The COHRED Group



Supporting research and innovation systems for health, equity and development

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The COHRED Group believes that national research and innovation capacity are key to health, equity and development. Strong national systems can use research to find solutions to health problems whilst promoting partnerships that can improve access to these solutions – in a way that benefits everyone. Investment in these national systems will generate sustainable health, equity and socio-economic development.

The COHRED Group partners with, and provides technical support, tools and methods to build strong research and innovation systems in, low and middle income countries. We share our experiences with high income countries and their institutions, business and citizens – in support of their actions in low and middle income countries. We connect, advocate, and monitor progress towards health, equity and development through research and innovation in countries and globally.

Insight

No development without health

'Health for All' is our driving force – it is everyone's right and essential for individuals, families and countries to develop and prosper, and to design their own future.

Research and Innovation for Health

There are still great differences in health and equity around the globe. To improve health, more knowledge is needed about the diseases and conditions, old and new, that are the cause of poor health. For this we need research. Not just in laboratories or hospitals, but in car manufacturing, environment, education – and the many other areas that impact directly on health.

Effective Research and Innovation needs strong Research and Innovation Systems

Knowledge is not enough to improve health - it needs to be transformed into drugs, technologies, health care, road safety, better nutrition, less stressful work, healthier environments ... the list is endless. All this has to be brought to scale: enough high-quality products or services where and when needed – to all who need it.

This is complex and involves numerous sectors – governments, industry, civil society, media, finance and many more. For these to work together to produce 'health' certainly needs organisation. We call this 'research and innovation systems' – systems that can be managed, improved, made more efficient and effective, and be geared to improve health for everyone, everywhere.

No health without development

All countries need good research and innovation systems, especially low and middle income countries that want to take charge of their own development and become less dependent on aid. Ultimately – it is development of countries that will support health and equity for the future. So, while health is needed for development, development is also needed for health.

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The COHRED Group offers services, products and solutions to strengthen regional, national and institutional leadership including:

- inclusive research and innovation priority setting
- policy formulation
- developing human resources and research financing strategies
- design and operate national innovation platforms

- organise ethics review of research for health
- provide web-based information management software for research and innovation systems
- create connections between people and institutions to achieve health impact through research and innovation.
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- research and design systems – to develop new and better products and services and to customise solutions to better meet the needs of individual institutions, countries and regions



A system approach to development

Charity

Vertical programmes

The COHRED Group A southern alliance with key northern partners

COHRED is a non-profit organisation with head quarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Our board and staff represent low and middle income countries – the majority are residents and citizens of the countries we work with.



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