THREE INSTITUTIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE are working together to implement web-based systems within their organisations for the management of research projects, research proposals and ethical review processes. Although each organisation will each adopt a stand-alone system, their forward-thinking approach means that by collaborating today, they will see their efforts grow and form the basis of a harmonious national standard in years to come.

The institutions will be using COHRED's web-based information management system – RHInnO (www.RHInnO.net) and planning got off to a great start during the first workshop in Maputo in February. To ensure the project's success, Researcher Marta Cassocera has been contracted to liaise between the institutions, the National Ethics Committee and COHRED's Web4Development team - supported by the R4HA programme.

The R4HA team aims to facilitate knowledge sharing and learning across countries and welcomed a representative from Malawi National Commission for Science and Technology at the workshop to see first hand the approach taken by Mozambique. Contact Kathy (douglas@cohred.org) if you are interested in taking part in a similar visit.

Creating a Monitoring & Evaluation Framework
R4HA team member, Emanuel Souvairan, facilitated a three-day workshop for R4HA partner COSTECH in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in March. The practical workshop aimed to use the time as productively as possible to create a ready-to-use framework for COSTECH staff to monitor and evaluate its activities.

The hands-on approach of the workshop saw attendees - from both COSTECH and partner organisations – use ‘Outcome Mapping’ to learn that by monitoring the progressive changes in the action and interaction of partners directly working with them, they can evaluate the influence of COSTECH’s activities to create change.

Armed with the information from the workshop, COSTECH’s staff is already reviewing current methods and processes to adopt the new learning.

RHInnO Progresses in Senegal
Implementation of RHInnO is ongoing in Senegal, the finalised platform is undergoing testing before rolling out to researchers in Senegal by June.