

# Health research for development



WHO/TDR

**Health research makes a real difference to people's health. Through health research, countries can:**

- Improve their health systems using existing resources and knowledge
- Make effective, but expensive and complex health interventions simpler and more affordable
- Identify and measure inequity in health and monitor progress towards its elimination
- Provide evidence to set priorities for equity in health and inform policies
- Focus resources on national health priorities
- Identify wastage and ineffective actions
- Improve the understanding of, and address, people's health needs
- Discover new ways to prevent and treat challenging diseases

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# COHRED

COUNCIL ON HEALTH RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT

## Making health research work



## ...for everyone

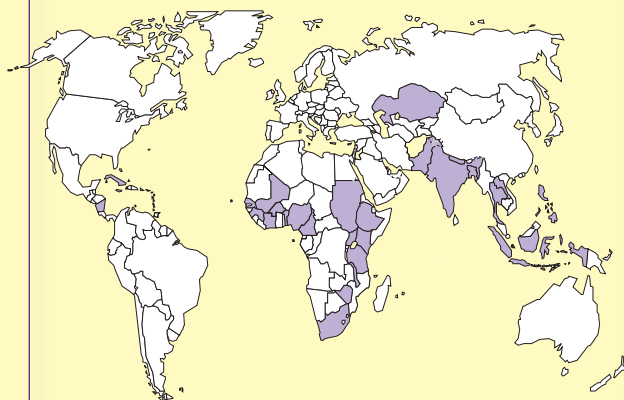
## Global reach, local work

**COHRED** is an international organisation established in 1993, based in Switzerland with a strong global network.

**COHRED** works for a world in which health research is recognised as essential to optimising health and reducing inequity and poverty.

We are passionate about enabling countries to put in place and use health research to foster health, health equity and development. We work globally – prioritising the poorest countries.

We value social justice, good governance, sustainability, human rights, excellence and relevance, evidence-based action and south-south alliances in health research.



COHRED facilitated priority setting in 27 countries (the map also highlights countries in which COHRED is currently working).

## The pillars of our work



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### Action

We partner countries in strengthening their health research systems through a variety of approaches including priority setting, research system assessments, networking, capacity strengthening, and resource mobilisation.

### Research

We generate new knowledge on health research systems and on the links between health, health research and development. We support countries in the management and application of explicit and tacit knowledge and innovations to improve health.

### Advocacy

We aim to change local and global health research agendas to make health research work for everyone, especially by strengthening the voice of the south in international health research and by working for a better balance between global and local health research.

## Our working principles

To ensure that health research is used to achieve better health, equity and development as well as strengthen health research systems, COHRED operates according to the following principles:

### Country focus

Our long-term commitment to work within countries enables them to strengthen their health research system and institutions.

### Capacity building

We ensure that our activities contribute to building capacity for health research for development in countries and institutions.

### Inclusion and participation

We work with decision-makers, researchers, health care providers and communities, as research has more impact on equity if key stakeholders are involved.

### Equity

We strive for equity in health by making it central to health research systems and promoting research on equity.

### Southern perspective

Working both locally and globally, we provide a voice for national health research for development at global level, especially from the southern perspective.