



# COHRED Think

The COHRED Group



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Supporting research and innovation systems for health, equity and development

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COHRED Think is a unit within the COHRED Group that provides a safe, dynamic space for informed debate on issues of relevance to research and innovation for health and development. COHRED Think conducts research and performs a key advisory function for other units in the COHRED Group, as well as for national, regional and global partners in research for health, innovation and development.

COHRED Think is an independent research group that promotes ownership and 'home grown solutions' towards research and innovation for health and development. It works in partnership with institutions, governments, other think tanks, businesses and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). The work of this research group is driven by a genuine interest nurturing the strengths of the partners that are involved and the promotion of research for use at institutional, national, regional and global policy making levels.

COHRED Think tasks include evidence-based research and publications, translating research into policy and action, identifying key trends and raising awareness.



# Activities

**Return on investment in research and innovation:** This work will show the impact research has on health and socio-economic development. The aim is to use this evidence to influence national and global level decision-making on research investments. COHRED Think also aims to inform the development of country-specific investment strategies for research and innovation for health, and on developing indicators and performance metrics to enable continuous monitoring of returns on investment.

**Fair research contracting:** This initiative will identify best practices for the research contracting (negotiation) process that would be useful in the following three selected scenarios: i) where there is no lawyer, ii) where there may be lay personnel who could be trained, and iii) where there is a lawyer or legal expertise in low - and middle-income country contexts.

**Ethics (of data sharing):** The aim of this research is to raise awareness and develop guidance around the ethics of data sharing in northern and southern research institutions and donors. The idea is to build capacity for ethical review and oversight of such issues.

**Human resources for research for health:** The world needs data on research, on research for health, and on human resources for both. This work focuses on collecting such data and, with relevant stakeholders, developing a coordinated strategy for building capacity in human resources for research for health based on this data.

# The COHRED Group and COHRED Think

The COHRED Group focuses on strengthening the governance and management of 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 Group partners with LMICs in providing technical support on research and innovation systems for health. The Group works to share its experiences from the LMICs with high-income countries and their institutions, business and citizens - for the purposes of creating real health change in the LMICs. The Group is also proactive in connecting, advocating and monitoring progress towards health, equity and development through research and innovation at the national, regional and global levels.

COHRED Think supports the work of the Group by conducting original research and organising think tanks at differing levels and with various partners. The Unit generates papers and reports based on context relevant empirical research and also translates evidence into formats that enable action whilst also facilitating advocacy on a number of research topics.

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