
Research for Health Africa

SUPPORTING COUNTRY RESEARCH GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION

ACHIEVING HEALTH,
DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY
BY STRENGTHENING
CAPACITY FOR GOVERNANCE
OF RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION

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Research for Health Africa (R4HA) is a partnership that aims to strengthen national research governance in African countries through the support and development of effective research systems for promoting health, science, technology and innovation.

As a long-term capacity building programme, R4HA offers the opportunity for countries to work together, share experiences and create momentum as they build national systems for managing research and innovation.

Working initially with Mozambique, Senegal and Tanzania – the programme aims to go beyond these three countries to set the regional stage for exchange of expertise on strengthening governance of research and innovation.

JOIN R4HA TO STRENGTHEN YOUR COUNTRY'S SYSTEM OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR HEALTH.

Effective governance strengthens capacity

Development of national research systems for health and innovation are often hindered by managerial, regulatory, financial and capacity deficiencies. Lack of resources, little or no control in setting national research priorities, inadequate research policy framework, weak career development pathways for researchers, and unpredictable research financing are problems affecting most low- and middle-income countries. Strengthening national capacity to govern research will help countries achieve greater autonomy, development and equity.

Practical programme support

Research for Health Africa focuses on the creation of practical tools and methods that countries can use to optimise research governance, which include institutional mapping, establishing national priorities and policies and developing web-based research management information systems. These tools and methods may be customised to best meet country needs.



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Benefits for participating countries

- Technical support activities to strengthen research systems for health and innovation
- Access to a state-of-the-art national research management information system which may be customised to meet specific country needs
- Access to practical tools and methods to develop an effective, comprehensive research system
- An African platform for the exchange of research governance expertise
- Bolstered efforts and pooled resources to increase political commitment for research for health and innovation

R4HA EXPANDS

R4HA IS LOOKING TO EXPAND ITS PROGRAMME TO NEW COUNTRIES. IF YOUR INSTITUTION IS INVOLVED IN GOVERNING RESEARCH IN YOUR COUNTRY, CONTACT THE R4HA TEAM TO FIND OUT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

“With the help of R4HA we were able to set a cross-sectoral research agenda which will help us in deciding where to invest our national resources next.”

Dr Hassan Mshinda,
COSTECH (Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology)

“R4HA supported us in understanding our priorities for research system strengthening. This led us to the decision to set up a Council for Research for Health to help coordinate research efforts in Senegal. R4HA also helped us establish a research for health management information system.”

Dr Samba Cor Sarr,
Ministry of Health, Senegal

Research for Health Africa is a jointly run programme between COHRED and The New Partnership for Africa's Development Agency of the African Union, The NEPAD Agency. Together, with initial funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, they aim to support the strengthening of national capacity to govern research and innovation in African countries.



COHRED offers technical support to low- and middle-income countries for strengthening national governance systems for research and innovation. With over 15 years of experience in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it has distilled governance approaches and tools and has become a leading expert in the facilitation of learning between countries. COHRED is part of the The COHRED Group.



The NEPAD Agency provides strategic support towards the political and socio-economic transformation of Africa to enhance Africa's growth, development and participation in the global economy. It promotes good governance, development, health, science and technology across Africa, addressing the needs of African countries and Regional Economic Communities.

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