

COHRED Fair Research Contracting (FRC)

BACKGROUND

COHRED'S Fair Research Contracting (FRC) Initiative aims to identify best practices for the research contracting (negotiation) process that would be useful in the following three scenarios, in situations i) where there is no lawyer, ii) where there may be lay personnel who could be trained, and iii) where there is a lawyer or legal expertise but reduced capacity. The FRC continues to develop tools aimed at driving equitable contractual arrangements in collaborative research partnerships between high and low income countries.

STRATEGY

The issue of "lawyer or no lawyer" assumes that there is a legal or institutional contracting framework to begin with. With the increase in global health research collaborations comes a corresponding increase in legal complexities in contractual arrangements between partners. Hence the need for equitable research contracting practice in global health research collaborations. By generating guidance, COHRED's fair research contracting initiative focusses on strengthening research management capacity of low-and middle-income country (LMIC) institutions and governments by enhancing research capacity for negotiations and contractual arrangements. COHRED's FRC initiative promotes equitable research contracting practices which create greater impact in sustainable research systems.

Equitable research contracting practise



METHODS

- Active awareness raising FRC initiative and distribution of the guidance tools through COHRED's networks, participation in conferences and meeting;
- Development of an online, interactive support tool which serves as a single point of entry to enhance uptake of the guidance tools;
- Working with other projects within COHRED to create synergy between connected project themes.

OUTCOMES

Creating enhanced delivery mechanisms, and ensuring that institutions fully benefit from the tools and the network of expertise we have developed by

- Consolidation and active dissemination of the guidance already developed;
- Understanding more about the pressing needs for LMIC research organisations and
- Developing more direct and tailored modes of delivery of this support to LMIC research institutions.

PARTNERS

- International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research (ICDDR)
- WOTRO, The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
- Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF)
- Public Interest Intellectual Property Advisors (PIIPA)
- London School of Medicine and Tropical Hygiene
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

BENEFICIARIES

Countries, institutions, governments and sponsors where research systems:

- lack a legal framework,
- have lay personnel who could be trained, or
- have little legal expertise.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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