

**Tanzania experience on system strengthening**



**In brief**

**Group of Advisors**

A big thank you goes to the R4HA Group of Advisors for some great suggestions given during their recent meeting to improve the R4HA programme. The team plans to hold a face-to-face meeting with the advisors in March next year.

**Monitoring & Evaluation**

R4HA team member, Emanuel, will be heading to Tanzania early in the New Year to hold the first meetings with R4HA countries on national level Monitoring and Evaluation. This will be followed by an M&E experts meeting at the end of March, inviting representatives from a number of countries to develop a set of national M&E indicators. This will coincide with the third COHRED Colloquium and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Sponsorship**

The team is looking for continued support for the R4HA programme to allow the work to continue beyond 2014 and to help increase the number of countries joining the programme. If your organisation is interested in finding out more about offering funding, donating equipment or services, or other forms of sponsorship, please contact Sylvia - [dehaan@cohred.org](mailto:dehaan@cohred.org)

**Website**

More information on the R4HA programme can be found on our website pages [www.cohred.org/r4ha](http://www.cohred.org/r4ha)

Representatives from across Africa came together in Dar es Salaam in November to hear exactly how their Tanzanian hosts had taken steps to strengthen their research and innovation systems. The National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) and Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA) were all on hand to give an insight into practical approaches that could be adopted elsewhere, as well as exploring issues such as research priorities, national research agendas, management information systems, communication, policy development and monitoring and evaluation through group discussions. To read more about the visit click on the link below:

<http://www.cohred.org/2012/12/tanzania-study-visit-november-2012/>

**Plans for Expansion**

Botswana has provided the R4HA team with a letter outlining its interest in joining the R4HA programme.

And it is hoped, they will soon to be followed by Malawi, Zambia and Namibia. The team plans to work with the countries over the coming months to identify and secure funding to allow them to join the programme.

The team hopes to welcome the countries to the programme in the near future.

**Country Achievements**

**Mozambique** - are looking at implementing the RHInnO system ([www.RHInnO.net](http://www.RHInnO.net)) within Mozambique. With three key research institutions involved, this will really help to develop a coordinated national information system, as well as facilitate ethics review in-country.

Following the priority setting questionnaires and workshop a national research agenda document is currently being drafted.

**Senegal** – Testing has started on the customised, web-based research ethics review platform created for the Ministry of Health using ‘RHInnO’, before the system goes live at the end of the year.

A priority setting workshop was held in Saly in October – read more about the workshop by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.cohred.org/2012/10/setting-health-research-priorities-for-senegal/>

**Tanzania** – work will start in January between COSTECH and R4HA on a paper outlining the Priority Setting process implemented in Tanzania.

Development of three RHInnO modules is now complete for COSTECH with the system going live early in the New Year. NIMR are also hoping to go live in the New Year with the RHInnO Ethics module, greatly facilitating ethics review of research projects in Tanzania.