



## Research and Innovation Systems - At the heart of development

COHRED has a long-term commitment to promote research for health and innovation that addresses the needs of the disadvantaged. We promote country ownership and challenge the traditional concept of ongoing structural aid that focuses on short-term deliverables. Instead we specialize in support for system and capacity building in research and innovation. A national research for health system is formed from the overlap and relationships between national systems aimed at health, education, science and technology, and development, as well as the private and non-profit sectors. Developing a clear research for health agenda helps countries better to allocate limited resources, prioritize research agendas according to country needs, and translate science into innovation that provides tangible benefits to populations directly, thus moving them beyond aid. Innovation is a technical, social and economic process which enables economic growth and social change.

