, Gates)
 - ▶ Through “dovetailing” IDRC projects with other programmes – e.g. CGIAR support

What we do

- ▶ Funding for knowledge generation, knowledge translation/transfer and exchange, capacity strengthening (individual, team, organizational, system)
- ▶ Direct technical support by programme and resources staff
- ▶ Funding for technical support
- ▶ S-N, S-S (and some N-N) brokering and networking to inform policy and practice
- ▶ Engagement in global and regional efforts (HEMA, GFHR, COHRED, IGWG, WHO CSDH)

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