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Strategic partnerships on global health at Canada’s International Development Research Centre

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IDRC global health partnership goals

Since 1970…
Find innovative ways to improve health
Promote research in LMICs
Support researchers, research networks and research institutions in LMICs
Apply knowledge for the economic and social advancement of societies
Areas of global health research at IDRC

- Health systems strengthening
- Health governance
- Equitable health system financing
- Equitable access to health care
- Health information systems
- Emerging / tropical infectious diseases
- Chronic diseases
- Tobacco control
- Maternal and child health
- Immunization
- HIV/AIDS
- Food security
The IDRC approach to partnerships

- 10 principles
- Leveraging resources through donor partnerships
- Relatively small investments → high impact
- IDRC as risk-taker, pushing boundaries
- “Grants Plus” approach
- Integrated, South-led health research
- Focus on knowledge translation (KT) and capacity building
Why does IDRC partner?

Promote harmonization of aid and coordination of development research

Leverage investment for value-added propositions

Promote knowledge sharing and exchange

Build capacity among researchers

↑ resources to researchers in LMICs

Source: www.eurodad.org
What kind of strategic partnerships in global health at IDRC?

**Donor:**
- Co-funding
- Parallel funding
- Parliamentary transfers

**Research:**
- Grants Plus support to Southern-led research teams and networks

**Whole-of-government:**
- e.g. *Global Health Research Initiative* (GHRI)

**Inter-governmental:**
- e.g. *Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases* (GACD)
Active global health donor partnerships (co-funding and parliamentary transfers)

- Canadian International Development Agency: CAD 108 million
- Australian Government (AusAID): 12.5 million CAD
- Agence Française de Développement (AFD): CAD 340,000
- Department for International Development (DFID): CAD 5.2 million
- Confederation Swiss: CAD 2.6 million
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC): CAD 24,000
- CIHR IRSC: CAD 50 K
- Tobacco Control Research Initiative (TCRI): CAD 6.4 million

TOTAL = CAD 136.6 MILLION

Source: IDRC PBDD Donor Partnership Portfolio Analysis 2009/10
Parallel funding

• Not pooled funds but…
• Investments that leverage the “plus” side of IDRC
• In 2009/10 → CAD 265,000 in parallel funding for global health projects
• Donors such as CIDA, CIHR, Novartis Foundation, etc.
• E.g. OASIS II
88% of new partnership investments are GH-related (Total project funding, partnerships signed 2009/10)

- Abolition du paiement des services de santé en Afrique de l’ouest (AFD: 340 K)
- Ecohealth Emerging Infectious Diseases Research Initiative (AUSaid: 1.5 million)
- Capacity Building for HIV/AIDS Prevention Trial (CIDA: 10 million)
- Canadian Int’l Food Security Research Fund (CIDA: 50 million)

Total: CAD 70.19 million

Source: IDRC PBDD Donor Partnership Portfolio Analysis 2009/10
Global Health Research Initiative (GHRI)

• Example of a whole-of-government partnership
• IDRC, CIDA, HC, PHAC, CIHR → Steering Committee
• $71 M in investments approved for research programs (2001-2015)
• 129 research projects funded and 67 countries involved to date¹
• CIII-2: “The Fallacy of Coverage”²

¹Source: GHRI Overview, March 2010
Global Alliance on Chronic Diseases (GACD)

• An example of an inter-governmental partnership:
  • Australia’s National Health Medical Research Council
  • CIHR
  • China’s Ministry of Health in association with the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences
  • U.K. Medical Research Council
  • U.S. NIH
  • The Medical Research Council of South Africa
  • The National Biomedical Research Institute (Q-BRI) of the State of Qatar

• Secretariat to be housed at IDRC

• Initial emphasis on hypertension
Nigeria Evidence-Based Health System Initiative (NEHSI)

- Example of a donor partnership
- Co-funded by CIDA
- Captured community perspectives
- Knowledge translation (research to policy) → introduction of user-fee cards to curb “unofficial” health care payments
Research Partnerships

• At IDRC’s Research for Health Equity division:
  • 91 active global health projects
  • GHRI allocated in CAD 9 million in 2009/10
  • GEH + RITC allocated CAD 13.3 million in 2009/10

• Highlights ➔
  • Research Matters
  • Public Sector Antiretroviral Treatment in the Free State
  • Equity Gauge
Looking ahead

• Partnerships in maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases and immunization research
• Particularly:
  • Governance issues
  • Equal access, esp. for women
  • Alternative means of providing care in resource-limited settings
  • Emerging chronic diseases
  • Identifying risks (aging, urbanization, migration)
Thank you!

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