



COHRED LAC

Latin America & the Caribbean

Bringing a southern perspective and understanding to strengthening research and innovation for health systems



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, and focuses on strengthening the governance and management of research systems of 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 LMICs Governments, Institutions and Civil Society Organisations in providing technical support on research and innovation systems for health.

COHRED LAC

COHRED Latin America and The Caribbean (COHRED LAC) strives to understand the needs and perspectives of the countries in the region. We focus on the needs of ministries, councils, research institutions and civil society organisations working in research for health and those interested in developing and/or strengthening their systems for research for health.

Our staff

COHRED LAC is composed of Latin American staff located in Mexico, Brazil and Canada. The COHRED Group is a multinational and multidisciplinary team with different skills and experiences.

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.

WHAT WE OFFER

National Research for Health Systems strengthening

Research for health needs a reliable and structured system to grow. We provide support for system governance and management, strategy development and system's performance and efficiency. Our expertise and tools will guide the system to achieve its best performance.

Institutional support

COHRED LAC supports research institutions and civil society organisations in strengthening their research capacities as to be effective partners in the National Research for Health System.

Our Services

COHRED LAC offers the following services in support of research and innovation system for health development:

- Assessment and mapping of the research and innovation system for health;
- Management and coordination to advance national research oversight;
- Priority setting to provide stakeholder input into the establishment of research agendas;
- Policy development to provide vision for national research development;
- Research ethics review system design to ensure that the research implementes meets standard criteria;
- Financing strategy to develop a focused research funding plan;
- Strategies for the engagement of civil society organisations in research for health;
- Monitoring and evaluation to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of research investments.

The services provided vary per partner and country depending on capacity, resources and needs.



OUR WORK IN THE REGION

The COHRED Group has engaged in various projects in the region and has worked, or is currently working in: Paraguay, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Colombia, Argentina, Mexico, El Salvador and in the Caribbean through 'The Caribbean Health Research Council'.

Paraguay has achieved its national Policy on Research for Health, the Caribbean Health Research Council has integrated its Research for Health Agenda and RIMAIS (Ibero-American Ministerial Network for Learning and Research in Health) is being trained in managerial issues.

The COHRED Group is implementing three EU/FP7 funded projects: MASCOT, of which the Group is the coordinator, EU-LAC HEALTH and SDH-NET. All these projects have Latin American partners.

The COHRED Group has organised the 1st and 2nd Latin American Conferences on Research for Health.

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