



## **Improbable partnerships**

For many years the health sector has worked in vertical silos that neither consider the scope and breadth of what research for health can bring to populations nor reach out to other areas that have a direct impact on the well-being of populations. Through its activities, COHRED has begun to link improbable partners from outside the health sector to impact upon current thinking and practice and move beyond vertical programming to more holistic practical approaches which also include the private sector, the non-profit sector and other public sectors that may not traditionally have been involved with research and innovation. COHRED meetings are the vehicles through which such partnerships can be forged and are a tool used to ensure that these partnerships are maintained.