Expected Result: 1.3.5

Title: Advancing social innovation in health care delivery in LMICs through research, capacity strengthening and advocacy

Strategic Work Area:	Global engagement	**Workstream:**	
ER type:	Continuing	**Funding type:**	UD and DF
Start date:	01/01/2014	**End date:**	31/12/2027
ER status:	On Track	**Comment:**	
WHO region:	Global		
Partners:	CIDEIM (Colombia), Derbi Foundation (India), Fondation Merieux (France), Health Innovation Exchange (Switzerland), Indian Institute of Health Management Research University (India), Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (Malawi), Karolinska Institute (Swed		
Diseases:	Not Disease-Specific;Epidemics and outbreaks;Control and elimination of diseases of poverty;Climate change's impact on health		
Review mechanism:	Ad hoc expert review group jointly with Gender, Community Engagement and Ethics, including one STAC member. Also reviewed by the TDR Scientific Working Group		

ER manager: Mihai MIHUT

Team: Elisabetta Dessi, Mary Maier, Vanessa, Mariam Otmani, Vanessa Veronese,and staff across TDR as relevant

Number of people working on projects: 82

FENSA clearance obtained for all Non-State Actors? Yes

Justification for no FENSA clearance:

TDR partnership criteria

Add value:	Yes	Use resources:	Yes
Align goals:	Yes	Address knowledge gaps:	Yes
Integrate mandates:	Yes	Build strengths:	Yes
Reduce burden:	Yes	Foster networking:	Yes
Increase visibility:	Yes		

TDR partnership criteria indicators

Objectives aligned:	Yes	Institutions in regions wish to improve their ways of engaging communities. Countries and sponsors wish to see stronger research ethics committees, able to exchange knowledge and learnings and supporting each other.
Roles complimentary:	Yes	TDR's focus is on fostering research on social innovation. The hubs' role is as interface between researchers, community /innovators and government / policymakers

Coordination transparent:	Yes	SIHI network meets monthly to coordinate activities across hubs.
Visibility:	Yes	Credit guidance has been shared with partners

Objectives and results chain

Approach to ensure uptake: Advocacy through convening the various stakeholders at global and national levels, showcasing and championing the power of social innovation through rigorous research; Engagement of low- and middle-income country stakeholders in leading the Social Innovation in Health Initiative and its collaborative research. Continuous nurturing of new social innovation champions through the SIHI fellow programmes at national and global levels.

Up-take/Use Indicator: Advocacy for social innovation in health further conducted by global health and national stakeholders; pioneer social innovation research hubs have engaged new collaborators in their respective country and started embedding social innovation in health in their systems.

Gender and geographic equity: Social innovations provide solutions to enhance health care delivery, engage communities and reach vulnerable populations.

The Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI) focuses on the needs of countries in the global south and fostering their leadership in advancing social innovation in health and in enhancing their impact.

SIHI contributes to the implementation of the WHO framework for people-centred integrated health services and of the WHO community engagement framework, which are critical elements to reach universal health coverage and leave no one behind.

Gender equity has been especially looked at when establishing external review panels, convening experts, issuing contracts, and in general within our collaborations.

Research studies were conducted in the SIHI research hubs in Latin America and the Caribbean, Philippines and Uganda to test the "TDR intersectional gender research strategy". Further studies are ongoing to embed the intersectional gender research in social innovations in health.

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Up-take/use indicator target date: 31/12/2025

Sustainable Development Goals

Good Health and Well-being;Gender Equality;Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure;Reduced Inequality;Sustainable Cities and Communities;Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Concept and approach

Rationale:

Why Social Innovation research? Over the past decades, great advances have been achieved by innovation in drugs, devices and vaccines but we have neglected to innovate in the delivery process for an equitable access the health care. Well-intended policies and interventions have not achieved their desired outcomes due to communities not being involved in creation and implementation. The Sustainable Development Goals call for a new healthcare paradigm, inclusive of social, environmental and economic factors responsible for illness and disease. Social innovation contributes to Universal Health Coverage and the SDGs:

- Social innovation uses a people-centred perspective. It is based on valuing communities and individuals living across the global south as competent interpreters of their lives and essential contributors in solving the challenges to access quality health services.

- The social innovation approach extends beyond silos, sectors and disciplines to inclusively integrate all actors around the needs of communities.

- Social innovation results in the implementation of new solutions that enable greater equity, affordability and sustainability of healthcare services for all. Research is needed to sustain them and scale their impact: (i) to understand what works and what does not, (ii) to enhance and demonstrate effectiveness, sustainability and impact, and (iii) to replicate or scale up innovations. This is a great opportunity for TDR to build upon a long history of research on community-based interventions to explore ways to sustain these.

Design and methodology:

The Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI) is a vibrant global network dedicated to accelerating universal health coverage through social innovation, community engagement, and social justice in low- and middle-income countries. Since its inception in 2014, the SIHI Network has continuously expanded, bringing together a diverse group of passionate

individuals, organizations, and institutions who share a common goal. SIHI mission is to accelerate universal health coverage and health equity through research, capacity strengthening, and advocacy for social innovation, community engagement, and social justice in low- and middle-income countries.

The SIHI network is composed of a growing number of country and regional hubs and networks dedicated to advancing social innovation in health in their own country and region through multisectoral approach. Fifteen SIHI hubs are operational, in Africa (Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda), Asia (China, India (2), Indonesia, Philippines), Latin and Central America (Colombia, Honduras, Jamaica), in Middle East (Kuwait) and in Europe (Sweden). They catalyze multidisciplinary research to enhance innovations' effectiveness, dissemination and impact. They are supported, locally and globally, by SIHI partners contributing to the SIHI mission. Partners include communities, academic institutions, governments, civil societies, private and public institutions, and international organizations. The network is coordinated and managed by the SIHI Secretariat in the Philippines, ensuring strategic leadership, synergy, learning, knowledge management and outreach to new partners.Hubs and partners are featured on the SIHI website partnership page. SIHI's impact chain is reflected in Figure 1 below.

The SIHI Strategic Plan 2024-2029 has been developed in consultation with stakeholders initiated at the SIHI Global partner meeting 2023 in Cape Town.

2024 marks our 10-year milestone, see SIHI Celebrating Ten Years video

Figure 1: SIHI theory of change to reach impact

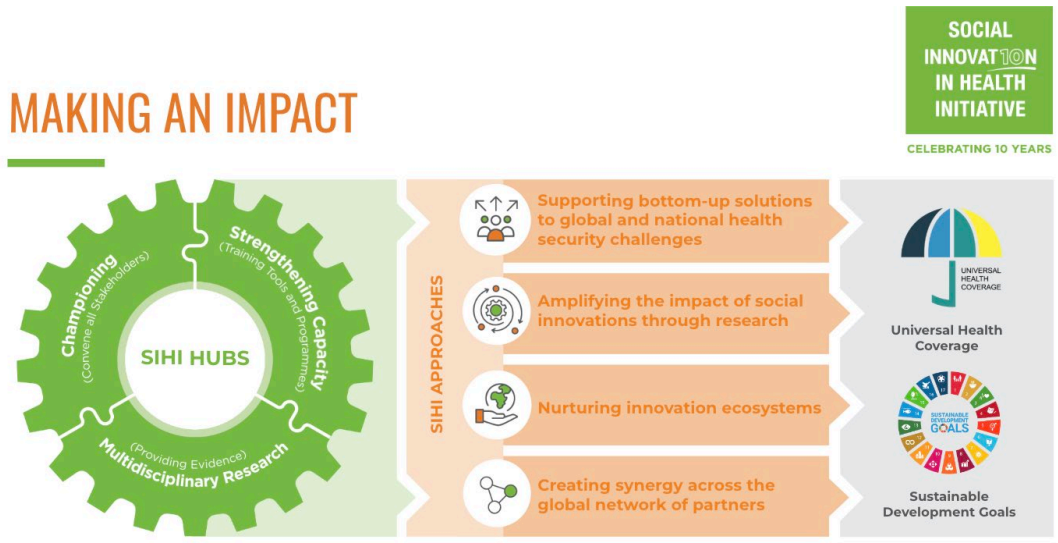

Figure 1: SIHI theory of change

Approach to ensure quality:

In addition to oversight by expert committee, quality assurance mechanisms include fact checking, peer review of concept papers, technical and copy editing by external experts identified and coordinated by SIHI Secretariat.

ER Objectives

ERObj-0024 : Promote and mainstream social innovation research, with an intersectional gender and social justice lens, in LMICs to accelerate UHC

ERObj-0025 : Foster an increasing number of research institutions in the global south to promote and advance social innovations to transform health care delivery.

Biennium Budget

Biennium: 2026-2027

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 140 000	USD 380 000
Designated funds	USD 400 000	USD 600 000
Total	USD 540 000	USD 980 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 110 000
Designated funds	USD 400 000
Total	USD 510 000

Biennium: 2024-2025

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario

Undesignated funds	USD 150 000	USD 400 000
Designated funds	USD 350 000	USD 550 000
Total	USD 500 000	USD 950 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 150 000
Designated funds	USD 322 000
Total	USD 472 000

ER Biennium Risks

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0347: Need to sustain partnerships and enhance new ones to sustain efforts and activities within countries and globally.

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Co-create, with the SIHI Network partners, ways to organize regular global and cross-hubs partner meetings to sustain support and reach out new organizations and leverage resources.

Mitigation Status:

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0293: Need for enhanced coherence, synergy and sustainability.

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Nurture SIHI Secretariat partnership development and fundraising activities. Foster innovative financing models.

Mitigation Status: On Track

ER Biennium Outputs

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0427: At least ten new partnerships (national and/or global) to sustain SIHI efforts (five in the 40 million scenario)

Output Indicator: New partnerships to sustain SIHI efforts towards addressing global and national health security challenges, including public health emergencies, climate impacts on health, and antimicrobial resistance

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0363: At least four new hubs / formal partnerships established (eight for 50 million scenarios)

Output Indicator: A growing country-lead network

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description: Three new hubs have been formally established in Kuwait, Caribbean, and India. At least 8 new formal partnerships have been established: SIHI Philippines (3): (i) Phil NIH (ii) St. Luke's Medical Center Health Equity and Research Foundation, and (iii) The Global Health Network. SIHI LAC (3) University of San Sebastian in Chile, NIH Colombia, University of West Indies in Jamaica. New south-north partnerships have also been developed with universities in the global north (Duke University, University of Melbourne, University of North Carolina).

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0362: At least five hubs have mainstreamed social innovation in their curriculum, institution or country (ten for 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Social innovation mainstreamed by hubs in country and research institution systems

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description: Social innovation programmes have been formally created and embedded in universities in Philippines and in Malawi. Social innovation training has been embedded in the hubs' institutions in China, Colombia, Philippines, Rwanda, and South Africa. Plans have been developed to do the same in all other hubs.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0361: At least ten related social innovation research studies conducted with innovators (15 for 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Social innovation research to (i) demonstrate impact on UHC, (ii) enhance innovations sustainability, and (iii) embed gender-transformative approach

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description: Gender transformative approach has been effectively embedded in social innovation research studies respectively in Colombia, Philippines and Uganda. A special supplement in the British Medical Journal launched in February 2025. Research to enhance social innovation sustainability have been conducted in China (5 studies), Colombia (2 studies), Indonesia (1 study), Philippines (1 study).

ER Biennium Outcomes

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0150: Mainstreaming social innovation research, with an intersectional gender and social justice lens, in LMICs to accelerate UHC in at least three countries

Progress made towards outcome :

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0104: Mainstreaming social innovation research, with an intersectional gender and social justice lens, in LMICs to accelerate UHC

Progress made towards outcome : SIHI 2024 main achievements • Institutionalizing Social Innovation in Health The University of the Philippines Manila's National Institutes of Health has taken a bold step in institutionalizing social innovation by launching a Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Health programme. This transformative initiative marks a significant milestone, transitioning SIHI's work from a hub-based model into a formal university programme. By embedding social innovation into the core of one of the nation's leading health institutions, this programme ensures that innovative health solutions will continue to be developed and sustained through academic research and training. • Empowering Innovators Across Borders SIHI continues to grow its impact with the expansion of its Fellowship Programmes. This year, 24 new fellows joined through the SIHI Uganda Fellowship, while a second cohort of the SIHI Global Fellowship Programme, led by SIHI China and supported by all hubs, nurtures more innovators ready to make a difference in global health. • Bridging Social and Tech Innovation for Heart Health The Heart4Health Hackathon in India brought together 25 teams of creative minds to tackle critical cardiology issues. These innovators developed impactful solutions to improve patient care, clinical reporting, and cardiac rehabilitation, demonstrating how tech and social innovation can transform healthcare. • A New Blueprint for Community-Driven Health SIHI published a new resource, "Participatory Health Research and Action: A Practical Guide on Designathons." This guide advances the goals of the Alma-Ata Declaration by empowering communities to participate in the planning of health services, ensuring that health innovation is driven by the people it serves. • Championing Health Equity in Latin America and the Caribbean SIHI LAC, in collaboration with PAHO, created the case compendium "Social Innovation in Health: Lessons for Moving Towards Equity." This collection showcases the transformative power of community-driven health innovations and collaboration in the Latin America and Caribbean region, underscoring the vital role of local solutions in achieving health equity. 2024 progress on SIHI expected outcomes In 2024, the Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI), coordinated by the SIHI Secretariat in the Philippines, continued to drive transformative changes across multiple countries. By fostering innovation through research, building partnerships, and empowering communities, SIHI made notable strides. Below are some of the most significant achievements from the past year. Institutionalizing Social Innovation: Creating a Sustainable Legacy Through University Programmes In 2024, SIHI laid the foundation for transformative innovations in health by formalizing its efforts through university programmes. The Philippines Hub celebrated the launch of the Programme on Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Health at the University of the Philippines Manila's National Institutes of Health. This initiative aims to serve as the country's leading catalyst for research and capacity-building in health innovation, integrating social innovation into healthcare systems. Pioneering Collaborations: Powering Health Solutions Through Partnerships and Research Collaboration is at the core of SIHI's mission, and 2024 witnessed significant partnerships. In Nigeria, SIHI worked closely with the Federal Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation to disseminate results from case study research on maternal and newborn healthcare initiatives. By connecting innovators with government agencies, SIHI ensures that innovative solutions are not only developed but also adopted on a larger scale. In Malawi, the hub supported the establishment of the Impact Health Catalyst Project, a collaborative effort between Kamuzu University of Health Sciences and the University of Melbourne. This project aims to strengthen health equity by connecting students, researchers, and innovators across a university-wide network to co-create impactful solutions to health challenges. The hub is currently collaborating with the National Commission of Science and Technology (NCST) to leverage the newly developed Innovations Portal. SIHI Indonesia supported selected social innovations through implementation research funded by the TDR Small Grant Award and research on intersectional gender analysis. SIHI Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) entered a new partnership with the National Institute of Health of Colombia. This consortium, funded by the Colombian National Royalties System, aims to develop innovative, participatory strategies for preventing and controlling cardiovascular and infectious diseases in rural areas. SIHI Uganda also held the 5th National Social Innovation Stakeholders' Workshop in Kampala in May, as well as a regional dissemination workshop in the Luwero District. These events provided unique platforms for interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration, bringing together representatives from government, academic institutions, innovators, and the private sector. Empowering Innovators: Building Skills for Social Impact SIHI has made remarkable progress in capacity-building, nurturing a new generation of social innovators ready to tackle global health challenges. In collaboration with the Swedish Embassy, the Uganda Social Innovation Fellowship Programme successfully equipped 24 innovators with the skills necessary to create lasting change. Participants gained expertise in project management, research methods, social entrepreneurship, and

environmental impact assessment through a six-month distance learning programme. The Heart4Health Hackathon in India brought together 25 teams of creative minds to develop solutions for critical cardiology issues. Over an intensive weekend, participants proposed innovations aimed at improving patient care, clinical reporting, and cardiac rehabilitation. Meanwhile, SIHI's Global Fellowship Programmeme, now in its second cohort, was led by SIHI China in collaboration with SIHI hubs worldwide. They co-created a series of interactive workshops, training over 500 participants from low- and middle-income countries. Through tailored grant-writing (grant-a-thons) and design-thinking sessions, SIHI fostered a vibrant ecosystem of innovators equipped with the skills and knowledge to drive change in their communities. Across the various hubs, more than 450 individuals have been trained in different aspects of social innovation in health and research. 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In Uganda, a recent call for innovative solutions in sexual and reproductive health concluded with the selection of top ideas for further development. Similarly, Nigeria's National Crowdsourcing Call identified three promising social innovations addressing maternal and newborn health, which are now set for dissemination and broader adoption. Knowledge Sharing: A Global Platform for Innovation SIHI China led global efforts to develop a Social Innovation in Health Core Competencies Framework, which maps the knowledge and skills required for social innovation and guides future training development. Additionally, they spearheaded the publication of a new guide on Participatory Health Research and Action: A Practical Guide on Designathons. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the LAC Hub, in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), produced a digital compendium featuring 17 exemplary social innovation initiatives. This resource showcases how communities are addressing health inequities, improving access to care, and enhancing quality of life for vulnerable populations. In the Philippines, SIHI launched InnovEx, an online platform dedicated to accelerating social innovations in health. The platform aims to positively impact the Philippine health system through collaboration and knowledge exchange. The Bayang Malusog (Healthy Nation) Exchange Group became the first community of practice established on the platform. Throughout the year, SIHI Talks, hosted by the SIHI Secretariat in the Philippines, continued to convene SIHI partners and potential collaborators worldwide. Notable talks in 2024 included SIHI Sweden's session on "Paving the Way for Integration and Health in Europe Through Social Innovation," SIHI Philippines' showcase of InnovEx, and SIHI Indonesia's discussion on "Practical Strategies from Implementation Research for Social Innovation." SIHI 2025 key achievements Three new SIHI hubs in Caribbean, India and Koweit New SIHI hubs were launched in (i) the Caribbean at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica, (ii) India at the Idian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) University, and (iii) Koweit at the Wyn Academy. They are operational, bringing their comparative advantages in innovation and research and working in close collabotation with other SIHI hubs. Launch of the BMJ Innovations collection on gender and social innovation A collaboration between SIHI and gender programme at TDR. This collection highlights the role of an intersectional gender approach in advancing research on social innovations in health. Developed in collaboration with TDR and the Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI), this special issue showcases how inclusive, community-led solutions are addressing health inequities. Publication of the "Youth co-creation for health: a practical guide" This practical guide is a resource for anyone working with youth in health programs and research. Developped by youth networks and organizations led by SESH (SIHI China) in collaboration with TDR and UNICEF, it provides a blue print to effectively engage youth in research and co-create effective solutions to enhance health care. New PhD course on social innovation launched at Upsala University, Sweden SIHI Sweden has successfully developed and conducted a PhD course in Social Innovation. The purpose of the course is to provide PhD students with a theoretical basis on social innovation and provide insights on conceptual and empirical research in this field. SIHI Uganda community of practice launched The Social Innovation in Health Initiative Community of Practice (SIHICOP), a collaborative platform led by SIHI Uganda was launched by Makerere University (Uganda) to foster peer learning, advocacy, and research in

social innovation for improved health outcomes at the 6th National Social Innovation in Health Stakeholders' workshop on 9th April 2025 at Hotel Africana, Kampala. A collaboration with TDR, the Swedish Embassy and national partners. 2025 progress on SIHI expected outcomes In 2025, the Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI), coordinated by the SIHI Secretariat in the Philippines, continued to drive transformative changes across multiple countries. By fostering innovation through research, building partnerships, and empowering communities, SIHI made notable strides. Below are some of the most significant achievements from the past year. SIHI Network Expanding The SIHI Secretariat is driving global expansion by brokering strategic partnerships and coaching new hubs to strengthen government-led, sustainable health innovation. The Secretariat plays a central role in establishing and nurturing new partnerships, ensuring that hubs are well integrated into national systems and aligned with SIHI's mission. Through quarterly SIHI Talks (link to come), the Secretariat convenes stakeholders, introduces partners, and fosters collaborations that reinforce government engagement and ownership of social innovation in health. In 2025, the Secretariat supported the launch of three new hubs: Caribbean (University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago): Emerging from partnerships brokered by SIHI LAC with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and academic partners, this hub extends SIHI LAC's reach into the Caribbean, strengthening government-linked, community-led innovation. India (Indian Institute of Health Management Research University): Established with Secretariat coaching to embed social innovation research and education within national health priorities. Kuwait (Wyn Academy): to advance accredited training, research, and community programmes in line with national needs. Through direct coaching and strategic alignment, the SIHI Secretariat ensures that new hubs contribute to government-led strategies for sustainable and equitable health innovations. Embedding Social Innovation: Building a Sustainable Legacy The SIHI Secretariat and hubs are embedding social innovation into national systems to ensure long-term impact. This includes integrating research, courses, and programmes within institutions, and—crucially—securing government support and collaboration. Philippines: In 2024, the University of the Philippines Manila established a Programme on Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Health to host SIHI Philippines hub, first established as a project in 2017. With the Chancellor's approval, a major mileston has now been reached towards establishing the Institute of social innovation and entrepreneurship within the National Institutes of Health, ensuring sustainability through institutional and national recognition. Uganda: On 9 April 2025, SIHI Uganda convened its 6th national and regional stakeholders' workshop in Kampala with 60 participants. Discussions emphasized sustainability through institutional integration, community ownership, local fundraising, and capacity building. Makerere University launched the Social Innovation in Health Initiative Community of Practice (SIHICOP) created and led by SIHI Uganda, to strengthen peer learning, advocacy, and research. Towards Equity: Gender and Social Innovation Thanks to a productive collaboration between SIHI and the gender programme at TDR, the SIHI Gender and Social Innovation microsite is now live on the SIHI website. It highlights the work of SIHI hubs in Latin America, Nigeria, Philippines, and Uganda in addressing gender dimensions of social innovation in health at the community level. Key outputs include publications from the BMJ Innovations Collection on Gender and Social Innovation. This platform provides evidence and tools to guide government, institutions, and communities in integrating gender equity into health innovation efforts. By providing evidence, tools, and case studies, it supports government leadership in ensuring that social innovations are inclusive, equitable, and responsive to community needs. Empowering Innovators: Building Capacities for Social Innovation In 2025, SIHI hubs and partners advanced capacity strengthening through diverse training programmes, practical tools, and collaborative learning platforms: New training courses SIHI Sweden: launched its first PhD course in Social Innovation (March–April 2025) with six students from public health, education, and gender studies. The hybrid course combined theory, interactive workshops, and co-creation exercises to integrate social innovation into doctoral research. SIHI Latin America and the Caribbean: finalized a new virtual course on Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) to be launched later in 2025, offering practical tools for inclusive and collaborative research. New tool for youth engagement Launch of the Youth Co-creation in Health Guide, co-developed with young people, UNICEF, TDR, SESH, and SIHI Global. The guide provides a blueprint for engaging youth in research and programmes, grounded in evidence from systematic reviews, crowdsourcing, and global consultations. Collaborative learning and innovation initiatives SIHI Uganda: Established the Social Innovation in Health Community of Practice (SIHICOP) in April 2025, inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University. Virtual sessions in May and June focused on project management and grant-writing, engaging academics, innovators, and policymakers. SIHI India: Organized a National Hackathon on Health Innovation (31 May–1 June 2025) with over 100 students, professionals, and mentors. The event generated low-cost, tech-enabled solutions for rural health challenges, with select teams advancing to mentoring and pre-incubation. SIHI South Africa (Bertha Centre): Delivered entrepreneurship bootcamps for 75 unemployed youth in the Western Cape. Participants developed solutions for mental health, addiction, sanitation, and childcare, and advanced to further venture-building and mentorship programmes. Together, these initiatives illustrate SIHI's commitment to equipping innovators, youth, researchers, and policymakers with the knowledge, tools, and networks needed to embed social innovation into health systems. Harnessing Crowdsourced Innovation: SIHI showcasing social innovations and supporting them through research New call in Nigeria 4 case studies in Uganda, (to come); SIHI hubs continue fostering and conducting research on social innovation. Examples are included in the Output section below.

ER Project Links

P26-01762: Promoting sustainability and institutionalization through network leadership and innovative partner engagements / SIHI Secretariat 2026-2027. Year 2026
PI Name : Meredith del Pilar-Labarda
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P26-01761: Enhancing Entrepreneurship among the youth through Social Innovation Research, Capacity Building, and Knowledge Translation in Malawi and Rwanda. Malawi Hub Year 2026
PI Name : Don P. Mathanga
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P26-01759: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda and Nigeria – Nigeria Hub 2026
PI Name : Obioma C. Nwaorgu
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P26-01758: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda and Nigeria – SI Uganda 2026
PI Name : Phyllis Awor
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P26-01757: Advancing Social Innovation for Health in Latin America: Strengthening Access, Equity, and Institutional Capacity to promote innovative global health research. Year 2026
PI Name : Maria Isabel Echavarrias Mejia
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P26-01756: Advancing Social Innovation in Health in the Philippines, Indonesia, and India: Sharing Knowledge, Strengthening Institutions, and Building Networks. Year 2026
PI Name : Meredith del Pilar-Labarda
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P25-01665: Impact of the SIHI Network and Hubs: An Overview of Innovator Perspectives, Institutionalization and Broader Effect
PI Name : Kathleen Loresche
Project Start Date : 01/09/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P25-01589: Management of the Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI) “In-Person Training on Team Building and Effective Communication”, University of the Philippines Manila, 26-30 May 2025
PI Name : Arturo Ongkeko Jr
Project Start Date : 12/05/2025
Project End Date : 30/06/2025

P25-01529: Transforming Healthcare Systems through Social Innovation and Impact Assessment in Malawi and Rwanda. SI Malawi year 2025
PI Name : Don P. Mathanga
Project Start Date : 05/03/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P25-01517: Promoting sustainability and institutionalization through innovative partnerships and resource mobilization. Year 2025
PI Name : Meredith del Pilar-Labarda
Project Start Date : 24/01/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01508: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership. SI NIGERIA 2025
PI Name : Uchenna Chukwunonso
Project Start Date : 01/01/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01507: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership. SI Uganda Hub year 2025
PI Name : Phyllis Awor
Project Start Date : 01/01/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01480: Social Innovation for Health: Strengthening Capacity and Collaboration across LAC Institutions. Year 2025	**PI Name :** Maria Isabel Echavarrias Mejia **Project Start Date :** 01/01/2025 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P24-01474: Supporting the Network for Social Innovation in Health in the Philippines, Indonesia and India. Year 2025	**PI Name :** Meredith del Pilar-Labarda **Project Start Date :** 01/01/2025 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P24-01467: Enhancing SIHI network sustainability 2025	**PI Name :** Beatrice Halpaap **Project Start Date :** 15/01/2025 **Project End Date :** 15/12/2025
P24-01439: SIHI Network: Communications Support and Blueprint Development 2024-25	**PI Name :** Tina Fourie **Project Start Date :** 15/11/2024 **Project End Date :** 30/11/2025
P24-01316: Transforming Healthcare Systems through Social Innovation and Impact Assessment in Malawi and Rwanda.	**PI Name :** Don P. Mathanga **Project Start Date :** 01/06/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2024
P24-01264: Payment for 5 pull-up banners – 2 for TDR 50th anniversary and 3 for Social Innovation	**PI Name :** Vanessa Da Silva Ferraz **Project Start Date :** 02/04/2024 **Project End Date :** 12/04/2024
P24-01231: Promoting sustainability and institutionalization through innovative partnerships and resource mobilization. Year 2024-2025	**PI Name :** Meredith del Pilar-Labarda **Project Start Date :** 08/03/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2024
P24-01222: Supporting the Network for Social Innovation in Health in the Philippines, Indonesia and India. Year 2024-25	**PI Name :** Meredith del Pilar-Labarda **Project Start Date :** 06/03/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P24-01198: Social Innovation in Health: Competency Mapping, Capacity Building, and Crowdsourcing Evaluation. Years 2024-2025	**PI Name :** Anna Fan **Project Start Date :** 29/01/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2024
P24-01196: Social Innovation for Health: Strengthening Capacity and Collaboration across LAC Institutions. Year 2024-25	**PI Name :** Maria Isabel Echavarrias Mejia **Project Start Date :** 25/01/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/01/2025
P24-01193: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership in 2024 and 2025 – SI Ghana	**PI Name :** [Phyllis Dako-Gyeke **Project Start Date :** 23/01/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P24-01192: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership in 2024 and 2025. SI NIGERIA Hub	**PI Name :** Uchenna Chukwunonso **Project Start Date :** 23/01/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P24-01187: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership in 2024 and 2025 - SI Uganda Hub	**PI Name :** Phyllis Awor **Project Start Date :** 19/01/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P23-01179: Enhancing SIHI network sustainability	**PI Name :** Beatrice Halpaap **Project Start Date :** 15/01/2024 **Project End Date :** 30/12/2024

P23-01107: Editing of a practical guide for designathons in health and health research

PI Name : Janet Neubecker
Project Start Date : 23/10/2023
Project End Date : 26/10/2023

P23-01055: To develop various communication projects for TDR Social Innovation in Health Initiative in 2023

PI Name : Tina Fourie
Project Start Date : 06/10/2023
Project End Date : 15/12/2023

P23-01016: Organization of meeting of the pioneer country hubs of the Social Innovation in Health Initiative Network (SIHI)

PI Name : Katusha de Villiers
Project Start Date : 10/08/2023
Project End Date : 10/11/2023

P23-00988: Provide brochures and posters design services for TDR Social Innovation in Health Initiative

PI Name : Tina Fourie
Project Start Date : 14/06/2022
Project End Date : 01/12/2023

P23-00940: Strengthening the coordination of the Social Innovation for Health Initiative Network and enhancing its sustainability and scalability through co-designing and co-development of innovative business models

PI Name : Arturo Ongkeko Jr
Project Start Date : 23/03/2023
Project End Date : 30/06/2023

P23-00935: Assessment of SIHI hubs and SIHI network operational approaches and identification of ways to enhance their sustainability

PI Name : Kathleen Loresche
Project Start Date : 14/03/2023
Project End Date : 06/09/2023

P23-00880: Publication fees for manuscript titled "Community Engagement Self-Monitoring (CE-SM) Strategy for Social Innovations in Health: Pilot Implementation in the Philippines"

PI Name :
Project Start Date : 09/01/2023
Project End Date : 13/01/2023

P23-00878: TDR Social Innovation in Health Initiative – Enhancing network sustainability and impact

PI Name : Beatrice Halpaap
Project Start Date : 16/01/2023
Project End Date : 15/12/2023

P22-00876: Reinbursement expenditure CIDEIM for Symposium Bogota

PI Name : Luzdivia Villa Hoyos
Project Start Date : 26/12/2022
Project End Date : 29/12/2022

P22-00669: To develop a communication course for capacity strengthening amongst researchers, social innovators and social innovation stakeholders

PI Name : Maria Hoole
Project Start Date : 14/06/2022
Project End Date : 01/12/2023

P21-00394: Enhancing SIHI network sustainability and coordinating SIHI/TDR activities

PI Name : Beatrice Halpaap
Project Start Date : 20/08/2021
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

P21-00363: Publication of the special collection “Social innovation in health” as a series of articles, blogs, and related content within the British Medical Journal (BMJ) family of journals

PI Name : Joe Tucker
Project Start Date : 07/07/2021
Project End Date : 28/02/2022

P21-00359: Mapping Ethics Committee (IEC/IRB) Practices for Engaging Communities in Health Research in Eastern Europe and Central Asian countries: social innovative models for implementation and transferring

PI Name : Bakhyt Sarymsakova
Project Start Date : 01/04/2021
Project End Date : 01/04/2022

the results of TB-related research

P21-00353: Community Engagement in Social Innovation: A Mixed Methods Analysis from the Social Innovation in Health Initiative
PI Name : Phyllis Awor
Project Start Date : 01/04/2021
Project End Date : 31/03/2022

P21-00352: Building evidence to facilitate effective community engaged research in Sub-Saharan Africa
PI Name : Arti Singh
Project Start Date : 01/07/2021
Project End Date : 30/06/2022

P21-00350: Community Engagement Self-Monitoring (CE-SM) Strategy for Social Innovation in Health
PI Name : Noel Juban
Project Start Date : 01/07/2021
Project End Date : 31/12/2022

P21-00339: Identification , synthesis and translation of good practices and evidence for engaging communities in research and social innovation in health care delivery for infectious diseases of poverty in sub-Saharan Africa
PI Name : Zewdie Birhanu
Project Start Date : 31/03/2021
Project End Date : 01/03/2022

P21-00194: "Innovator Journey" videos subtitled in French & Spanish
PI Name : Maria Hoole
Project Start Date : 01/03/2021
Project End Date : 20/02/2021

P21-00188: Copy-editing the Social Innovation Framework document
PI Name : Debashree Majumdar
Project Start Date : 08/02/2021
Project End Date : 18/02/2021

P21-00166: To produce the final version of a module on how to embed research in Social Innovation to be linked with the pre-existing TDR MOOC on Implementation research by developing a storytelling
PI Name : Maria Hoole
Project Start Date : 25/01/2021
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

P20-00150: Development of communication tools and branding strategies for the TDR SIHI M & E framework and the SIHI supplement in the Journal of Infectious Diseases of Poverty
PI Name : Maria Hoole
Project Start Date : 18/12/2020
Project End Date : 30/06/2021

P20-00056: Support to PAHO from TDR Social innovation for 3 awardees to participnat in Int. World Day at Paho
PI Name : Luis Gabriel Cuervo Amore
Project Start Date : 30/10/2019
Project End Date : 31/12/2019

C00032: Coordinating Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI) Partner network and SIHI global communications
PI Name : Meredith del Pilar-Labarda
Project Start Date : 01/05/2020
Project End Date : 31/12/2023

C00031: Building capacity and interinstitutional collaboration for research in social innovation in health the LAC region
PI Name : Nancy Gore Saravia
Project Start Date : 01/05/2020
Project End Date : 31/12/2023

C00030: Building Cross-Country Partnership to Advance and Enhance Research in Social Innovation in Health in Africa Malawi and Rwanda
PI Name : David Tumusiime
Project Start Date : 01/05/2020
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

C00029: To support Youth Social Innovation and Research in Low and Middle-Income Countries
PI Name : Weiming Tang
Project Start Date : 15/04/2020

	Project End Date : 31/12/2023
C00028: Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria, to disseminate social innovation in health in Africa in research partnership with Makerere University, Uganda and School of Public Health, University of Ghana	**PI Name :** Obioma C. Nwaorgu **Project Start Date** : 20/04/2020 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
C00027: School of Public Health, University of Ghana to disseminate social innovation in health in Africa in research partnership with Makerere University, Uganda and Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria	**PI Name :** Phyllis Dako-Gyeke **Project Start Date** : 15/04/2020 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2022
C00025: Research partnership to disseminate social innovation in health in Africa	**PI Name :** Phyllis Awor **Project Start Date** : 07/04/2020 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
C00023: Building Cross-Country Partnership to Advance and Enhance Research in Social Innovation in Health in Africa Malawi and Rwanda	**PI Name :** Don P. Mathanga **Project Start Date** : 01/05/2020 **Project End Date** : 30/12/2023
C00022: Expanding and Capacitating the Network for Social Innovation in Health in the Philippines and South East Asia	**PI Name :** Meredith del Pilar-Labarda **Project Start Date** : 01/04/2020 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
C00011: Consultancy to support the further development and implementation of Social Innovation in Health Initiative programmes	**PI Name :** Ana Gerlin Hernandez Bonilla **Project Start Date** : 22/02/2020 **Project End Date** : 31/10/2021
B80323: Social Innovation in Health Initiative review and analysis and follow up on the Benin Project	**PI Name :** Ana Gerlin Hernandez Bonilla **Project Start Date** : 02/12/2019 **Project End Date** : 21/02/2020
B80165: GRANT LOA WITH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP TO SPUR HEALTH, CHINA, FOR SPURRING SOCIAL INNOVATION THROUGH CROWDSOURCING: SESH CONSORTIUM STRATEGIC PLAN	**PI Name :** Joe Tucker **Project Start Date** : 13/05/2019 **Project End Date** : 15/12/2021
B80163: Communication services for Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI) supported by TDR	**PI Name :** Lindi Van Niekerk **Project Start Date** : 01/05/2019 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2021
B70113: GRANT LOA WITH UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MANILA FOR BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH	**PI Name :** Noel Juban **Project Start Date** : 25/01/2019 **Project End Date** : 30/06/2020
B70084: GRANT LOA WITH CORPORACION CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ENTRENAMIENTO E INVERSIGACIONES MEDICAS - CIEIM FOR STRENGTHENING SOCIAL INNOVATION RESEARCH HUBS IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES	**PI Name :** Nancy Gore Saravia **Project Start Date** : 15/01/2019 **Project End Date** : 30/07/2020
B60108: GRANT LOA WITH MAKERERE UNIVERSITY FOR STRENGTHENING SOCIAL INNOVATION RESEARCH	**PI Name :** Phyllis Awor **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2019

HUBS IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

Project End Date : 30/06/2020

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PI Name :
Project Start Date :
Project End Date :

ER Country Links

WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	Malawi	**World Bank Income Group :**	Low income
WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	Rwanda	**World Bank Income Group :**	Low income
WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	Uganda	**World Bank Income Group :**	Low income
WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	Ghana	**World Bank Income Group :**	Lower middle income
WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	Nigeria	**World Bank Income Group :**	Lower middle income
WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	South Africa	**World Bank Income Group :**	Upper middle income
WHO Region :	AMRO	**Country:**	Jamaica	**World Bank Income Group :**	Upper middle income
WHO Region :	AMRO	**Country:**	Honduras	**World Bank Income Group :**	Lower middle income
WHO Region :	AMRO	**Country:**	Colombia	**World Bank Income Group :**	Upper middle income
WHO Region :	EMRO	**Country:**	Kuwait	**World Bank Income Group :**	High income
WHO Region :	EURO	**Country:**	Sweden	**World Bank Income Group :**	High income
WHO Region :	SEARO	**Country:**	Indonesia	**World Bank Income Group :**	Upper middle income
WHO Region :	SEARO	**Country:**	India	**World Bank Income Group :**	Lower middle income
WHO Region :	WPRO	**Country:**	China	**World Bank Income Group :**	Upper middle income

WHO Region : WPRO **Country:** Philippines **World Bank Income Group :** Lower middle income

Expected Result: 2.1.1.2

Title: Impact grants for WHO regional priorities

Strategic Work Area: Global engagement
Workstream:

ER type: Continuing
Funding type: UD

Start date: 01/01/2018
End date: 31/12/2027

ER status: On Track
Comment:

WHO region: Global

Partners: All six WHO regional offices, country offices and institutions in countries as appropriate. HRP, AHPSR, PAHO, EDCTP and other funders in regions

Diseases: Not Disease-Specific

Review mechanism: Strategic review by scientific working group; small grants review by the regional office, TDR and external reviewers; and project review by regional external reviewers

ER manager: Garry Aslanyan
Team: Elisabetta Dessi
Number of people working on projects: 21

FENSA clearance obtained for all Non-State Actors? No
Justification for no FENSA clearance: This is done by each RO

TDR partnership criteria

Add value:	No	Use resources:	Yes
Align goals:	No	Address knowledge gaps:	No
Integrate mandates:	Yes	Build strengths:	No
Reduce burden:	No	Foster networking:	Yes
Increase visibility:	Yes		

TDR partnership criteria indicators

Objectives aligned:	Yes	Completed
Roles complimentary:	Yes	Each RO has huge network of staff in the regional and country offices that take on review, priority setting and dissemination of the result from each of the call and from each of the grant. This makes TDR's work reach every single region and country.
Coordination transparent:	Yes	Completed
Visibility:	Yes	Completed

Objectives and results chain

Approach to ensure uptake:	All impact grants calls will require inclusion of research update sections and periodic monitoring of research results will be conducted to assess and recommend potential update strategies
Up-take/Use Indicator:	At least 8 cases of new/improved solutions, implementation strategies or innovative knowledge resulted from research funded by small grants are successfully applied in DECs
Gender and geographic equity:	Preference will be given to competitive female candidates of small grant calls and to countries with less developed research capacity. Possibility of outsourcing some of the responsibilities to RTCs or other institutions in regions or engaging fellows from other RCS initiatives.
Publication plan:	TDR to enable publication of results from small grants in each region and bring this to RSG, Regional ACHRs and others, as appropriate
Up-take/use indicator target date:	31/12/2025

Sustainable Development Goals

No Poverty;Good Health and Well-being;Gender Equality;Reduced Inequality;Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Concept and approach

Rationale:	The integrated approach to strategic regionalization of TDR activities will ensure regional focus and increased visibility of TDR's new strategy, as recommended by STAC and the JCB. This expected result is a key activity that facilitates TDR's global engagement functions. It will also facilitate the engagement of WHO control programmes and research units at both headquarters and regional offices. This approach will: - Facilitate planning in a coherent way through networks and collaboration with regional offices, bringing together the different initiatives of TDR under an overarching approach - Foster the role of LMICs in research and priority settings in support to the development of better approaches for control of diseases, focusing on regionally identified research and training needs - Promote better integration on TDR's research, capacity strengthening and knowledge management functions
Design and methodology:	Each round of calls will be evaluated and verified before the next annual cycle is launched, collaborate with KMS focal points on research proposal writing training. Main steps of implementation will include: (1) Rounds of discussions with each regional office; (2) internal TDR prioritization of RCS and research priorities in each region; (3) request and review priorities list from each regional office; (4) Joint discussion and agreement on synergetic areas of interest to TDR and each regional office; (5) development and review of the call for proposals; (6) issue and disseminate calls for proposals through TDR and regional office networks; (7) screening and selection of the proposals; (8) funding and implementation of projects; (9) monitoring and reporting; and (10) results translation, publication and dissemination.
Approach to ensure quality:	scientific working group review, extensive internal TDR and RO input. Use standardised templates for call for proposals, reviews and follow ups.

ER Objectives

ERObj-0032 : 1. Financial and technical support for regional research, capacity building and knowledge management priorities.

ERObj-0033 : 2. Promote an enhanced collaboration between TDR and all WHO regional offices.

Biennium Budget

Biennium: 2026-2027

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 860 000	USD 1 250 000
Designated funds	USD 200 000	USD 200 000
Total	USD 1 060 000	USD 1 450 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 650 000
Designated funds	USD 200 000
Total	USD 850 000

Biennium: 2024-2025

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 1 000 000	USD 1 350 000
Designated funds	USD 100 000	USD 200 000
Total	USD 1 100 000	USD 1 550 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 899 000
Designated funds	USD
Total	USD 899 000

ER Biennium Risks

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0360: Instability and inconsistency of regional focal points

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Ensure broader engagement of other staff in regional offices and support and buy-in from appropriate directors in each regional office

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0361: Insufficient managerial and technical staff at the regional office

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Possibility of outsourcing some of the responsibilities to the regional training centre or other institution in the region or engaging fellows from other RCS initiatives. We also continuously visiting the ROs to keep in touch, engage them in the work of TDR and continue proving technical and administrative support.

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0315: Insufficient managerial and technical staff at the regional office

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Possibility of outsourcing some of the responsibilities to the regional training centre or other institution in the region or engaging fellows from other RCS initiatives. We also continuously visiting the ROs to keep in touch, engage them in the work of TDR and continue proving technical and administrative support.

Mitigation Status: Completed

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0314: Instability and inconsistency of regional focal points

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Ensure broader engagement of other staff in regional offices and support and buy-in from appropriate directors in each regional office

Mitigation Status: Completed

ER Biennium Outputs

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0450: Impact Grants calls launched, projects selected and funded in at least 5 regional offices (40M scenario: 40 grants funded; 50M scenario: 60 grants funded)

Output Indicator: Impact Grants schemes operationalized in at least 5 regional offices

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0449: Evidence of collaboration frameworks effectiveness based on successful joint projects and activities (for 40M scenario at least 5 regions, for 50M all 6 regions engaged)

Output Indicator: Functional collaboration frameworks with at least 5 regional offices established

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0386: Evidence of collaboration frameworks effectiveness based on successful joint projects and activities

Output Indicator: Functional collaboration frameworks with at least 5 regional offices established

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: WHO regional office collaboration is key to TDR's successful outreach, policy and other type of relationships with the entire Organization. As one of TDR's co-sponsors and executing agency, TDR's close and productive collaboration is indispensable for the successful achievement of its goals. The formal collaboration process has helped strengthen that collaboration in recent years. The impact grans help to maintain the functional collaboration and the over framework of relationship. All of regions are constantly involved with TDR's work, including, in 2024 input and support to the development of the new strategy and its dissemination to regions and countries. The relationship between TDR and WHO Regions is at its all-time high is extremely fruitful. Meeting of all RO focal point took place in Nov 2025, the reorganization at HQ and ROs ended in October, with the new of new structures in place in 2026, we are in touch with each RO to assess our working relationship going forwward in light of the changes.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0385: Impact Grants calls launched, projects selected and funded in at least 5 regional offices (40M scenario: 40 grants funded; 50M scenario: 60 grants funded)

Output Indicator: Impact Grants schemes operationalized in at least 5 regional offices

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: In 2024, several new calls were issued, including in the European, Eastern Mediterranean regions. The calls are under review and will be ready by the end of 2024. They focused on diverse topics, including aligning with the new TDR strategy and global challenges. The calls issued in 2023 in Western Pacific and South-East Asia regions resulted in 21 grants focused on NTDs, TB and other areas of interest in the region. It is anticipated that all projects will complete their implementation before the end of 2024. The call in Americas

region in 2024 resulted in 6 grants of multidisciplinary nature, most of them will commence their work in 2023 and 2024, although only 4 of them were finalized due to others having administrative and contract issues.

The review of impact grants launched in 2020 concluded with a report and subsequent dissemination of impact via the TDR stakeholders network. As a result of the review, a selection of ten impact grant stories are being shared via TDR's social media channels allowing for broader understanding and engagement. During 2022–2023, one such story in a month or every two months is being shared. Below is one example, focused on how impact grants support understanding the complexities behind antimicrobial resistance is presented. The call for grants in WPRO and review were finalized in 2025, to be announced in January 2026 and contracts made by WPRO in early January 2026.

ER Biennium Outcomes

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0162: Research capacity will be enhanced and research will generate region specific evidence and solutions for priority public health issues, by the end of 2027 in 40M scenario majority of high burden countries in each of the regions will be included and for 50M the number of projects will correspond to cover all key proposals

Progress made towards outcome :

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0119: Research capacity will be enhanced and research will generate region specific evidence and solutions for priority public health issues

Progress made towards outcome : in the last 5 years, the impact grants scheme supported research in 52 WHO partner countries. Over 150 projects and some still in progress, studying many aspects of tropical disease prevention and control. We are undertaking a review of the projects and research results and resources produced by the project teams which are at end of 2025. A report of review of all impact grants in the last several years has been completed, knowledge translation activates to resume in 2026.

ER Project Links

P25-01722: Coordination of administrative processes for a pre-conference Discussion Forum titled "Narrowing the Divide: Strengthening Research Ecosystems in Regions with Low Research Management Capacity".	**PI Name :** Nelisha Naidoo **Project Start Date :** 12/11/2025 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P25-01705: Two workshops organized by Health Systems Global: Pre-conference on research in Health Systems and Services and - Pre-conference of the HSG 9th Global Symposium	**PI Name :** David Daniels **Project Start Date :** 03/11/2025 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P25-01612: Coordination of administrative processes and delegates participation to the annual EARIMA Conference with the theme "Driving Research and	**PI Name :** E. C. Lyaya **Project Start Date :** 06/06/2025

Innovation for Socio-economic Transformation" in Entebbe, Uganda from 22 to 25 September 2025.	**Project End Date** : 07/11/2025
P25-01570: Coordination of administrative processes for 2025 annual SARIMA Conference	**PI Name :** Nelisha Naidoo **Project Start Date** : 15/04/2025 **Project End Date** : 30/11/2025
P25-01561: Assessment of the knowledge level regarding HAI and its application in practice by doctors of ICU departments in Yerevan - Armenia, 2024	**PI Name :** Romella Abovyan **Project Start Date** : 02/12/2024 **Project End Date** : 30/11/2025
P25-01560: Association of Nutritional Status of children hospitalized due to the infection, with Climate Change, Poverty and Antimicrobial Resistance	**PI Name :** Anna Grigoryan **Project Start Date** : 01/12/2024 **Project End Date** : 01/12/2025
P25-01559: Leveraging Digital Solutions in Primary Health Care: Barriers and Enablers of Adoption in Georgia's PHC Networks	**PI Name :** Nino Kotrikadze **Project Start Date** : 03/03/2025 **Project End Date** : 27/02/2026
P25-01558: Addressing HIV Disclosure Challenges: Pre-Implementation Assessment of a Decision Aid Intervention Among PLHIV in Georgia	**PI Name :** Tamar Zurashvili **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2025 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2025
P25-01556: "Optimization of primary health care delivery to the population residing among uranium dumps and tailing pits in Mailuu-Suu".	**PI Name :** Rakhmanbek Toichuev **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2025 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2025
P25-01555: 1. Prevalence and risk factors for transmission of West Nile virus among population of Ararat Valley, Armenia 2024-2025	**PI Name :** Karine Gevorgyan **Project Start Date** : 01/12/2024 **Project End Date** : 30/11/2025
P25-01554: The impact of HIV infection on treatment outcomes of patients with TB/HIV co-infection in Dushanbe for 2020-2022	**PI Name :** Saodat Qosimova **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2025 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2025
P25-01552: Assessment of the Impact of Climate Change on Vulnerable Population Groups in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic	**PI Name :** Marina Dusihenkulova **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2025 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2025
P25-01550: Assessment of Prevalence and Risk Factors of Intestinal Parasitic Infections Among Young Children in Turkestan Region	**PI Name :** Fakhriddin Sarzhanov **Project Start Date** : 05/01/2025 **Project End Date** : 04/01/2026
P25-01532: Management of TDR Small Grant Scheme for operational / implementation research in European region for 2025	**PI Name :** Bakhyt Sarymsakova (EXT) **Project Start Date** : 11/04/2025 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2025
P24-01509: Role of Intervention through Health Education towards Decreasing of Malaria Disease among Pregnant Women, Sudanese Family Planning Association, Elfaitih Elnour clinic El-obeid city- North Kordofan state- Sudan.	**PI Name :** Halima Tigaidi **Project Start Date** : 01/10/2024 **Project End Date** : 01/04/2025
P24-01388: Administrator, TDR Small Grants Scheme in the WHO European Region 2024-25	**PI Name :** Zarina Khamitova **Project Start Date** : 27/09/2024 **Project End Date** : 28/02/2025

P24-01285: Building the Profession of research Management through the Professional recognition of research managers III - scaling up teh IPRC Professional recognition programme for research management

PI Name : Nelisha Naidoo
Project Start Date : 13/05/2024
Project End Date : 20/12/2025

P23-01148: Pre-conference organized by Health Systems Global on Exploring the effects of climate change, conflict, migration and emerging diseases of poverty on Health Systems in Eastern Europe.

PI Name : Karen Stephenson
Project Start Date : 22/11/2023
Project End Date : 31/12/2023

P23-01064: Synthesis of results of TDR Impact Grants 2021-2023 into knowledge products

PI Name : John Michael Devlin
Project Start Date : 10/10/2023
Project End Date : 10/12/2023

P23-01059: Coordination of the facilitators and administrative processes at the WARIMA Annual Workshop and Conference at the University of Lagos, Nigeria from 29 January to 1 February 2023

PI Name : Dembo Kanteh
Project Start Date : 09/10/2023
Project End Date : 30/12/2023

P22-00862: Evaluating the Feasibility of Using Community Health Workers (CHW) to Conduct Contact Tracing via at-home STI Testing

PI Name : Coralie Noisette
Project Start Date : 02/01/2023
Project End Date : 31/08/2023

P22-00861: Strengthening working groups in Health and Science to optimize surveillance of the human T-cell lymphotropic virus in Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay

PI Name : Mirna BIGLIONE
Project Start Date : 02/01/2023
Project End Date : 28/06/2024

P22-00844: Administrator, TDR Small Grants Scheme in the WHO European Region 2023

PI Name : Zarina Khamitova
Project Start Date : 05/12/2022
Project End Date : 30/12/2023

P22-00680: Research Administrator, TDR Impact Grants in the WHO Region for Africa

PI Name : Adrijana Corluka
Project Start Date : 01/08/2022
Project End Date : 31/03/2023

P21-00266: What adaptations were made in TB response during Covid-19 pandemic in Georgia: health systems perspective on the implications for TB case detection and treatment provision.

PI Name : Lela Sulaberidze
Project Start Date : 01/06/2021
Project End Date : 16/05/2022

P21-00263: Understanding the uptake of TB screening services in Romanian rural communities: an ethnographic exploration of the implementation practice

PI Name : Fidelie Kalambayi
Project Start Date : 01/06/2021
Project End Date : 16/05/2022

P20-00003: Support to International Professional Recognition Council (based at SARIMA) for Building the profession of Research Management in Africa

PI Name : Latoya Mc Donald
Project Start Date : 01/09/2020
Project End Date : 20/12/2023

B80261: TDR Small Grant Scheme implementation in European region for 2019

PI Name : Bakhyt Sarymsakova (EXT)
Project Start Date : 18/10/2019
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

B80203: Review of TDR supported SmallGrants jointly administered with WHO Regional Offices

PI Name : John Michael Devlin
Project Start Date : 03/07/2019

Project End Date : 15/11/2021

ER Country Links

Expected Result: 2.2.1

Title: Knowledge Management, shaping the research agenda

Strategic Work Area: Global engagement

Workstream:

ER type: Continuing

Funding type: UD

Start date: 01/01/2018

End date: 31/12/2027

ER status: On Track

Comment: Publication outputs to be completed before December 2025

WHO region: Global

Partners: WHO technical programmes in AMR, HIV, Migrant Health
Country Offices
Duke University, USA
Policy Cures Research, Australia
Polygeia, UK
Digital Sciences, UK

Diseases: Chagas;Helminthiasis;Neglected Tropical Diseases;Zika virus;Other;Epidemics and outbreaks;Control and elimination of diseases of poverty;Climate change's impact on health;Resistance to treatment and control agents

Review mechanism: Scientific working group

ER manager: Robert Fraser Terry

Team: John Reeder; Elisabetta Dessi; Science Division (24)

Number of people working on projects: 10

FENSA clearance obtained for all Non-State Actors? Yes

Justification for no FENSA clearance:

TDR partnership criteria

Add value:	Yes	Use resources:	No
Align goals:	Yes	Address knowledge gaps:	Yes
Integrate mandates:	No	Build strengths:	No
Reduce burden:	No	Foster networking:	Yes
Increase visibility:	Yes		

TDR partnership criteria indicators

Objectives aligned:	Yes	see table above
Roles complimentary:	No	This work is mainly through collaborative partnerships.

Coordination transparent:	No	
Visibility:	Yes	Duke University and Policy Cures Research are leaders in their respective fields.

Objectives and results chain

Approach to ensure uptake:	1&2 Publication of results in reports and academic press. Create linkage with implementation agencies and LMICs ministries.
Up-take/Use Indicator:	Quality of applications to apply and use TDR tools and analysis of the neglected disease pipeline and OR/IR mapping reports
Gender and geographic equity:	Priority given to disease endemic countries. Gender issues one of the weighted selection criteria for priority selection to ensure equitable distribution of priorities. New methodological approaches developed to priority setting to ensure gender balance is achieved.
Publication plan:	Reports and academic publications
Up-take/use indicator target date:	31/12/2027

Sustainable Development Goals

Good Health and Well-being;Gender Equality;Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Concept and approach

Rationale:	Continuous identification of research and research capacity needs is key to inform stakeholder's strategies (HTM, WHO RO, funding agencies, countries). This applies to TDR's own portfolio of future priorities and to that of stakeholders. Mapping of health product pipeline and support for OR/IR are key to providing the evidence that underpins advocacy to support research for implementation.
Design and methodology:	Adapt and develop the TDR Portfolio to Impact R&D modelling tool as well as the methods to understand the funding available for operational research and research for implementation.
Approach to ensure quality:	Application of good practice in priority setting through the development of WHO norms and standards for staff managing health research priority setting.

ER Objectives

ERObj-0039 : Regular identification of research and research capacity needs is key to inform TDR's own portfolio of future priorities and to that of our stakeholders. TDR's engagement in this area ensures that its future priorities engage key stakeholders in disease endemic countries in setting the research agenda and ensuring research reflects their needs as well as guides stakeholder engagement.

Biennium Budget

Biennium: 2026-2027

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 85 000	USD 100 000
Designated funds	USD 115 000	USD 115 000
Total	USD 200 000	USD 215 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 65 000
Designated funds	USD 115 000
Total	USD 180 000

Biennium: 2024-2025

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 100 000	USD 100 000
Designated funds	USD 100 000	USD 100 000
Total	USD 200 000	USD 200 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 50 000
Designated funds	USD
Total	USD 50 000

ER Biennium Risks

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0357: Failing to follow good practice - failure to clearly define the need for such priority setting processes

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Engagement with stakeholders - feedback from donors e.g. ESSENCE group. adhere to WHO good practice guide.

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0320: Failing to follow good practice - failure to clearly define the need for such priority setting processes

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Engagement with stakeholders - feedback from donors e.g. ESSENCE group. adhere to WHO good practice guide.

Mitigation Status: Planning phase

ER Biennium Outputs

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0444: 2 reports published and/or resource established

Output Indicator: One research priority setting exercise supported per biennium

Output Target Date: 30/09/2025

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description: Work ongoing with the Evidence Informed Policy Unit, the Traditional Complementary and Integrated Medicine dept. and the NTD dept. on developing global research agenda

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0445: I report published and/or resource established

Output Indicator: Update the TDRexplorer resource that provides a search portal to analyse TDR supported research from 2009 onwards

Output Target Date: 30/09/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: TDRexplorer (http://18.156.166.55/) database shows the different research communities created and their associations, the countries where research was undertaken and if attribution was clear the publications that resulted from the research. An update has been provided to Digitial Sciences and a new platform and updated user portal will be published before the end of 2027.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0407: 1. Protocols agreed 2. Reports published

Output Indicator: Funding and publication analysis on the four global health challenges in the TDR Strategy 2024 - 2029

Output Target Date: 30/12/2024

Output Progress Status: Cancelled

Output Progress Description: Four reports analyzing data from the Dimensions database (https://www.dimensions.ai/) to analyze the publications and identify the funders of research in the four global health challenges: Outbreaks, Elimination of NTDs, climate and health and resistance to treatment and control as they relate to infectious diseases of poverty. These reports will provide baseline data in support of the implementation of the strategy. The reports were offered as a pro bono research by Digital Sciences but due to an internal restructuring on their side this offer was withdrawn

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0399: I report published and/or resource established

Output Indicator: Update the TDRexplorer resource that provides a search portal to analyse TDR supported research from 2009 onwards

Output Target Date: 30/09/2027

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description: TDRexplorer (http://18.156.166.55/) database shows the different research communities created and their associations, the countries where research was undertaken and if attribution was clear the publications that resulted from the research. An update has been provided to Digitial Sciences and a new platform and updated user portal will be published before the end of 2027.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0398: One support activity provided

Output Indicator: Provide technical support on request through regional offices to Member States engaged in health research

Output Target Date: 30/09/2027

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0397: 2 reports published and/or resource established

Output Indicator: One research priority setting exercise supported per biennium

Output Target Date: 30/09/2027

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: Global Research Agenda Traditional Medicine

ER Biennium Outcomes

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0159: Research mapping allows TDR to understand where it fits in the research landscape, spot trends and work to address gaps in knowledge where they are identified.

Progress made towards outcome :

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0158: Research priorities are aligned with country needs. Implementation research is highlighted as an appropriate tools in these research strategies

Progress made towards outcome :

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0132: Research mapping allows TDR to understand where it fits in the research landscape, spot trends and work to address gaps in knowledge where they are identified.

Progress made towards outcome :

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0131: Research priorities are aligned with country needs. Implementation research is highlighted as an appropriate tools in these research strategies

Progress made towards outcome :

ER Project Links

P24-01262: Map and analyse the outputs of research supported by and /or associated with TDR. Map and analyse research grants and outputs in the Dimensions database related to the new TDR strategy 2024-29	**PI Name :** Paul Sockol **Project Start Date :** 02/04/2024 **Project End Date :** 30/06/2025
P23-00941: To undertake selection and administration of funds to support cnadidates from low- and middle-	**PI Name :** Sabrina Kharmissa **Project Start Date :** 10/04/2023

income countries to attend the Cochrane London 2023 Colloquium taking place on 4-6 September	**Project End Date** : 02/10/2023
P21-00211: Piloting a Strategic Approach to Funding Product Development for Poverty-Related and Neglected Diseases	**PI Name :** Gavin Yamey **Project Start Date** : 01/04/2021 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2021
C00048: Copy-editing and proof-reading of the document + annex on research priority-setting	**PI Name :** David John Bradley **Project Start Date** : **Project End Date** :

ER Country Links

Expected Result: 2.2.2

Title: Capacity strengthening to bring research evidence into policy

Strategic Work Area: Global engagement

Workstream:

ER type: Continuing

Funding type: UD and DF

Start date: 01/01/2018

End date: 31/12/2027

ER status: On Track

Comment: This is a cross-cutting issue for TDR. The communication of research findings training is now being embedded into other TDR units and developed into online training. We are supporting in-country knowledge translation through development of new tools.

WHO region: Global

Partners: EVIPNet, IDDO, stakeholders in Fleming Fund (AMR), ISARIC, COVID-19 Clinical Coalition, Ministries of Health Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia. cOAlition S, CERN, GLOPID-R, Geneva Science-Policy Interface (Impact Collaboration Programme)

Diseases: Arboviruses;COVID-19;Ebola;Helminthiasis;Lymphatic filariasis;Malaria;Neglected Tropical Diseases;Schistosomiasis;Tuberculosis;Visceral leishmaniasis;Zika virus;Epidemics and outbreaks;Control and elimination of diseases of poverty;Climate change's impact on health;Resistance to treatment and control agents

Review mechanism: Scientific working group

ER manager: Robert Fraser Terry

Team: Elisabetta Dessi, John Reeder, Rony Zachariah and all TDR as a cross-cutting

Number of people working on projects: 100

FENSA clearance obtained for all Non-State Actors? Yes

Justification for no FENSA clearance:

TDR partnership criteria

Add value:	Yes	Use resources:	Yes
Align goals:	No	Address knowledge gaps:	Yes
Integrate mandates:	Yes	Build strengths:	Yes
Reduce burden:	No	Foster networking:	Yes
Increase visibility:	Yes		

TDR partnership criteria indicators

Objectives aligned:	Yes	Partnership with WHO and its regional offices, esp. AMR SORT IT
Roles complimentary:	No	

Coordination transparent:	Yes	Partnership with WHO and its regional offices, esp. AMR SORT IT
Visibility:	No	

Objectives and results chain

Approach to ensure uptake: The development and implementation of training to communicate research findings. The adaptation of existing knowledge translation approaches , for example EVIPNet, to ensure policy makers, researchers and knowledge brokers are brought together and work jointly on generating the policy. Partnership with organizations with a good track record in providing governance and infrastructure that supports high quality sharing of research data. Wrt AMR SORT integrate all activities with National AMR coordinating committee and close liaison with the WHO Country Office.

Up-take/Use Indicator: Monitoring and publication of outputs. Surveys of TDR-funded researchers and the impact of using our tools. Citation, surveys, tracking changes in funding patterns, changes in clinical intervention approaches. Impact on national policy esp. AMR SORT IT

Gender and geographic equity: Ensure policy brief development is undertaken with gender balance as one of the elements. Use the TDR gender tool for guidance.

Publication plan: Reports of the methodology and academic paper as appropriate; publication of policy briefs suited to the local context, language, etc.; publication on new open innovation approaches and their impact/improvement in the R&D processes evaluated; use of TDR Gateway publishing platform

Up-take/use indicator target date: 30/09/2025

Sustainable Development Goals

Good Health and Well-being;Clean Water and Sanitation;Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Concept and approach

Rationale: Continuous focus on translating evidence into policy is key in demonstrating the relevance of TDR's activities. The new evidence generated by research funded by or in collaboration with TDR, needs to inform the most effective delivery of disease control tools, strategies and policies. This will engage new stakeholders in countries such as policy-makers and programme managers. Providing the skills to effectively communicate research findings shows the short chain between undertaking implementation research and its impact on behaviour, decision making and policy. In this biennium we shall also work with the Evidence Informed Policy units in Science Division to develop tools and approaches to institutionalize knowledge translation into ministries of health.

Design and methodology: There are a large number of existing approaches to knowledge translation e.g. EVIPNet, SORT IT, WHO guidelines, work of the Alliance HPSR, Cochrane Collaboration, Norwegian Knowledge Centre, etc.; fewer established for research for implementation. Therefore needs consultation of experts and possibly a concept paper to design a 'new' approach. TDR will also develop and implement a training course to enable researchers to communicate research findings to decision makers to improve the uptake and potential impact of the evidence to change behaviour and policy

Approach to ensure quality:	Use of scientific working group and expert peer review. Review through research of the impact of the communication tools.

ER Objectives

ERObj-0040 : Research supported by TDR has relevance to country priorities as the research is used by other researchers, programme managers, communities and policy-makers to influence their behaviour, practice and policies. To achieve this requires a comprehensive knowledge management approach to ensure research is undertaken in line with best practice. The research needs to be openly disseminated and systems put in place to ensure managed sharing of data, reagents and research tools.

The appropriate ethical, technical and political challenges need to be appropriately addressed and researchers supported with training and infrastructure where necessary to encourage open innovation. Evidence must be synthesized and translated into other media to enable its communication and translation into new recommendations, guidelines and policies, which in turn must be translated into action through research for implementation. Existing approaches, such as the EVIPNet, open access publishing and novel mechanisms to fund R&D need to be supported and applied and new approaches need to be developed.

Biennium Budget

Biennium: 2024-2025

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 100 000	USD 100 000
Designated funds	USD 150 000	USD 150 000
Total	USD 250 000	USD 250 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 150 000
Designated funds	USD
Total	USD 150 000

Biennium: 2026-2027

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 85 000	USD 100 000
Designated funds	USD 150 000	USD 150 000
Total	USD 235 000	USD 250 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 70 000
Designated funds	USD 150 000
Total	USD 220 000

ER Biennium Risks

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0321: Lack of take up of the recommendations from reports/briefs by policy makers and programme managers.

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Problem endemic in clinical practice globally so the key is involving stakeholders from the beginning and identifying key, high priority areas where translation is needed and asked for by the disease endemic countries to ensure a strong pull for the work. Undertake evaluation/research to generate evidence on what communication methods work best, when and why

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0322: Resistance to data sharing from within the research community

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Implement good practice as set out in WHO guide. Develop good governance mechanisms to ensure equitable access in line with FAIR principles. Work across WHO particularly with Science Division.

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0358: Lack of take up of the recommendations from reports/briefs by policy makers and programme managers.

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Problem endemic in clinical practice globally so the key is involving stakeholders from the beginning and identifying key, high priority areas where translation is needed and asked for by the disease endemic countries to ensure a strong pull for the work. Undertake evaluation/research to generate evidence on what communication methods work best, when and why

Mitigation Status: Planning phase

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0359: Resistance to data sharing from within the research community

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Implement good practice as set out in WHO guide. Develop good governance mechanisms to ensure equitable access in line with FAIR principles. Work across WHO particularly with Science Division.

Mitigation Status: Planning phase

ER Biennium Outputs

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0394: - At least 10 evidence to policy activities undertaken and relevant reports published before 30 September 2025

Output Indicator: Support for researchers within LMICs to develop evidence to policy activities, attend conferences or undertake evidence synthesis.

Output Target Date: 30/09/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: In this biennium TDR will partner with the Evidence Informed Policy unit, Science Division to develop tools and approaches to institutionalize knowledge translation activities into ministries of health. This is a project funded by the Geneva-based funding group the Geneva Science-Policy Interface as part of their Geneva Science-Policy Interface. As part of its knowledge management function TDR provided stipends to enable the active participation at the summit for a number of practitioners from low and middle income countries. Ten stipends were awarded and this included Professor Valentine III Dones from the University of Santo Tomas, Philippines, Joanne Khabsa, Senior Research Assistant and AUB GRADE Center coordinator, the American University of Beirut, Dr Doris Ottie-Boakye from the University of Ghana-Legon and Ashima Mohan, the Campbell South Asia Director of strategic communication and policy in India.

Professor Dones spoke at three panels, including a plenary debate arguing against the motion that AI has the potential to fully replace humans in evidence synthesis – they won the debate 60% to 40%. Joanne Khabsa spoke on the importance of integrating contextual factors into guideline recommendations. Her study group have develop tools to assess the different sources of evidence to estimate the impact of cost, acceptability and feasibility on implementing a new set of interventions. Dr Ottie-Boakye chaired a session on bridging global evidence for local impact in low- and middle-income countries and Ashima Mohan ran a workshop on applying knowledge translation typologies to identify the best approaches for effectively communicating guideline recommendations.

TDR's Rob Terry also spoke about the impact of the new TDR training module, how to communicate research findings, this is an addition to the structured operational research we support (SORT IT). Plans are already underway to convert this module to an online course to add to TDR's suite of training resources.

There is one note of concern however. While 10 stipends were awarded two participants from Ethiopia and one from Nigeria were unable to attend as they could not obtain a visa for the Czech Republic. It is a common occurrence that holding global conferences in Europe and North America actually presents a major barrier and limits career development opportunities for participants from Low- and middle-income countries due to these visa issues.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0395: Development and use of data sharing platforms in the TDR target diseases

Output Indicator: Data sharing: 1. support for capacity building; and 2. implement WHO guidance.

Output Target Date: 30/09/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: Technical support is provided to TDR-funded researchers on request. A SORT IT course was dedicated to data reuse capacity building by supporting research utilizing data contained in the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory for Ebola and ISARIC for Covid-19 data. This also contributes to the global health challenge on emergencies and outbreaks - 9 papers are undergoing peer review on the TDR Gateway (September 2024).

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0396: Creation of at least 10 policy briefs, presentations to enable evidence uptake and inform policy and decision-making

Output Indicator: Embed knowledge management and evidence for decision-making into the SORT IT AMR programme

Output Target Date: 30/09/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: The communication of research findings module has been developed and successfully implemented in more than 8 different SORT IT courses, 3 of which were undertaken in 2024. The training has also been given outside of the SORT IT programme to other TDRs researchers working on seasonal malaria and in Ethiopia and Guinea working on NTDs See: https://tdr.who.int/activities/sort-it-operational-research-and-training/neglected-tropical-diseases-bridging-the-research-gap-in-ethiopia-for-universal-health-coverage. A short workshops given to MPh students at the university of Oxford in November 2025, and to students at the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp in March 2025. The online course was published on 25th September 2025 see: https://tdrmooc.org/courses/course-v1:TDR+COM700en+2025_Pilot/about

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0408: Publication

Output Indicator: Principles and practice of emergency research response

Output Target Date: 28/03/2024

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: Published: https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-48408-7?sap-outbound-id=9F7EBF6048F0597EBAB82FDB487B9F8FD61B12CE

TDR has contributed a chapter on research and data sharing during health emergencies to a new open access eBook entitled Principles and practice of emergency research response. This work aligns with TDR's new strategic priority area of epidemics and outbreaks.

The textbook, through learning modules, elucidates standards, guidelines, and practical considerations to improve future research response. The intended audience includes medical and public health students as well as practitioners in the field.

"I believe researchers must be on the frontlines of any outbreak," writes Bill Gates in the book's foreward. "It is the only way we can effectively identify, track, and stop a novel disease when it enters the human population."

TDR and WHO's Health Ethics and Governance Unit collaborated on the book's seventh chapter, which explores various aspects of data sharing, including mechanisms and legal frameworks for sharing research data. https://tdr.who.int/newsroom/news/item/09-09-2024-new-publication-principles-and-practice-of-emergency-research-response

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0447: Publish at least one policy paper related to data sharing and reuse. Hold at least one workshop. Contribute to at least one international working group on data sharing and reuse. Chair the DAC at Infectious Diseases Data Observatory

Output Indicator: Data sharing: 1. support for capacity building; and 2. implement WHO guidance.

Output Target Date: 30/09/2027

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0446: At least 10 evidence to policy activities undertaken and relevant reports published before 30 September 2027. In the $50 M budget this number of evidence briefs could rise to 20.

Output Indicator: Support for researchers within LMICs to develop evidence to policy activities, attend conferences or undertake evidence synthesis.

Output Target Date: 30/09/2027

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0448: Undertake at least one training/workshop. Creation of at least 10 policy briefs.

Output Indicator: Implement knowledge management and evidence for decision-making throughout the TDR programmes

Output Target Date: 30/09/2027

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: Training for one health approach to tackle AMR completed for 9 researchers in Ghana in September 2025

ER Biennium Outcomes

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0133: KM training opportunities will be provided through workshops, online materials and support for TDR researchers in the areas of: - Open innovation and new models of collaboration - Data management and sharing - Research dissemination and maximizing research uptake Support for testing new forms of open innovation, infrastructure knowledge management approaches will be evaluated for what works and why and new approaches will be developed through commissioned research. LMICs will be supported to develop research synthesis and policy briefs on issues related to infectious diseases of poverty, integrating TDR research activities (where appropriate) and convene decision makers to assess options for public health policy change. - LMICs recognize and utilize the value of implementation research in their health systems.

Progress made towards outcome : On track

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0160: KM training opportunities will be provided through workshops, online materials and support for TDR researchers in the areas of: - Open innovation and new models of collaboration - Data management and sharing - Research dissemination and maximizing research uptake Support for testing new forms of open innovation, infrastructure knowledge management approaches will be evaluated for what works and why and new approaches will be developed through commissioned research. LMICs will be supported to develop research synthesis and policy briefs on issues related to infectious diseases of poverty, integrating TDR research activities (where appropriate) and convene decision makers to assess options for public health policy change. - LMICs recognize and utilize the value of implementation research in their health systems.

Progress made towards outcome :

ER Project Links

P25-01687: Supporting the routine use of evidence during the health policy-making process: a pilot project of World Health Organization checklist	**PI Name :** Mukdarut Bangoan **Project Start Date :** 08/01/2024 **Project End Date :** 30/06/2025
P25-01590: Design services for the development of a slide deck	**PI Name :** Russell Holley **Project Start Date :** 12/05/2025 **Project End Date :** 14/05/2025
P25-01523: To undertake selection and administration of funds to support candidates from low- and middle-income countries to attend the 5th Cochrane Africa Indaba evidence-based health care conference, Nairobi Kenya, 14-15 May 2025	**PI Name :** Sabrina Kharmissa **Project Start Date :** 12/02/2025 **Project End Date :** 30/07/2025
P24-01449: Dr Jessani to provide knowledge management services to record a TDR online training course	**PI Name :** Nasreen Jessani **Project Start Date :** 07/01/2025 **Project End Date :** 09/01/2025
P24-01448: Dr Ashubwe to provide knowledge management services to record a TDR online training course	**PI Name :** Jacklyne Ashubwe-Jalemba **Project Start Date :** 07/01/2025 **Project End Date :** 09/01/2025

P24-01447: Dr Jamie Guth to provide knowledge management services to record a TDR online training course

PI Name : Jamie Guth
Project Start Date : 07/01/2025
Project End Date : 09/01/2025

P24-01427: Knowledge management services for delivery of communication of research findings training module 4 SORT IT

PI Name : Jamie Guth
Project Start Date : 03/12/2024
Project End Date : 07/12/2024

P24-01421: Design services for the development of a TDR online training course

PI Name : Russell Holley
Project Start Date : 16/10/2024
Project End Date : 31/10/2024

P24-01292: To undertake selection and administration of funds to support candidates from low- and middle-income countries to attend the Global Evidence Summit taking place on 10 - 13 September 2024.

PI Name : Sabrina Kharmissa
Project Start Date : 08/05/2024
Project End Date : 31/10/2024

P24-01263: Project manager to develop online training material for a TDR module on communicating research findings

PI Name : Jamie Guth
Project Start Date : 03/04/2024
Project End Date : 16/12/2024

P24-01248: Emergency preparedness and health systems strengthening to tackle Ebola and Emerging Infections in West and Central Africa – A Structured Operational Research Initiative

PI Name :
Project Start Date : 25/03/2024
Project End Date : 30/08/2024

P24-01229: Providing senior technical expertise for a Structured Operational Research and Training IniTiative (SORT IT) for emergency preparedness and health systems strengthening to tackle Emerging Infections and outbreaks in West and Central Africa

PI Name : Selma Dar Berger
Project Start Date : 10/03/2024
Project End Date : 01/07/2024

P24-01227: Providing mentoring and senior knowledge management expertise for implementing the SORT IT for emergency preparedness and health systems strengthening to tackle Ebola and Emerging Infections in West and Central Africa

PI Name : Jacklyne Ashubwe-Jalemba
Project Start Date : 11/03/2024
Project End Date : 16/03/2024

P23-00986: Providing senior technical expertise for a Structured Operational Research and Training IniTiative (SORT IT) for emergency preparedness and health systems strengthening to tackle Ebola and Emerging Infections in West and Central Africa

PI Name : Selma Dar Berger
Project Start Date : 15/06/2023
Project End Date : 10/09/2023

P23-00984: Structured Operational and Training Initiative (SORT IT) on emerging infectious diseases using data stored on the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO)

PI Name : Edwards Gibbs
Project Start Date : 28/06/2023
Project End Date : 21/06/2024

P22-00840: Articles processing and three year' maintenance for the open access publishing platform TDR Gateway

PI Name : Philip Dooner
Project Start Date : 17/10/2022
Project End Date : 17/11/2025

P22-00823: Payment fee Liberia ethics approval for the Ebola Data Platform

PI Name : Rachael Toner
Project Start Date : 11/11/2022
Project End Date : 16/11/2022

P22-00664: Invoice for publication "A blank check or a global public good? A qualitative study of how ethics review committee members in Colombia weigh the risks and benefits of broad consent for data and sample sharing during a pandemic"	**PI Name :** Author Billing Team **Project Start Date :** 10/06/2022 **Project End Date :** 17/06/2022
P22-00574: ORCID membership	**PI Name :** **Project Start Date :** 01/12/2017 **Project End Date :**
P21-00520: Exploring good practice in communicating global health research evidence and findings to influence behaviour and policy.	**PI Name :** Neil Pakenham-Walsh **Project Start Date :** 02/12/2021 **Project End Date :** 31/03/2023
P21-00163: Conduct a scoping review for WHO/TDR on knowledge translation strategies and approaches to measuring their impact	**PI Name :** Evelina Chapman **Project Start Date :** 20/01/2021 **Project End Date :** 19/03/2021
P20-00149: TDR Gateway	**PI Name :** Philip Dooner **Project Start Date :** 16/12/2020 **Project End Date :** 26/11/2021
P20-00009: TDR GATEWAY invoice July 2020	**PI Name :** Philip Dooner **Project Start Date :** 01/09/2020 **Project End Date :** 04/09/2020
B80331: Mapping TDR research outpts and their impact 2008-2019	**PI Name :** Paul Sockol **Project Start Date :** 01/01/2020 **Project End Date :** 31/05/2021

ER Country Links

WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	Uganda	**World Bank Income Group :**	Low income
WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	Sierra Leone	**World Bank Income Group :**	Low income
WHO Region :	AFRO	**Country:**	Ghana	**World Bank Income Group :**	Lower middle income
WHO Region :	AMRO	**Country:**	Ecuador	**World Bank Income Group :**	Upper middle income
WHO Region :	AMRO	**Country:**	Colombia	**World Bank Income Group :**	Upper middle income
WHO Region :	SEARO	**Country:**	Nepal	**World Bank Income Group :**	Low income

WHO Region : SEARO **Country:** Myanmar **World Bank Income Group :** Lower middle income

Expected Result: 2.3.1

Title: Collaborative networks and Global Health Initiatives (GHIs)

Strategic Work Area: Global engagement
Workstream:
ER type: Continuing
Funding type: DF
Start date: 01/01/2009
End date: 31/12/2027
ER status: On Track
Comment:
WHO region: Global
Partners: Major international donors and funders of research and research capacity strengthening
Diseases: Not Disease-Specific
Review mechanism: ESSENCE Steering Committee

ER manager: Garry Aslanyan
Team: Elisabetta Dessi
Number of people working on projects: 15

FENSA clearance obtained for all Non-State Actors? Yes
Justification for no FENSA clearance:

TDR partnership criteria

Add value:	Yes	Use resources:	No
Align goals:	Yes	Address knowledge gaps:	Yes
Integrate mandates:	No	Build strengths:	No
Reduce burden:	Yes	Foster networking:	No
Increase visibility:	Yes		

TDR partnership criteria indicators

Objectives aligned:	Yes	Objectives are aligned
Roles complimentary:	Yes	In ESSENCE, the roles of each funder and contribution area complementary.
Coordination transparent:	Yes	Coordination is transparent
Visibility:	Yes	Visibility of TDR and its partners are highlighted

Objectives and results chain

Approach to ensure uptake: All good practice documents will be field tested and consulted as part of their development. This will ensure quality of update. The update will include wide dissemination of the good practice documents among the

	ESSENCE agencies. In addition, reviews of agencies policies and practices will be performed to verify the uptake.
Up-take/Use Indicator:	Good practice documents are used by the agencies and policies are changed
Gender and geographic equity:	Gender, geographic equity and vulnerable populations are considered in the shaping and helping to shape funding agency policies through ESSENCE.
Publication plan:	At least one good practice document will be published each year
Up-take/use indicator target date:	31/12/2025

Sustainable Development Goals

Good Health and Well-being;Gender Equality;Reduced Inequality;Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Concept and approach

Rationale:	The Global Engagement role of TDR and its successful implementation ensure that TDR remains the choice for the Secretariat by members of ESSENCE. There is a continuous need to influence funding agency policies and practices to support TDR's research, RCS and knowledge management priorities and activities and, in addition, to engage with new stakeholders for the same purpose. Global Engagement will not be done on an ad hoc basis; it will be preceded by careful analysis of needs and scope of such engagement. Similarly, TDR will need to continuously engage with GHIs to allow the Programme to advocate for policy influence in the areas closely linked to TDR's mandate. Having conducted a detailed analysis of the landscape in its first phase, TDR will work with relevant GHIs as a strong technical, convening and policy partner. TDR will need to continue positioning itself in the global health architecture, especially at the time of the SDG era working towards 2030 goals where there will be a need to maintain focus on research on infectious diseases of poverty in line with the increased attention to universal health coverage.
Design and methodology:	For ESSENCE, regular identification of critical issues of common interest and systematic consultation between members and stakeholders to develop good practice documents, including: (1) identification of issues requiring funding agencies' collaboration; (2) analysis and survey of various information related to the issue; (3) drafting of a good practice document; (4) organizing a consultation to test the content of the document; (5) developing a final draft and getting endorsement of the ESSENCE members; (6) launch and dissemination of the document; and (7) monitoring of update and evaluation. For GHIs: (1) interface with like-minded GHIs based on the results from the analysis; (2) gather up-to-date and clear understanding of portfolios, activities and opportunities; (3) identify joint funding priorities; (4) implement join project(s); and (6) evaluate achievements.
Approach to ensure quality:	Documents are consulted and peer reviewed, training or other material reviewed and piloted. Meeting and consultations include external independent stakeholders, including STAC, SC and JCB

ER Objectives

ERObj-0041 : Engage funding agencies in policy dialogue in order to harmonize principles, policies, standards and practices related to research and capacity building in LMICs. Based on articulated TDR rules and the scope of Global Engagement with key global health and global health research issues to inform TDR's portfolio.

Biennium Budget

Biennium: 2024-2025

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD	USD 150 000
Designated funds	USD 300 000	USD 300 000
Total	USD 300 000	USD 450 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 335 000
Designated funds	USD 342 000
Total	USD 677 000

Biennium: 2026-2027

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD	USD 130 000
Designated funds	USD 300 000	USD 300 000
Total	USD 300 000	USD 430 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD
Designated funds	USD 300 000
Total	USD 300 000

ER Biennium Risks

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0316: Perception that the needs of LMICs are not well represented in the decision-making process of ESSENCE

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Additional efforts to engage LMICs in priority activities and dissemination. The annual meeting in Feb 2025 brought together wide range of funders, including from LMICs as well as wide range of other stakeholders from LMICs.

Mitigation Status: Completed

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0317: Requires intense and proactive TDR staff time and effort for the success of ESSENCE

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Staff are available and time allocated

Mitigation Status: Completed

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0365: If expectation of the initiative increase, there is a risk that TDR is not able to fully support the plans

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Staff are available and time allocated from TDR and funded by the funders

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0362: Perception that the needs of LMICs are not well represented in the decision-making process of ESSENCE

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Additional efforts to engage LMICs in priority activities and dissemination. Plans are under way to organize the annual meeting in Nov 2026, which will include wide range of stakeholders from LMICs.

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0364: Perception that the needs of LMICs are not well represented in the decision-making process of ESSENCE

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Additional efforts to engage LMICs in priority activities and dissemination. The annual meeting was organized in Feb 2025, which will include wide range of stakeholders from LMICs.

Mitigation Status: Completed

ER Biennium Outputs

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0390: TDR activities use ESSENCE documents as reference

Output Indicator: Case examples of TDR's research, RCS and KM activities benefit and are shaped by global health research and global health agenda.

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: The South African MRC, UK DHSC both included the capacity strengthening good practices documents in their strategic plans as examples.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0387: Two harmonized principles, policies, practices introduced and adapted by funding agencies and LMIC researchers/research institutions

Output Indicator: 2 tools and reports have been used to inform policy and/or practice of global/regional stakeholders or major funding agencies

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: the four approaches to supporting equitable research partnerships guide (2022) was presented at varoius meetings of ESSENCE and several essence members and LMIC agencies have used it in their policy and practice. The effective research capacity strengthening guide (2023) is also widely used and quoated.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0388: One pilot country initiates dialogue between funding agencies and researchers/research institutions

Output Indicator: Funding agencies will continue to engage in annual policy dialogue between each other and with LMIC institutions and pilot countries

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: The annual meeting took place in Feb 2025, despite the challenging environment for global health and global health funding. The agencies committed to increase their collaboration as way to address the funding and others challenges and came up with concrete steps, including increased WG participation, more frequited interactions on line and organizaing periodic webinars on specific topics.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0389: 40 LMIC researchers trained in good practice fields (60 researchers for US$50M scenario)

Output Indicator: LMIC capacity in key areas such as research management, M&E and other will be strengthened in close collaboration with funding agencies

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: The good practice document/guide focused on research capacity strengthening was finalized in collaboration with LSTM in in 2024 we organized two webinars in 2025 for partners and funders to further review how the good practices could be used. Similarly, the good practice document focused on equitable partnerships developed with UKCDR continues to be of use and interest to funders, research institutions and others. It was presented at 5 separate occasions to audiences, with particular focus on how equitable partnership is grounded in good research management practices, which could be supported by funders. And of course, the good practice documents on research costing and investing in implementation research were widely disseminated via various networks, conferences and webinars.

The Global Health Matters podcast produced 50 episodes in 2025 with scheduled episodes for the rest of the year. Season 5 of the podcast is being launched in October 2025 with the first ever recording LIVE at the WHS in Berlin. The episodes always include LMIC guests and the numbers of downloads, currently at 120K continue to grow. There is continued increase in social media engagement with TDR accounts due to the podcast, which allows TDR to be sharing all its work to much broader audiences.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0451: TDR activities use ESSENCE documents as reference (same for 40M and 50M scenarios)

Output Indicator: Case examples of TDR's research, RCS and KM activities benefit and are shaped by global health research and global health agenda.

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0452: Two harmonized principles, policies, practices introduced and adapted by funding agencies and LMIC researchers/research institutions (for 40 M 2 tools, for 50M 3 tools)

Output Indicator: 2 tools and reports have been used to inform policy and/or practice of global/regional stakeholders or major funding agencies

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0453: 40 LMIC researchers trained in good practice fields (60 researchers for US$50M scenario)

Output Indicator: LMIC capacity in key areas such as research management, M&E and other will be strengthened in close collaboration with funding agencies

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0454: One pilot country initiates dialogue between funding agencies and researchers/research institutions (for 50M scenario additional pilot)

Output Indicator: Funding agencies will continue to engage in annual policy dialogue between each other and with LMIC institutions and pilot countries

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description:

ER Biennium Outcomes

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0120: Funding principles, policies, standards and guidance documents are agreed and implemented by partners. TDR is partnering engaging with key GHIs and is seen as a key player in global health agenda.

Progress made towards outcome : ESSENCE members include some of the top funders of health research around the world. These include health research funding agencies, international health institutions, government research agencies, development agencies, philanthropists and multilateral initiatives. In 2024-2025, ESSENCE has engaged several new member agencies, including the United Republic of Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), the India Alliance on Research and the network of mental health global funders. A policy dialogue at the annual Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) conference engaged African health research funding agencies and identified strategic directions for potential collaboration. 6 Working Groups are working on various aspects of funding, including research management, IR, review of investments, etc.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0161: Funding principles, policies, standards and guidance documents are agreed and implemented by partners. TDR is partnering engaging with key GHIs and is seen as a key player in global health agenda.

Progress made towards outcome :

ER Project Links

P26-01753: ESSENCE initiative Secretariat 2026
PI Name : Lisanne Hopkin
Project Start Date : 20/01/2026
Project End Date : 19/12/2026

P26-01752: Analyst - ESSENCE on Health Research initiative 2026
PI Name : Nicolas Pulik
Project Start Date : 20/01/2026
Project End Date : 19/12/2026

P25-01721: Invoice to pay expenditures related to the staff travel to the World Health Summit in Berlin for the TDR GHM Podcast live event "Bridging the Knowledge Divide"
PI Name : Lindi Van Niekerk
Project Start Date : 07/11/2025
Project End Date : 11/11/2025

P25-01719: Researching for potential candidates for season 5 of TDR Global Health Matters Podcast
PI Name : Rana Sidani
Project Start Date : 05/11/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P25-01660: Equity and accountability in global health research: agents of change, actions for transformation
PI Name : Poppy Bardwell
Project Start Date : 15/08/2025
Project End Date : 15/12/2025

P25-01603: Leveraging Global Health Matter guest insights to reach the next level of external engagement and promotion - Season 5
PI Name : Paul Jensen
Project Start Date : 01/06/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P25-01588: Cross host and feature 20 TDR Global Health Matters Podcasts Season 5
PI Name : Elaine Fletcher
Project Start Date : 08/05/2025
Project End Date : 15/12/2025

P25-01582: Invoices to pay subscription newsletters to Geneva Health Files and social media promotion of TDR Podcast Global Health Matters.
PI Name : Priti Patnaik
Project Start Date : 01/05/2025
Project End Date : 08/05/2025

P25-01577: TDR Global Health Matters Social media and marketing
PI Name : Lindi Van Niekerk
Project Start Date : 22/04/2025
Project End Date : 30/05/2025

P25-01572: Analyst - ESSENCE on Health Research initiative 2025
PI Name : Nicolas Pulik
Project Start Date : 07/04/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P25-01569: TDR Podcast Analyst (episode proposals) Season 5
PI Name : Priti Patnaik
Project Start Date : 01/04/2025
Project End Date : 01/09/2025

P25-01566: TDR Podcast Specialist (technology) Season 5
PI Name : Obadiah George
Project Start Date : 01/04/2025
Project End Date : 15/12/2025

P25-01565: Researching for potential candidates for season 5 of TDR Global Health Matters Podcast
PI Name : Priya Shetty
Project Start Date : 24/03/2025
Project End Date : 25/04/2025

P25-01533: Production and dissemination for TDR Global Health Matters Podcast Season 5
PI Name : Lindi Van Niekerk
Project Start Date : 16/05/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01459: ESSENCE initiative Secretariat 2025

PI Name : Lisanne Hopkin
Project Start Date : 01/01/2025
Project End Date : 15/12/2025

P24-01339: Global Health Matter Podcast Interseason communications campaign

PI Name : Lindi Van Niekerk
Project Start Date : 10/07/2024
Project End Date : 15/07/2024

P24-01294: Coordination of administrative processes and delegates participation to the annual EARIMA Conference, Theme of the conference “African Perspectives on Research and Innovation Management” Zanzibar, Tanzania, 17 to 19 August 2024.

PI Name : E. C. Lyaya
Project Start Date : 13/05/2024
Project End Date : 30/09/2024

P24-01293: Invoices for promotion of the Global Health Matters Podcast in Geneva Health Files newsletter and twitter 2024-25

PI Name : Priti Patnaik
Project Start Date : 08/05/2024
Project End Date : 15/05/2024

P24-01289: Cross host and feature 14 TDR Global Health Matters podcasts Season 4

PI Name : Elaine Fletcher
Project Start Date : 13/05/2024
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01271: Coordination of administrative processes and delegates participation to the annual SARIMA Conference, including the workshop “Future proofing the Professional competency framework for research management” Maputo Mozambique 3 to 5 September 2024

PI Name : Nelisha Naidoo
Project Start Date : 15/04/2024
Project End Date : 30/09/2024

P24-01232: Provision of Food and Audio visual for the TDR Satellite session: Global Health Communication: Skills to disrupt knowledge hierarchies and silos, during the Consortium of University for Global Health (CUGH) conference 2024.

PI Name : Tracey Perfetti
Project Start Date : 06/03/2024
Project End Date : 13/03/2024

P24-01223: Publication fees for article titled "The process of developing a joint theory of change across three global entities: can this help to make their efforts to strengthen capacity for implementation research more effective?"

PI Name :
Project Start Date : 05/03/2024
Project End Date : 08/03/2024

P24-01209: Ads for The Global Health Matters podcast into Global Dispatches'Podcast

PI Name : MARK Goldberg
Project Start Date : 08/04/2024
Project End Date : 31/05/2024

P24-01189: TDR Global Health Matters production and dissemination Season 4

PI Name : Lindi Van Niekerk
Project Start Date : 19/01/2024
Project End Date : 31/12/2024

P23-01183: Leveraging Global Health Matter guest insights to reach the next level of external engagement and promotion - Season 4

PI Name : Paul Jensen
Project Start Date : 08/01/2024
Project End Date : 15/06/2024

P23-01180: To assist TDR in various activities of the Secretariat and the ESSENCE workplan for 2024

PI Name : Lisanne Hopkin
Project Start Date : 01/01/2024

	Project End Date : 15/12/2024
P23-01173: Invoice payment for TDR Satellite session during CUDH2024	**PI Name :** Sarah McKee **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2024 **Project End Date** : 08/01/2024
P23-01147: Set of photos for Global Health Matters Podcast	**PI Name :** Niels Ackermann **Project Start Date** : 20/11/2023 **Project End Date** : 23/11/2023
P23-01096: Author interviews for TDR Global Health Matters podcast Season 4	**PI Name :** Priya Shetty **Project Start Date** : 20/10/2023 **Project End Date** : 15/12/2023
P23-01094: TDR Podcast Analyst (episode proposals) Season 4	**PI Name :** Priti Patnaik **Project Start Date** : 30/10/2023 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
P23-01091: TDR Podcast Specialist (technology) Season 4	**PI Name :** Obadiah George **Project Start Date** : 24/10/2023 **Project End Date** : 24/06/2024
P23-01034: Assist TDR with various activities of the ESSENCE initiative Secretariat	**PI Name :** Lisanne Hopkin **Project Start Date** : 14/09/2023 **Project End Date** : 20/12/2023
P23-00944: Writing and editing support for Global Health Matters podcast Season 3	**PI Name :** Heather Paterson **Project Start Date** : 03/03/2023 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
P23-00938: Global Health Matters series – collaboration for the cross hosting, featuring and promotion of 14 TDR Global Health Matters Podcasts Season 3	**PI Name :** Elaine Fletcher **Project Start Date** : 21/03/2023 **Project End Date** : 15/12/2023
P23-00921: Communication services for the Global Health Matters TDR Podcast Season 3	**PI Name :** Lindi Van Niekerk **Project Start Date** : 01/03/2023 **Project End Date** : 15/12/2023
P22-00871: ESSENCE initiative Secretariat	**PI Name :** Abiodun Oluwakemi Oladapo **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2023 **Project End Date** : 27/05/2023
P22-00867: Author interviews for TDR Global Health Matters podcast series 3	**PI Name :** Priya Shetty **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2023 **Project End Date** : 15/12/2023
P22-00850: TDR Podcast Specialist (technology) Season 3	**PI Name :** Obadiah George **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2023 **Project End Date** : 15/12/2023
P22-00829: Support for the International network of research management societies (INORMS) 2023 Congress in Durban, South Africa	**PI Name :** Latoya Mc Donald **Project Start Date** : 05/12/2022 **Project End Date** : 30/09/2023

P22-00826: Global Health Matters TDR Podcast Promotion in Latin America and the Caribbean

PI Name : Lindi Van Niekerk
Project Start Date : 05/12/2022
Project End Date : 28/02/2023

P22-00820: TDR Podcast Analyst (episode proposals) season 3

PI Name : Priti Patnaik
Project Start Date : 15/11/2022
Project End Date : 30/04/2023

P22-00801: Coordination of the facilitators and administrative processes at the WARIMA Annual Training Workshop and Conference in The Gambia from 16 to 19 January 2023

PI Name : Dembo Kanteh
Project Start Date : 14/11/2022
Project End Date : 15/02/2023

P22-00798: Printing of Podcast postcards for LAC Promotion

PI Name :
Project Start Date : 14/10/2022
Project End Date : 19/10/2022

P22-00792: Strategic partnership between BMJ and ESSENCE at the inaugural BMJ Research Forum 2022

PI Name : Jessica Gatehouse
Project Start Date : 20/10/2022
Project End Date : 20/12/2022

P22-00635: Support TDR on ESSENCE Research Management Working Group activities

PI Name : Amen-Patrick Nwosu
Project Start Date : 02/05/2022
Project End Date : 02/12/2022

P22-00604: Cross host and feature 14 TDR Global Health Matters podcasts

PI Name : Elaine Fletcher
Project Start Date : 14/03/2022
Project End Date : 28/02/2023

P22-00591: Annual Subscription to Geneva Health Files Newsletter and Twitter space, for the Promotion of the Global Health Matters Podcast

PI Name : Priti Patnaik
Project Start Date : 21/02/2022
Project End Date : 31/12/2023

P22-00588: Detailed scoping research on international clinical trials infrastructure

PI Name : Martin Eigbike
Project Start Date : 23/02/2022
Project End Date : 31/03/2023

P21-00523: Global Health Matters photos and portraits for Dr Aslanyan

PI Name : Niels Ackermann
Project Start Date : 01/12/2021
Project End Date : 08/12/2021

P21-00285: Adapt the ESSENCE good practice document on research costing to Portuguese speaking countries research settings

PI Name : Fabio Zicker
Project Start Date : 05/05/2021
Project End Date : 30/10/2021

P20-00073: TDR Podcast Specialist (technology)

PI Name : Obadiah George
Project Start Date : 20/11/2020
Project End Date : 30/11/2021

P20-00001: Dissemination of the ESSENCE Good Practice document: Five Keys to research costing in Low- and Middle-income countries

PI Name : Latoya Mc Donald
Project Start Date : 20/08/2020
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

C00004: ESSENCE initiative secretariat work

PI Name : Abiodun Oluwakemi Oladapo
Project Start Date : 30/06/2020
Project End Date : 24/12/2022

B80254: Support for an ESSENCE/WHO (TDR)/SARIMA workshop to INORMS 2020 Congress, Hiroshima, Japan

PI Name : Latoya Mc Donald
Project Start Date : 11/10/2019
Project End Date : 30/09/2022

ER Country Links

Expected Result: 2.3.3

Title: TDR Global - the community of former trainees, grantees and experts

Strategic Work Area: Global engagement
Workstream:

ER type: Continuing
Funding type: UD

Start date: 01/01/2020
End date: 31/12/2027

ER status: On Track
Comment:

WHO region: Global

Partners: CIDEIM (reg. node for Latin-America), University of Ghana (reg. node for Africa), Yogyakarta University (reg. node for Asia), Armauer Hansen Research Institute (Ethiopia), Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA), LSHTM (UK), SESH (China).

Diseases: Not Disease-Specific

Review mechanism: Ad hoc external review group consisting of two SWG members and two other members of the TDR Global community with expertise in network management, meeting via teleconference quarterly.

ER manager: Mihai MIHUT

Team: Michael Mihut (manager), Elisabetta Dessi, Mary Maier, Anna Thorson, Christine Halleux, Makiko Kitamura, Mariam Otmani, Cathrine Thorstensen

Number of people working on projects: 25

FENSA clearance obtained for all Non-State Actors? Yes

Justification for no FENSA clearance:

TDR partnership criteria

Add value:	Yes	Use resources:	Yes
Align goals:	Yes	Address knowledge gaps:	Yes
Integrate mandates:	Yes	Build strengths:	Yes
Reduce burden:	No	Foster networking:	Yes
Increase visibility:	Yes		

TDR partnership criteria indicators

Objectives aligned:	Yes	TDR objectives are the ones served through TDR Global activities. Partners' objectives are facilitated by working with TDR Global.
Roles complimentary:	Yes	Local nodes provide expertise and direct contact with people in the field, in their language, and they take over significant workload from TDR staff
Coordination transparent:	Yes	TDR coordination of overall activities, and regional coordination of local activities

Visibility:	Yes	Making TDR visible in countries and regions through former trainees and grantees

Objectives and results chain

Approach to ensure uptake: The main challenge, identified since the design phase of TDR Global, has remained community engagement and uptake by users. We tested over ten different tools for engagement, and we utilize those that are most adapted to the type of activity envisaged and that are the most effective and efficient. We will further emphasize institutional involvement and alignment in support of TDR research and capacity strengthening activities at country level, to provide better sustainability to these initiatives and to foster ideas for collaboration and mentorship.

Up-take/Use Indicator: Institutions and researchers are utilizing the TDR Global community to identify talent and build collaborations in areas of interest; TDR Global members' careers are advancing.

Gender and geographic equity: The advisory group is made up of three women and one man. One of the main topics for engagement is gender equity, and helping women researchers in their careers. TDR Global encourages South-South and North-South collaboration, mentorship and knowledge sharing.

Publication plan: HERMES II - Second edition of the guide supporting institutional mentorship and on how to focus on equity for marginalized groups and minorities

TDR Women in Science II - revised to add four new profiles and update previous profiles - improved language and geographical diversity

Scientific paper: Kpokiri EE, McDonald K, Abraha YG, et al. Health research mentorship in low-income and middle-income countries: a global qualitative evidence synthesis of data from a crowdsourcing open call and scoping review. BMJ Glob Health 2024;9:e011166. doi:10.1136/bmjgh-2022-011166

Video diaries of TDR Global members: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKXpeXTY9Pc&t=9s

Up-take/use indicator target date: 31/12/2025

Sustainable Development Goals

Good Health and Well-being;Gender Equality;Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Concept and approach

Rationale: Over its 50-year history, TDR has built and supported a vast pool of human resources to address infectious diseases of poverty through research and training. This is the TDR Global community. The goal of the TDR Global initiative is to harness this global community in engendering new and expanded collaborations for research and training on infectious diseases of poverty.

Design and methodology: TDR Global is mapping the expertise of its members, who are recipients of TDR training or research grants as well as worldwide experts who have served on TDR committees. The first phase involved the development of a web-based platform and the piloting of several different engagement tools (TDR Talks, webinars, email, LinkedIn group discussions, problem-solving workshops, crowdsourcing tool, internship, thematic mobilizations, country-focused mobilizations, TDR Global champions, etc.). Tools, such as the Discovery platform or the HERMES institutional mentorship guide, were created and refined for engaging community members into new collaborations, e.g. to create mentorship programmes, identify expert reviewers, engage in online consultations or discussions on key thematic areas, and catalyse potential research partnerships across the globe. The regional approach in Africa, Asia and the Americas is completed by country-level activities.

Approach to ensure quality:	An external review group is reviewing the plans, the activities and the implementation of the TDR Global project. Two of the four group members are also members of the TDR Scientific Working Group. The group meets quarterly to receive updates from all implementing parties and review implementation and new proposals. An external review of the TDR Global initiative was performed in 2024 by the group.

ER Objectives

ERObj-0042 : 1. Tracking the careers of current and former grantees, trainees and expert advisers

ERObj-0043 : 2. Map specific expertise

ERObj-0044 : 3. Enhance collaborations, including current and former grantees, trainees and expert advisers, with a focus on equity

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Biennium Budget

Biennium: 2024-2025

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 300 000	USD 500 000
Designated funds	USD	USD
Total	USD 300 000	USD 500 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 300 000
Designated funds	USD
Total	USD 300 000

Biennium: 2026-2027

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 240 000	USD 400 000
Designated funds	USD 50 000	USD 50 000
Total	USD 290 000	USD 450 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 180 000
Designated funds	USD 50 000
Total	USD 230 000

ER Biennium Risks

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0294: A platform requiring extensive human resources may affect its sustainability, especially in situations of limited resources

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Identify resources that can work on this project in an efficient manner (e.g. RTCs, universities, other) and prepare contingency plan

Mitigation Status: Completed

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0295: Decentralizing TDR Global to regional training centres may affect its sustainability and quality and decouple it from TDR activities that TDR Global should be supporting

Actions To Mitigate Risk: 1. Conduct a review of TDR Global with the aim of identifying options for moving forward.

2. Until then, decentralize functions that can be done locally (user management, local activities)

Mitigation Status: Delayed

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0296: TDR community does not populate their data into TDR Global which may impact the ability: i) to assess the impact of TDR's grants on their careers; and ii) of platform users to find specific expertise and establish collaborations

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Login and registration in the system are now mandatory for new TDR direct grantees / trainees; focus on regional support to steer TDR Global members to complete their profile as part of community engagement exercises, country-based mobilizations, etc.

Mitigation Status: Delayed

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0350: A platform requiring extensive human resources may affect its sustainability, especially in situations of limited resources

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Identify resources that can work on this project in an efficient manner (e.g. RTCs, universities, other) and prepare contingency plan

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0351: TDR community does not populate their data into TDR Global which may impact the ability: i) to assess the impact of TDR's grants on their careers; and ii) of platform users to find specific expertise and establish collaborations

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Login and registration in the system are now mandatory for new TDR direct grantees / trainees; focus on regional support to steer TDR Global members to complete their profile as part of community engagement exercises, country-based mobilizations, etc. Identified large gaps in the categories invited to create a profile - needs to be addressed in 2026

Mitigation Status: On Track

ER Biennium Outputs

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0364: Thematic mobilization activities as well as region or country-based mobilization activities that engage the TDR Global community are taking place and TDR projects are supported (3 for 40 million scenario, 6 for 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Community engagement activities are implemented in support of TDR research and capacity strengthening activities

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description: Activities at global and regional levels included managing membership, organizing events for TDR's 50th anniversary, publishing an expanded edition of the Women in Science compendium, and facilitating mentorship collaboration. We monitored progress of HERMES guide pilots with finalists and other institutions, collecting feedback to inform its next revision. This includes insights from TDR partner institutions in research capacity strengthening. Lessons from finalists of the Focus on Equity call, testing gender and age equity in mentorship, have contributed to the HERMES guide revision in collaboration with the Gender and Intersectionality area. The updated guide has been delayed to Q1 2026.

The Ethiopia country node at AHRI celebrated TDR's anniversary with 76 participants (1), including past and present TDR fellows, who shared their experiences of TDR's impact. Dr. Dilnesaw Yehualaw highlighted TDR's role in developing Jimma University's Tropical and Infectious Disease Research Center. TDR Director Dr. John Reeder noted the longstanding relationship between TDR and AHRI, with key figures such as Dr. Tore Godal and Dr. Abraham Aseffa contributing to both organizations' growth. Collaborative work on mentorship and intersectional gender research was also presented.

TDR's 50th anniversary photo contest in 2023 saw numerous submissions in three categories. Finalists were selected by an expert panel, and winning photos were showcased during 2024 anniversary activities. Regional nodes selected researchers to attend the McGill Summer Institutes in Global Health: in 2025, ten students from the TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme in Africa and ten from the Latin American and Caribbean

region were sponsored to attend the course "One Health Approaches to Infectious Disease Control". Sponsorship or discounts were offered by the TDR Global regional nodes. Participants share their learnings through local mentorship activities. In 2025, 88 new members were added from recent grants in research and global engagement.

The second, expanded edition of the TDR Women in Science compendium (2), was published. Four new profiles of recognized women scientists that worked with TDR were added to the existing fifteen profiles, which have been updated with new information. The revision strengthens the geographical and linguistic diversity aspects. The compendium was launched at a TDR Global event in Geneva, with numerous testimonies from scientists profiled (live or recorded videos) (3) and a select panel discussion that proposed solutions to support women have careers in science. The French and Spanish translations of the compendium were released in 2025.

(1) See more details in the event report: https://tdr.who.int/docs/librariesprovider10/meeting-reports/technical-reprt-tdr-50-year-anniversary-celebration-at-addis-ababa.pdf?sfvrsn=22f0601a_3

(2) See https://tdr.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240100039

(3) See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgG9JOtWFKU

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0365: Surveys / crowdsourcing tools collect ideas and prioritize them for action by the TDR Global community (one in 40 million scenario, two in 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Surveys / crowdsourcing that gather and prioritize ideas from trainees, grantees and experts to support mentorship and themes of interest for the community

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: In July-August, a career survey of TDR Global members was conducted, to elicit their views on the importance of the support historically received from TDR. The 190 survey respondents came from 58 countries in all WHO regions. The geographical and gender representation reflects the composition of the TDR Global membership. Over 75% considered TDR's support very important or crucial to their careers, and this proportion was even higher in respondents from LMICs and in the younger generation. Two thirds of respondents offer to provide success stories, career anecdotes on their impact, or be profiled on the TDR website. The final results will be communicated publicly and will contribute to the objective of TDR Global that is to provide evidence on the impact of the Special Programme on the careers of people it works with. 95% of the respondents are still working in their country of nationality, which shows how TDR capacity building approaches keep the talent in their countries and regions.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0366: Soft review conducted and report submitted to responsible officer, with recommendations on improving alignment and value for money to the Programme

Output Indicator: A streamlined TDR Global aligned with the needs of supporting TDR's new strategy 2024-2029

Output Target Date: 31/12/2024

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: The external review of TDR Global took place in Q2-Q4 2024, led by an independent working group of four experts. They reviewed documentation on the initiative's strategy and operations, conducted a survey with members for feedback, and interviewed over a dozen key stakeholders. The group presented their findings, and the report was signed of in July 2025. This report will inform an update of the Community Engagement Strategy, aligning it with the TDR Strategy 2024-2029 and adapting it to the current stage of the initiative.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0435: Thematic mobilization activities as well as region or country-based mobilization activities that engage the TDR Global community are taking place and TDR projects are supported (3 for 40 million scenario, 6 for 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Community engagement activities are implemented in support of TDR research and capacity strengthening activities

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: All regional nodes implemented mobilization activities linked to TDR's Strategy and registered over 150 new members. Profiles of success stories and impact in LMICs are being collected and published in all regions.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0436: Surveys / crowdsourcing tools collect ideas and prioritize them for action by the TDR Global community (one in 40 million scenario, two in 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Surveys / crowdsourcing that gather and prioritize ideas from trainees, grantees and experts to support mentorship and themes of interest for the community

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: Two separate surveys were completed. The first one, as part of the External Review of TDR Global, brought the members' perspectives on their community participation and ideas for improvement. They informed the revision of the Community engagement strategy of TDR Global. The second survey elicited examples of career impact or success stories due to TDR's support. Over 125 positive responses started to be profiles and will be published in the upcoming years.

ER Biennium Outcomes

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0105: 1. TDR research and capacity strengthening activities are supported by the TDR Global network at country level and trainees are integrated to the network to benefit from career and collaboration opportunities

Progress made towards outcome : The Community Engagement Strategy of TDR Global guides the activities of this initiative. Following the external review which delivered its report in Q2 2025, lessons learnt as well as novel ideas received from members and stakeholders currently guide the revision of this strategy, including working together with other TDR initiatives. In 2025, the decentralized approach through three regional nodes (Africa, Asia, Latin-America) continues to be the base for integrating new members into the community and fostering

collaboration and mentorship. While global calls have the advantage of higher capacity, ensuring diversity and inclusion, working through local nodes gives TDR Global an important footprint, through geographical, language and time zone proximity. Since the beginning of 2025, 88 new members have been added, and thematic groups have been created.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0106: 2. Identifying desired capacity in a field and a geographical region is facilitated (internally and externally)

Progress made towards outcome : We are mapping our membership by region, country, gender, and utilize these data to engage members through the local nodes. In 2025 we started to create TDR Global groups to facilitate collaboration and mentorship. The career impact survey whereby TDR Global members were asked to share stories of how TDR has made an impact on their careers and on public health in their countries, has given rise to success stories illustrating the return on investment for capacity strengthening and research grants. Fifteen TDR Global members are now being interviewed by members of the regional nodes to further explain how TDRs investment in capacity strengthening and research has contributed to their career. The stories represent young researchers at the beginning of a promising career, public health experts actively engaged in shaping public health policies in their country as well as senior TDR Global members who have made significant impact on Global Health throughout their career. The profiles will be shared across the TDR Global network and be publicized (in TDR newsletter, TDR Global nodes' newsletters and our social media accounts) starting early next year, aligned with various World Health days and other global health events. The aim is to inspire researchers of all ages to continue to fight against infectious diseases of poverty and improve the lives of the most vulnerable populations.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0134: The impact of TDR grants on the careers of its grantees, trainees and expert advisors can be adequately assessed through updated platform information, mechanisms and activities that increase profile completion rates

Progress made towards outcome : implementation started

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0135: TDR research and capacity strengthening activities are supported by the TDR Global network at country level and trainees are integrated to the network to benefit from career and collaboration opportunities

Progress made towards outcome : implementation started

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0136: Identifying desired capacity in a field and a geographical region is facilitated (internally and externally)

Progress made towards outcome : implementation started

ER Project Links

P26-01783: TDR Global Regional Training Centre Promoting and Creating TDR Global Community across South East Asia – Year 7-8 - 2026-2027	**PI Name :** Yodi Mahendradhata **Project Start Date :** 01/01/2026 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2027
P26-01782: Sustainable Community Engagement through TDR Global in Africa 2026-27	**PI Name :** Franklin Glozah **Project Start Date :** 01/01/2026 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2027
P26-01781: TDR Global Mobilization Initiative for the Americas 2026-2027	**PI Name :** Alejandra Chamorro (EXT) **Project Start Date :** 01/01/2026 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2027
P25-01720: Building TDR Global profile completeness: Analysis and Report on grantees and trainees awarded in 2023-2025	**PI Name :** Mihai Marian Simion **Project Start Date :** 10/11/2025 **Project End Date :** 27/12/2025
P25-01718: ORCID membership 2025-26	**PI Name :** Thomas Tepper **Project Start Date :** 03/11/2025 **Project End Date :** 11/11/2025
P25-01713: TDR Global scientist profiles production	**PI Name :** Jennifer Woodside **Project Start Date :** 01/11/2025 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P25-01679: Design, layout and promotion of two TDR documents: Youth co-creation guide and HERMES 2nd edition	**PI Name :** Tina Fourie **Project Start Date :** 25/09/2025 **Project End Date :** 22/12/2025
P25-01669: Copy-editing of “Youth co-creation guide” and technical editing of “Health research mentorship in low- and middle-income countries (Second edition)”	**PI Name :** Daniel Allen **Project Start Date :** 05/09/2025 **Project End Date :** 15/10/2025
P25-01617: Invoice to pay Postcard for Women in Science Spanish/French version	**PI Name :** Tina Fourie **Project Start Date :** 13/06/2025 **Project End Date :** 20/06/2025
P25-01579: Coordination and organization of the in-person meeting to revise the HERMES Practical Guide in Addis Ababa, 20-21 May 2025	**PI Name :** Alemseged Abdissa Lencho **Project Start Date :** 22/04/2025 **Project End Date :** 30/06/2025
P24-01469: Invoice to cover the cost of the publication of article for TDR Global: “Evaluating the performance of a virtual platform "T-BOM" for mentorship in tropical diseases research among early career scientist”	**PI Name :** Franklin Glozah **Project Start Date :** 16/12/2024 **Project End Date :** 18/12/2024
P24-01441: TDR Global Communities of practice: mapping members expertise in line with TDR strategic themes	**PI Name :** Mihai Marian Simion **Project Start Date :** 12/11/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2024
P24-01433: Proofing French and Spanish translations of “Women in Science (second edition)”	**PI Name :** Frederico Carroli **Project Start Date :** 25/10/2024 **Project End Date :** 04/11/2024
P24-01432: Increasing Gender Equity in Research Mentorship: A HERMES Revision	**PI Name :** Joe Tucker **Project Start Date :** 01/11/2024

	Project End Date : 30/06/2025
P24-01394: Spanish translation of "Women in Science (second edition)"	**PI Name :** Patricia Bourdelle Cazals Kirsch **Project Start Date** : 27/09/2024 **Project End Date** : 04/10/2024
P24-01393: French translation of “Women in Science (second edition)”	**PI Name :** Ahmadou Gaye **Project Start Date** : 27/09/2024 **Project End Date** : 04/10/2024
P24-01383: ORCID membership 2024-25	**PI Name :** Ivo Wijnbergen **Project Start Date** : 09/10/2024 **Project End Date** : 16/10/2024
P24-01338: Proofreading of “Women in Science (second edition)”	**PI Name :** Daniel Allen **Project Start Date** : 15/07/2024 **Project End Date** : 19/07/2024
P24-01336: TDR 50th Photo Contest Social media campaign	**PI Name :** Tina Fourie **Project Start Date** : 01/07/2024 **Project End Date** : 05/07/2024
P24-01332: Survey TDR Global members to analyse career progression over time and TDR’s impact on members’ careers	**PI Name :** Mihai Marian Simion **Project Start Date** : 25/06/2024 **Project End Date** : 31/08/2024
P24-01327: Organization of Conference “50 years of Impact on Transforming Global Health” to celebrate TDR 50th anniversary, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.	**PI Name :** Alemseged Abdissa Lencho **Project Start Date** : 07/06/2024 **Project End Date** : 30/06/2024
P24-01246: TDR Global Regional node promoting and supporting the TDR Global Community across Asia - 2024-2025	**PI Name :** Yodi Mahendradhata **Project Start Date** : 14/03/2024 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2025
P24-01225: Organization of parallel session on Gender Equity and Inclusivity in Research Mentorship during the Women Lift Global Health Conference.	**PI Name :** Eneyi Kpokiri **Project Start Date** : 07/03/2024 **Project End Date** : 07/05/2024
P24-01208: TDR Global community engagement in Africa 2024-2025	**PI Name :** Franklin Glozah **Project Start Date** : 21/02/2024 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2025
P24-01207: TDR Global Mobilization Initiative for the Americas 2024-2025	**PI Name :** Alejandra Chamorro (EXT) **Project Start Date** : 21/02/2024 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2025
P23-01172: Transition of TDR Global coordination of regional decentralization	**PI Name :** Noah Fongwen **Project Start Date** : 01/01/2024 **Project End Date** : 30/08/2024
P23-01152: Strategic Mapping exercise to Pilot the HERMES practical guide	**PI Name :** Joe Tucker **Project Start Date** : 27/11/2023 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
P23-01121: Expanding TDR engagement with Ethics Review Committees in low- and middle-income countries: Organization of the Capacity building	**PI Name :** Alemseged Abdissa Lencho **Project Start Date** : 07/11/2023

meeting of SIDCER Recognized Ethical Review Committees in Ethiopia and PABIN strategic collaboration	**Project End Date** : 15/12/2023
P23-01109: Generate maps to reflect the geographic distribution of active TDR Global members and verify outdated contact details	**PI Name :** Mihai Marian Simion **Project Start Date** : 30/10/2023 **Project End Date** : 30/12/2023
P23-01058: Update the Women in Science Compendium 50th anniversary edition and conduct social media awareness campaign	**PI Name :** Tina Fourie **Project Start Date** : 06/10/2023 **Project End Date** : 15/12/2023
P23-00957: To identify strategies to enhance equity in research mentorship and facilitate implementation of the HERMES practical guide on research mentorship in low and middle-income countries (LMICs).	**PI Name :** Joe Tucker **Project Start Date** : 18/04/2023 **Project End Date** : 31/08/2023
P23-00922: TDR Global coordination and monitoring of main activities	**PI Name :** Noah Fongwen **Project Start Date** : 01/03/2023 **Project End Date** : 05/12/2023
P22-00726: Editing, layout and dissemination campaign for the TDR Global publication: Health Research Mentorship in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (HERMES)	**PI Name :** Maria Hoole **Project Start Date** : 24/08/2022 **Project End Date** : 30/10/2022
P22-00661: Hosting Crowdfunding website	**PI Name :** Russell Holley **Project Start Date** : 07/06/2022 **Project End Date** : 10/06/2022
P22-00613: Editing of French and Spanish publication Crowdfunding in Health Research for TDR Global.	**PI Name :** Frederico Carroli **Project Start Date** : 21/03/2022 **Project End Date** : 25/03/2022
P22-00587: Layout of Spanish and French versions of two publications: 1) Women in Science compendium and 2) Crowdfunding campaign	**PI Name :** Maria Hoole **Project Start Date** : 01/03/2022 **Project End Date** : 30/04/2022
P22-00580: TDR Global coordination of regional decentralization	**PI Name :** Noah Fongwen **Project Start Date** : 15/02/2022 **Project End Date** : 30/01/2023
P22-00579: Production of a TDR Global Institutional Mentorship Guide	**PI Name :** Alemseged Abdissa Lencho **Project Start Date** : 07/02/2022 **Project End Date** : 30/06/2022
P22-00576: Edited French and Spanish publication Women in Science	**PI Name :** Frederico Carroli **Project Start Date** : 01/02/2022 **Project End Date** : 04/02/2022
P21-00543: Invoice to pay Artwork: Design of a communication bundle including a flyer and 3 x Social Media cards for the TDRG Institutional Mentorship webinar.	**PI Name :** Maria Hoole **Project Start Date** : 06/12/2021 **Project End Date** : 08/12/2021
P21-00541: Translation into Spanish of Public engagement and crowdfunding in health research: a	**PI Name :** Patricia Bourdelle Cazals Kirsch **Project Start Date** : 06/12/2021

practical guide	**Project End Date** : 31/12/2021
P21-00540: Translation into French of Public engagement and crowdfunding in health research: a practical guide	**PI Name :** Ahmadou Gaye **Project Start Date** : 06/12/2021 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2021
P21-00468: Women in Science Compendium translation in Spanish	**PI Name :** Patricia Bourdelle Cazals Kirsch **Project Start Date** : 20/10/2021 **Project End Date** : 30/11/2021
P21-00466: Women in Science Compendium translation in French	**PI Name :** Ahmadou Gaye **Project Start Date** : 20/10/2021 **Project End Date** : 30/11/2021
P21-00399: TDR Global - Video clips & Motion Graphic Proposal	**PI Name :** Maria Hoole **Project Start Date** : 26/08/2021 **Project End Date** : 30/11/2021
P21-00398: Design of a communication bundle including flyer adn 1 Social Media Card for TDRG Improving Reserach costing webinar	**PI Name :** Maria Hoole **Project Start Date** : 23/08/2021 **Project End Date** : 27/08/2021
P20-00092: Provide TDR Global with a complete Social Media Strategy and communications tools and services	**PI Name :** Maria Hoole **Project Start Date** : 18/11/2020 **Project End Date** : 15/12/2021
P20-00071: TDR Global Regional Training Centre Promoting and Creating TDR Global Community across South East Asia	**PI Name :** Emilia Ova **Project Start Date** : 09/10/2019 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
P20-00031: Discovery Platform: Awareness campaign	**PI Name :** Maria Hoole **Project Start Date** : 15/07/2020 **Project End Date** : 30/09/2020
C00014: TDR Global coordination of regional decentralization	**PI Name :** Noah Fongwen **Project Start Date** : 01/03/2020 **Project End Date** : 28/02/2021
B80190: TDR Global Modibilzation Initiative for the Americas	**PI Name :** Maria Isabel Echavarrias Mejia **Project Start Date** : 21/06/2019 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
B80182: Regional Training Centre Promoting and Creating TDR Global Community across Africa	**PI Name :** Phyllis Dako-Gyeke **Project Start Date** : 07/06/2019 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023
B80176: TDR Global SESH Engagement Projects-Crowdfunding and Mentorship	**PI Name :** Wei Shufang **Project Start Date** : 23/05/2019 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2021
B40318: TDR Global - Hosting, maintenance, update, upgrade and license for the Elements technology for the course of the year 2021 including Discovery module	**PI Name :** Jonathan Breeze **Project Start Date** : 15/07/2015 **Project End Date** : 31/12/2023

ER Country Links

Expected Result: 2.3.4

Title: Effective engagement in gender and equity

Strategic Work Area: Global engagement
Workstream:
ER type: Continuing
Funding type:
Start date: 01/01/2020
End date: 31/12/2027
ER status: On Track
Comment:
WHO region: Global
Partners: TDR Co-sponsors, HRP, WHO gender team, RTCS, SIHI hubs and research teams in Philippines, Uganda and Colombia.
Diseases: Not Disease-Specific
Review mechanism: Scientific working groups and ad hoc review committees

ER manager: Mariam OTMANI DEL BARRIO
Team: Mariam Otmani, Garry Aslanyan
Number of people working on projects: 20

FENSA clearance obtained for all Non-State Actors? Yes
Justification for no FENSA clearance:

TDR partnership criteria

Add value:	Yes	Use resources:	Yes
Align goals:	Yes	Address knowledge gaps:	Yes
Integrate mandates:	Yes	Build strengths:	Yes
Reduce burden:	No	Foster networking:	Yes
Increase visibility:	Yes		

TDR partnership criteria indicators

Objectives aligned:	Yes	Completed
Roles complimentary:	Yes	The complementary roles of the partners have been established.
Coordination transparent:	No	Common decision making process developed
Visibility:	Yes	The visibility of TDR's work has been increased globally as collaboration between the existing SIHI hubs has been strengthened.

Objectives and results chain

Approach to ensure uptake:	Continuous engagement with various ministries, policy makers, relevant stakeholders (civil societies, local communities, academia, non- governmental organisations), SIHI networks and public health services at all stages of the research cycle/ project implementation.
Up-take/Use Indicator:	Consultative meetings/ dissemination workshops with ministry officials, including MoH, health departments and relevant stakeholders (civil societies, local communities, academia, non- governmental organisations) and existing SIHI networks.
Gender and geographic equity:	Sex parity and geographic diversity will be ensured when establishing external review panels, convening meetings of experts, issuing contracts, and in general within all of our collaborations.
Publication plan:	A total of 9 manuscripts have been submitted to BMJ Innovations and are currently under review. A digital dissemination platform is being developed and will be functional once all the manuscripts are published. This platform will also host videos and other resources related to this ER. The link to this preliminary platform is https://website-76bd6578.hcr.aur.mybluehost.me/
Up-take/use indicator target date:	30/11/2025

Sustainable Development Goals

Good Health and Well-being;Gender Equality;Reduced Inequality;Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Concept and approach

Rationale:	Great progress has been made towards combatting infectious diseases of poverty. However, considerable public health challenges remain, including gender and intersecting inequalities that affect health conditions associated with infectious diseases. ER 2.3.4 draws on ER 1.3.12 and builds synergies with it to focus on gender intersecting inequalities that influence differentials in vulnerability to, and the impact of, particular health conditions associated with infectious diseases in low- and middle-income countries. This expected result recognizes that gender norms, roles and relations influence people's susceptibility to different health conditions and they also have a bearing on people's access to and uptake of health services, and on the health outcomes they experience throughout the life-course. It also acknowledges that WHO has recently recognized that it is important to be sensitive to different identities that do not necessarily fit into binary male or female sex categories. In this context, delivery and access to prevention and control approaches and products to prevent and control infectious diseases should not be one-size-fits all but instead should benefit from approaches that take into account the complex interaction of several social stratifiers, and their influence in health outcomes. There is growing recognition that gender roles, gender identity, gender relations, apart from institutionalized gender inequality influence the way in which an implementation strategy works (e.g. for whom, how and why). There is also emerging evidence that programmes may operate differently within and across sexes, gender identities and other intersectional characteristics under different circumstances and contexts. Research should inform implementation strategies to avoid ignoring gender-related dynamics that influence if and how an implementation strategy works. Therefore scientists, including those focusing on research for implementation, would benefit from adequately considering sex and gender intersecting social dimensions within their research programmes, by strengthening both the practice and science of implementation, and by contributing to improved health outcomes and reduction of gender and health inequalities.
Design and methodology:	This ER is designed to support research teams in their efforts to conduct community based health research incorporating an intersectional gender lens within infectious diseases of poverty using concrete qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. It also aims at promoting an inclusive research agenda and inform policy through global engagement initiatives that strengthen an intersectional gender approach in health research. All the research activities are aligned to the TDR's strategy on intersectional gender research which focuses on strengthening research capacities on intersectional gender analysis in research on infectious diseases, generating evidence on gender

intersecting inequalities in access to health services, supporting intersectional gender analysis in research for implementation and promoting an inclusive infectious disease research agenda. TDR's toolkit on intersectional gender analysis in research on infectious diseases of poverty is often used as a reference during the study design process.

This ER also focuses on work done in collaboration with other departments in WHO (Ethics Team at WHO, GER, HRP, TDR RCS...) and in partnerships with external agencies and institutions globally.

Approach to ensure quality:

Oversight by expert committee and quality assurance through fact checking, peer review of documentation, technical support and assessment.

ER Objectives

ERObj-0045 : Design and improve engagement strategies to promote gender-responsive health interventions

ERObj-0046 : Foster and contribute to gender-responsive research for implementation, evidence, policy and practice

ERObj-0047 : Build and strengthen research capacities on gender-based analysis in research on infectious diseases of poverty.

ERObj-0061 : 2024/2025 Continue development of engagement strategies and synergies within WHO and beyond to strengthen research capacities, generate evidence and strengthen implementation research outcomes that incorporate an intersectional gender approach

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Biennium Budget

Biennium: 2024-2025

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 100 000	USD 250 000
Designated funds	USD 100 000	USD 100 000
Total	USD 200 000	USD 350 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 100 000
Designated funds	USD
Total	USD 100 000

Biennium: 2026-2027

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 90 000	USD 240 000
Designated funds	USD 100 000	USD 100 000
Total	USD 190 000	USD 340 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 75 000
Designated funds	USD 100 000
Total	USD 175 000

ER Biennium Risks

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0274: Weak interdisciplinary collaborations globally. Global Funding trends leaning towards pandemic response and climatic emergencies

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Continue to foster interdisciplinary collaborations. Ensuring fundraising efforts comprise clear linkages between infectious diseases, pandemics and environmental health challenges, with an intersectional gender lens.

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0349: Weak interdisciplinary collaborations globally. Global Funding trends leaning towards pandemic response and climatic emergencies

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Continue to foster interdisciplinary collaborations. Ensuring fundraising efforts comprise clear linkages between infectious diseases, pandemics and environmental health challenges, with an intersectional gender lens.

Mitigation Status: Planning phase

ER Biennium Outputs

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0343: Number of TDR projects and collaborative initiatives that incorporated a gender and intersectionality approach

Output Indicator: Global engagement activities to support TDR's gender research strategy and strengthened collaborations and networks across TDR and partners to operationalize and address intersectionality related dimensions of infectious diseases of poverty

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: On Track

Output Progress Description: Planning stage, output for 24/25 biennium and beyond. By end of 2025, 3 TDR projects or collaborative initiatives incorporate a gender and intersectional approach (5 under 50M scenario).

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0434: Number of TDR projects and collaborative initiatives that incorporated a gender and intersectionality approach

Output Indicator: Global engagement activities to support TDR's gender research strategy and strengthened collaborations and networks across TDR and partners to operationalize and address intersectionality related dimensions of infectious diseases of poverty

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description:

ER Biennium Outcomes

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0092: Continue strengthening global engagement initiatives to promote and foster an intersectional gender lens in infectious disease research and research capacity strengthening

Progress made towards outcome : The projects for the previous biennium have been completed. Philippines SIHI hub: They conducted research on two social innovations in health projects adopting an intersectional gender lens to understand how gender and intersecting social stratifiers interplayed within social innovations in health at community. They also strengthened capacities through gender responsive learning based on social innovation research and gender research findings. The Philippines SIHI hub developed a learning module entitled "Applying an Intersectional Gender Lens on Social Innovations in Health' comprising of three learning units. The first unit talks about social innovation in health, and the second unit gives an overview of gender, gender dimensions, intersectionality and intersectional gender analysis. In the third unit, the intersectional gender lens is applied to analyzing social innovations in health. The objective is to teach about the transformative potential of adopting an intersectional gender lens to social innovations in health. SIHI Colombia Their objective was to understand the role of indigenous and black women in their community's health, its interaction with other social stratifiers, and the barriers for their participation in

health programs and to understand how an intersectional gender lens influenced, helped or improved participation in social innovations in health initiatives. SIHI Uganda They explored the gendered aspects and dimensions of social innovation in health at community level through in social innovation health projects and generated knowledge on what works through social innovation in health activities in local contexts to address inequities resulting from the intersections of gender with other social stratifies. The activities in this ER for 24/25 biennium and beyond is in the planning stages.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0153: Strengthened global engagement initiatives to promote and foster an intersectional gender lens in infectious disease research and research capacity strengthening

Progress made towards outcome :

ER Project Links

P26-01759: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda and Nigeria – Nigeria Hub 2026
PI Name : Obioma C. Nwaorgu
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P26-01758: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda and Nigeria – SI Uganda 2026
PI Name : Phyllis Awor
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P26-01757: Advancing Social Innovation for Health in Latin America: Strengthening Access, Equity, and Institutional Capacity to promote innovative global health research. Year 2026
PI Name : Maria Isabel Echavarrias Mejia
Project Start Date : 01/01/2026
Project End Date : 31/12/2026

P24-01511: Support TDR with the implementation of Equity component of TDR Strategy and TDR Intersectional gender research strategy - 2025
PI Name : Abigail Mier
Project Start Date : 15/01/2025
Project End Date : 15/06/2025

P24-01508: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership. SI NIGERIA 2025
PI Name : Uchenna Chukwunonso
Project Start Date : 01/01/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01507: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership. SI Uganda Hub year 2025
PI Name : Phyllis Awor
Project Start Date : 01/01/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01480: Social Innovation for Health: Strengthening Capacity and Collaboration across LAC Institutions. Year 2025
PI Name : Maria Isabel Echavarrias Mejia
Project Start Date : 01/01/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01474: Supporting the Network for Social Innovation in Health in the Philippines, Indonesia and India. Year 2025
PI Name : Meredith del Pilar-Labarda
Project Start Date : 01/01/2025
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01206: An intersectional gender lens into Social Innovation in Health Initiative – Special Collection for BMJ Innovations.
PI Name : Ashley McKimm
Project Start Date : 15/02/2024
Project End Date : 15/11/2024

P24-01201: Support TDR with the implementation of its Intersectional gender research strategy
PI Name : Abigail Mier
Project Start Date : 01/02/2024
Project End Date : 01/12/2024

P24-01196: Social Innovation for Health: Strengthening Capacity and Collaboration across LAC Institutions. Year 2024-25
PI Name : Maria Isabel Echavarrias Mejia
Project Start Date : 25/01/2024
Project End Date : 31/01/2025

P24-01193: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership in 2024 and 2025 – SI Ghana
PI Name : [Phyllis Dako-Gyeke
Project Start Date : 23/01/2024
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01192: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership in 2024 and 2025. SI NIGERIA Hub
PI Name : Uchenna Chukwunonso
Project Start Date : 23/01/2024
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P24-01187: Research partnership for Social Innovation in Health in Africa - SIHI Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria partnership in 2024 and 2025 - SI Uganda Hub
PI Name : Phyllis Awor
Project Start Date : 19/01/2024
Project End Date : 31/12/2025

P23-01005: Technical development and coordination of a guidance document or practical resource for ethics review committees to integrate sex and gender consideration in their ethics review tasks
PI Name : Farah Nabil
Project Start Date : 12/07/2023
Project End Date : 30/12/2023

P22-00841: Uncovering intersectional gender-inequalities influencing vulnerabilities, access to and uptake of malaria services, and developing participatory gender-responsive framework toward malaria elimination in Ethiopia
PI Name : Zewdie Birhanu
Project Start Date : 27/04/2023
Project End Date : 30/09/2024

P22-00718: Consultant - Gender and infectious disease research and its operationalization in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)
PI Name : Chandani Kharel
Project Start Date : 15/08/2022
Project End Date : 15/11/2024

P22-00702: To develop and maintain a TDR-HRP virtual repository of resources to support the research capacity strengthening efforts to incorporate sex and gender in health research
PI Name : Russell Holley
Project Start Date : 04/07/2022
Project End Date : 15/12/2023

P22-00685: Analysis of the number of TDR grants received by women
PI Name : Mihai Marian Simion
Project Start Date : 01/07/2022
Project End Date : 31/01/2023

P22-00675: Development of graphic design materials including icons and creation of illustrations for chapters of the IR MOOC module on gender.
PI Name : Jaime Munoz
Project Start Date : 14/06/2022
Project End Date : 28/06/2022

P22-00653: Facilitate the online running of the IR MOOC module on gender and intersectionality
PI Name : Adanna Nwamene
Project Start Date : 20/06/2022
Project End Date : 08/07/2022

P22-00616: Support TDR with the implementation of its Intersectional gender research strategy

PI Name : Abigail Mier
Project Start Date : 04/04/2022
Project End Date : 15/12/2023

P22-00611: Intersection of gender with other social stratifiers in the prevention and control of infectious diseases in Indigenous and black communities of Pueblo Rico, in the context of social innovation in health programs

PI Name : Maria Isabel Echavarrias Mejia
Project Start Date : 24/03/2022
Project End Date : 23/03/2023

P22-00610: Gender and Social Innovation in Health in Uganda: Strengthening gender awareness, analysis, monitoring and evaluation in community based health projects

PI Name : Emmanuel Ahumuza
Project Start Date : 01/03/2022
Project End Date : 30/06/2023

P22-00609: Evidence and research capacity strengthening in social innovation in health with an intersectional gender lens: SIHI Philippines' contribution to implement TDR's Intersectional Gender Research Strategy

PI Name : Jana Mier-Alpano
Project Start Date : 24/03/2022
Project End Date : 30/06/2023

P22-00596: Gender, intersectionality and social innovation

PI Name : Chandani Kharel
Project Start Date : 07/03/2022
Project End Date : 31/07/2022

P21-00450: Video recording and footage generation for subsequent editing to contribute to IR MOOC module on Gender and Intersectionality

PI Name : Abriti Arjyal
Project Start Date : 05/10/2021
Project End Date : 05/12/2021

P21-00444: Contribute to TDR's implementation of its Intersectional gender research strategy. SIHI Hub LAC region

PI Name : Nancy Gore Saravia
Project Start Date : 04/10/2021
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

P21-00442: Contribute to TDR's implementation of its Intersectional gender research strategy. SIHI Hub Malawi

PI Name : Don P. Mathanga
Project Start Date : 04/10/2021
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

P21-00439: Contribute to TDR's implementation of its Intersectional gender research strategy. SIHI Hub China

PI Name : Weiming Tang
Project Start Date : 01/10/2021
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

P21-00437: Contribute to TDR's implementation of its Intersectional gender research strategy. SIHI Hub Uganda

PI Name : Phyllis Awor
Project Start Date : 01/10/2021
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

P21-00436: Support TDR with the implementation of its Intersectional gender research strategy

PI Name : Allan Ulitin
Project Start Date : 01/10/2021
Project End Date : 31/12/2021

P21-00360: Consultant for landscape analysis, joint SDF on VBDs and pockets of poverty

PI Name : Nabil Haddad
Project Start Date : 01/07/2021
Project End Date : 30/11/2021

P21-00326: Modelling Community Engagement in the Study of Gender Responsiveness in TB Prevention and Management in a High TB-Burden Area in the Philippines: Promoting Enablers and Overcoming

PI Name : Helen de Guzman
Project Start Date : 01/07/2021
Project End Date : 30/12/2021

Barriers

P21-00249: Implementation research and gender domain

PI Name : Chandani Kharel
Project Start Date : 15/04/2021
Project End Date : 15/10/2021

P21-00235: Intersectionality analytical review and inventory of promising practices

PI Name : Olena Hankivsky
Project Start Date : 01/04/2021
Project End Date : 20/09/2021

ER Country Links

Expected Result: 2.3.5

Title: Community Engagement and Ethics

Strategic Work Area: Global engagement
Workstream:

ER type: Continuing
Funding type: UD and DF

Start date: 01/01/2022
End date: 31/12/2027

ER status: On Track
Comment:

WHO region: Global

Partners: SIDCER, PABIN, FERCAP

Diseases: Not Disease-Specific;Epidemics and outbreaks;Control and elimination of diseases of poverty;Climate change's impact on health;One Health

Review mechanism: Joint ad hoc external working group for Community Engagement, Gender, Social Innovation and Ethics; Global Engagement SWG review mechanism

ER manager: Mihai MIHUT
Team: Michael Mihut (manager), Elisabetta Dessi, Cathrine Thorstensen
Number of people working on projects: 15

FENSA clearance obtained for all Non-State Actors? Yes
Justification for no FENSA clearance:

TDR partnership criteria

Add value:	Yes	Use resources:	Yes
Align goals:	Yes	Address knowledge gaps:	Yes
Integrate mandates:	Yes	Build strengths:	Yes
Reduce burden:	Yes	Foster networking:	Yes
Increase visibility:	Yes		

TDR partnership criteria indicators

Objectives aligned:	Yes	Institutions in regions wish to improve their ways of engaging communities. Countries and sponsors wish to see stronger research ethics committees, able to exchange knowledge and learnings and supporting each other.
Roles complimentary:	Yes	Ethics: utilizing existing research ethics networks (SIDCER/FERCAP, PABIN) amplifies reach and impact. CEN: local institutions are closer to communities and knowledgeable of their customs and rules.
Coordination transparent:	No	

Visibility:	Yes	Visibility for all partners through publications (scientific papers, guides), and activities conducted together

Objectives and results chain

Approach to ensure uptake: We engage with country institutions to share good practices on ethics and community engagement in research, and to test, apply and scale up best practice methods. We support ERCs and IRBs to join networks that foster knowledge sharing, continuous learning and standard setting. We partner with other research funders to support good practice dissemination and adoption by larger networks. We work with communities so that they can benefit from their ideas being included in the design of interventions that directly impact their population.

Up-take/Use Indicator: Number of institutions in countries that show improved capacity for ethics oversight or for improved community engagement

Gender and geographic equity: Our focus is on institutions and researchers from Low- and middle-income countries. Community engagement work will use a social justice lens and will be inclusive of marginalized populations, also being responsive to gender equity and socio-economic status issues. The initial research ethics activities will focus on Africa and on building collaborations with Asian networks. If the higher scenario materializes, we will support such activities in Latin-America.

Publication plan: Lessons learnt and good practices will be promoted via 1-2 publications and online seminars on research ethics. Results from the community engagement projects will be published by PIs, and lessons learned will be analyzed and published jointly and a good practice practical guide will be developed.

Up-take/use indicator target date: 31/12/2025

Sustainable Development Goals

Good Health and Well-being;Partnerships to achieve the Goal

Concept and approach

Rationale:

This Expected Results links two important areas where TDR has been a champion: research ethics and community engagement. Because there can be no research without ethics, and no ethics without community engagement, TDR has been a leader, with large scale projects in eco-bio-social research in Asia and Latin-America, HMM and HMM+, community-based interventions (iCCM), research on mother and child health, etc. TDR was also a pioneer in utilizing network approaches to build capacity for research ethics oversight in LMICs, having incubated SIDCER, FERCAP and other regional networks that successfully trained, organized and built best practice standards for hundreds of ethics review committees and institutional review boards in disease endemic countries.

Activities under this expected result are done jointly with institutions and networks to map the needs and further develop ethics oversight and community engagement for research, by building on TDR's experience and harnessing the wealth of expertise in partner networks to address unmet needs in LMICs. Activities link with other projects in TDR (research, capacity strengthening, gender, regional engagement), the WHO ethics unit, and with external partners to maximize the impact and make use of synergies and efficiencies. This would build on previous research that identified such gaps at national and subnational levels in countries from Africa and Asia and activities will utilize social justice lens, so that nobody is left behind.

SIDCER was initiated within TDR in 2000 and has successfully established as an independent foundation in Asia with its priority in globalizing ethics in research. TDR can leverage from the SIDCER activities that relate to knowledge transfer/mentorship facilitation in the field of research ethics and harmonization of ethics practices and accreditation systems in low and middle-income countries. A survey of the ERCs in Africa and Asia to

identify gaps and challenges (and potential solutions) due to the Covid19 pandemic was conducted through SIDCER and PABIN in Asia and Africa, and was used to build bridges for collaboration with the regional networks that work in the field of research ethics. Further collaborations of PABIN and SIDCER with global and regional partners are building momentum and providing good leverage for TDR funding. Recent opportunities include exploring the topic of how ERCs in countries address Artificial Intelligence (AI), what challenges they encounter, solutions that can be envisaged.

Design and methodology:

In 2022-2023, TDR funded ten projects in LMICs, meant to map good practices in community engagement to implementation research, social innovation, research ethics and gender equity in research. The projects, that combined resources of various TDR work areas, generated evidence on current practices as well as gaps, and provided actionable recommendations for stakeholders in countries, as well as for communities of practice. Based on this, further work may be initiated to explore how best to scale up such good practices in TDR research and with partner organizations. Based on the results of the ten research projects mapping good practices in community engagement, an analysis will be conducted to maximize the impact of the evidence generated, to recommend best ways to disseminate and facilitate uptake. Potential opportunities for scale up and replication/pilot testing of best practices may be sought if further funding becomes available.

Working with IMP unit, we will explore getting additional funding to study innovative ways to engage local communities in the design and planning phase of research projects dealing with leishmaniasis elimination. Results will be analyzed, together with potential for scale up, replication, and policy recommendations.

On research ethics, working with the existing regional networks in Africa and Asia (PABIN and SIDCER/FERCAP), we will promote the dissemination of good practices including through SIDCER and TDR courses managed by the RCS unit and the regional partners. It is expected to develop capacity for managing research ethics through recognition systems; train-the-trainers opportunities; and enhancing partnership and collaboration between ethics networks through a community of practice facilitated by TDR Global.

We will explore fundraising for larger projects on researching community engagement of local populations in West Africa for vector control activities, as well as working with SIHI hubs in Africa and Asia on researching community-designed health insurance and other modalities of extending health insurance coverage in diseases endemic countries with marginalized populations that are affected by infectious diseases of poverty.

Approach to ensure quality:

Overseen by the SIHI & Community Engagement ad hoc review group group made of external experts recognized in their field, including a STAC member. Reviewed and overseen by TDR's Scientific Working Group as part of the Global Engagement strategic priority area.

ER Objectives

ERObj-0053 : Test novel, effective solutions for local community engagement in research for implementation, and disseminate the new knowledge

ERObj-0052 : Advance the research ethics capacity in countries and create a community of trained experts that can support institutional needs

Biennium Budget

Biennium: 2024-2025

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 250 000	USD 350 000
Designated funds	USD 250 000	USD 250 000
Total	USD 500 000	USD 600 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 230 000
Designated funds	USD
Total	USD 230 000

Biennium: 2026-2027

Low and Hight Budget Scenario

	Low Budget Scenario	High Budget Scenario
Undesignated funds	USD 200 000	USD 300 000
Designated funds	USD 285 000	USD 385 000
Total	USD 485 000	USD 685 000

Planned Budget

Undesignated funds	USD 150 000
Designated funds	USD 285 000
Total	USD 435 000

ER Biennium Risks

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0297: Duplication of efforts with other stakeholders

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Consultation and harmonization of efforts with WHO ethics unit, WHO regional offices and existing networks to use TDR strengths on underserved gaps/niche.

Mitigation Status: Completed

Biennium: 2024-2025

ERRisk - 0298: Potential slow engagement with some countries and partners due to slow down in research as a result of post-pandemic impact

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Using existing networks and infrastructures to reach out; planning longer timeframe for activities; choose partners that have a footprint in the respective countries

Mitigation Status: Delayed

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0354: Potential slow engagement with some countries and partners due to slow down in research as a result of post-pandemic impact

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Using existing networks and infrastructures to reach out; planning longer timeframe for activities; choose partners that have a footprint in the respective countries

Mitigation Status: On Track

Biennium: 2026-2027

ERRisk - 0353: Duplication of efforts with other stakeholders

Actions To Mitigate Risk: Consultation and harmonization of efforts with WHO ethics unit, WHO regional offices and existing networks to use TDR strengths on underserved gaps/niche.

Mitigation Status: On Track

ER Biennium Outputs

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0367: Pilot project for good practices in implementation research generates preliminary findings (one for 40 million scenario, two for 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Evidence from applying good practices in community engagement for implementation research that were identified through the community engagement call

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Delayed

Output Progress Description: Two projects were funded in Africa, to identify good practices in community engagement. These projects, in collaboration with the IMP unit, looked at how lessons learned from Malakit project in South-America can be adapted to the context in West Africa, to reduce the malaria burden in hard-to-reach communities; a second project looked at good practices and lessons learned from a research/intervention project in Senegal's diverse communities. Results are being processed. The lessons learnt from the ten projects are being submitted for publication in 2026 (delayed).

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0368: At least ten research ethics committees in key countries in Africa have their capacity strengthened (plus ten in Asia for the 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Capacity strengthening activities for research ethics based on lessons learned from the mapping exercise

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: 2025 updates: In line with the work plan with the Pan African Bioethics Initiative (PABIN) hosted by AHRI (Ethiopia), the network worked in 2025 on gradually and organically expanding the good practices in research ethics in Africa. New ethics research committees, such as the sub-regional TB research networks and the VL network were be invited to join, be assessed and trained. This work will be done by surveyors from African institutions supported by the SIDCER network capacity strengthening unit. In addition, PABIN were asked to lead the development of a good practice guide for African innovators that use AI in novel technologies, to ensure they follow the required ethics standards. This work is bringing together numerous institutions, including CDC Africa and the Grand Challenges initiative.

2024 updates: As a starting point, thirty ERCs in Africa and Asia have been assessed, utilizing both the SIDCER framework and the WHO benchmarking tool. The results of this survey identified areas that need to be strengthened, one of them being the meaningful engagement with communities locally. A second aspect flagged was the need to map the way committees work in relation to AI in research. Both these aspects are being discussed as part of the work plan that TDR will support to further strengthen the capacity of ethics review committees in Africa and Asia.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutp-0369: At least two global and regional partners adopting and promoting good practices in community engagement and research ethics (three in the 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Good practices in community engagement and research ethics promoted through global and regional networks

Output Target Date: 31/12/2025

Output Progress Status: Completed

Output Progress Description: On the ethics side, progress was faster. The FERCAP conference of 2024 enabled the training of dozens of researchers and ERC/IRB members on good practices and awareness has been created of novel challenges and opportunities, including AI technologies. On the Community engagement side, progress has been slower due to lack of contribution from some study sites. Once the lessons learnt, the evidence and new knowledge from the ten country-led projects is published, this will be utilized to inform TDR and partner institutions practices on engaging communities to research and innovation.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0439: At least two global and regional partners adopting and promoting good practices in community engagement and research ethics (three in the 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Good practices in community engagement and research ethics promoted through global and regional networks

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0437: Pilot project for good practices in implementation research generates preliminary findings (one for 40 million scenario, two for 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Evidence from applying good practices in community engagement for implementation research that were identified through the community engagement call

Output Target Date: 31/12/2027

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description:

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutp-0438: At least ten research ethics committees in key countries in Africa have their capacity strengthened (plus ten in Asia for the 50 million scenario)

Output Indicator: Capacity strengthening activities for research ethics based on lessons learned from the mapping exercise

Output Target Date: 31/12/2026

Output Progress Status:

Output Progress Description:

ER Biennium Outcomes

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0107: Institutions in countries show improved capacity for ethics oversight, and they have access to a pool of experts for technical support, through collaboration between TDR and external partners

Progress made towards outcome : The work to strengthen institutional capacity addressed with priority the weaknesses identified in the 2023 survey. The focus of the work included improving training and assessing a number of research ethics committees in Africa and Asia, and addressing AI impact on research ethics. A community of practice was started in Ethiopia, to be expanded to Eastern Africa, to offer ERC members a sounding board for questions and novel approaches. The 25th anniversary of SIDCER and FERCAP has been a success, these two self-sustaining networks being a crown jewel in the area of global research ethics norm setting and capacity strengthening.

Biennium: 2024-2025

EROutc-0108: Policies at sub-national at national level improved through the evidence provided on good practices for community engagement to research and social innovation

Progress made towards outcome : More than five countries already improved their policies and/or practices and more are on the way to do so, based on evidence and new knowledge from the ten projects that studied good practices for community engagement in implementation research and social innovation.

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0154: Institutions in countries show improved capacity for ethics oversight, and they have access to a pool of experts for technical support, through collaboration between TDR and external partners

Progress made towards outcome :

Biennium: 2026-2027

EROutc-0155: Policies at sub-national at national level improved through the evidence provided on good practices for community engagement to research and social innovation

Progress made towards outcome :

ER Project Links

P25-01732: Evaluating the utility and impact of TDR participatory guides	**PI Name :** Anna Fan **Project Start Date :** 24/11/2025 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2025
P25-01679: Design, layout and promotion of two TDR documents: Youth co-creation guide and HERMES 2nd edition	**PI Name :** Tina Fourie **Project Start Date :** 25/09/2025 **Project End Date :** 22/12/2025
P25-01669: Copy-editing of "Youth co-creation guide" and technical editing of "Health research mentorship in low- and middle-income countries (Second edition)"	**PI Name :** Daniel Allen **Project Start Date :** 05/09/2025 **Project End Date :** 15/10/2025

P25-01578: Develop a WHO/TDR practical guide on co-creation for youth, in partnership with youth groups, researchers, and global organizations (SESH, SIHI, and UNICEF)	**PI Name :** Joe Tucker **Project Start Date :** 22/04/2025 **Project End Date :** 01/12/2025
P25-01575: Evaluation of community-based surveillance system in pilot sites in Senegal	**PI Name :** Abdourahmane Sow **Project Start Date :** 09/04/2025 **Project End Date :** 31/07/2025
P25-01525: Support to health research ethics and community engagement capacity building in Africa	**PI Name :** Abraham Aseffa (EXT) **Project Start Date :** 01/03/2025 **Project End Date :** 30/11/2025
P24-01456: Revitalizing the Pan-African Bioethics Initiative (PABIN) via the TDR Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity for Ethical Review (SIDCER) Program.	**PI Name :** Alemseged Abdissa Lencho **Project Start Date :** 05/12/2024 **Project End Date :** 15/12/2025
P24-01445: Developing Capacity in Ethical Review through SIDCER Network	**PI Name :** Juntra Karbwang **Project Start Date :** 23/11/2024 **Project End Date :** 31/07/2025
P23-01123: Expanding TDR's engagement with Ethics Review Committees in low- and middle-income countries: Developing Capacity in Ethical Review in Africa and Asia through the SIDCER Network.	**PI Name :** Juntra Karbwang **Project Start Date :** 09/11/2023 **Project End Date :** 15/12/2023
P23-01101: Facilitating publication of lessons learnt across ten country-based community engagement projects	**PI Name :** Maxine Whittaker **Project Start Date :** 01/11/2023 **Project End Date :** 31/12/2023
P21-00251: Surveying the Asian and African Research Ethics Committee Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic	**PI Name :** Juntra Karbwang **Project Start Date :** 19/04/2021 **Project End Date :** 30/11/2021

ER Country Links