



COHRED Africa

Strengthening Research
and Innovation Systems
for Health in Africa



The COHRED Group



Supporting research and innovation systems for health, equity and development

WHO WE ARE

The COHRED Group

The Council on Health Research for Development Group (COHRED Group) is a non-profit organisation that believes that national research and innovation capacities are key to improving the health of all citizens. We focus on strengthening the governance and management of research systems in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) in their efforts to use research, science and technology and innovation to improve health, equity and development. As such, The COHRED Group partners with LMIC governments, institutions and Civil Society Organisations in providing technical support on research and innovation systems for health. The COHRED Group is a multinational and multidisciplinary team with different skills and experiences.

COHRED Africa

COHRED Africa strives to ensure that every African country has a well developed and sustainable research and innovation system for health in place, by providing technical support and services to strengthen such systems.

COHRED Africa is composed of staff located in Botswana, South Africa and Tunisia.

WHY RESEARCH FOR HEALTH?

Research for health has brought many advances and benefits to populations, such as vaccines that save lives or prevent diseases, reduction of deaths through early screening and preventive traffic measures. However, there are many problems, mainly in poor, underserved populations that still need solutions. The only way to get answers to these challenges is by performing more, better oriented and quality research.

OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

COHRED Africa provides technical support services to assist African countries to develop sustainable research and innovation systems for health, including:

- Developing and strengthening national research ethics review and drug regulatory capacity;
- Providing information management solutions through web-based cutting-edge technologies;
- Priority setting to provide stakeholder input into the establishment of research agendas;
- Fair research contracting to enable fair funding opportunities for southern institutions; and
- Other technical support areas for the overall strengthening of research and innovation systems for health.

WHAT WE DO

MARC (Mapping African Research ethics and medicines regulatory capacity)

MARC supports the capacity of LMICs to ensure the efficient conduct of high quality ethical review. MARC is creating an interactive and 'self-updating' web-based map of three key aspects of health research i) Research ethics committees ii) Research ethics capacity building initiatives and iii) Medicine regulatory authorities.

MARC also intends to contribute to building and strengthening research ethics review capacity in Africa through unique specialised research ethics onsite training.

RHInNO (Research for Health and Innovation Organiser)

RHInNO is a platform aimed at providing governments, research ethics committees (RECs), medicines regulatory bodies, research institutions and networks with secure fully web-based solutions for managing and tracking the throughput of research applications throughout the life cycle of research projects.

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Fair Research Contracting

COHRED's fair research contracting initiative seeks to identify and resolve the challenges experienced by low-income institutions (with little or no legal expertise) in research partnerships with high-income institutions.

Our work in the Region

The COHRED Group jointly implements the Research for Health Africa program (R4HA) with the NEPAD Agency, working with Mozambique, Senegal and Tanzania.

COHRED also partners with WAHO (West African Health Organisation) in supporting research system development in Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali and Sierra Leone.

MARC project activities cover the entire African continent.



WHERE WE WORK



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