BACKGROUND AND MISSION
COHRED, the Council on Health Research for Development, is a global, non-profit organization whose goal is to maximize the potential of research and innovation to deliver sustainable solutions to the health and development problems of people living in low and middle-income countries. All countries, no matter how poor, need research and innovation systems with which they can speed up progress towards a world in which health, equity and sustainable development are the norm for everyone and everywhere.

AREAS OF INTEREST
- Maximizing potential of research in low and middle income countries
- Supporting countries to improve governance and management of research for health
- Strengthening countries’ research capacity
- Providing practical tools, facilitating learning and implementation of research

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES
COHRED provides support to countries wishing to strengthen their institutions and systems active in research for health. Its approach includes engaging with relevant country-level actors and establishing the country-specific needs and ways COHRED can assist within its mandate. COHRED enters into strategic partnerships with various organisations, and has worked closely with NEPAD, PAHO and the West African Health Organisation. Through these partnerships it aims to create a more coherent and effective global platform for research for health.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF
COHRED is governed by a board comprising a maximum of 18 members, with a required 2/3 majority from developing countries. COHRED's Director is Professor Carel Ijsselmuiden. Board members are leaders in health research - the majority of them are from low and middle income countries, and are up to date on the health issues these countries face. COHRED's staff is composed of professionals in public health, development, information management and development and science communication.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET
COHRED receives its funding mainly as restricted grants from government agencies, pharmaceutical companies, the European Commission and charitable foundations. Expenditure for Programmes, Governance, Fundraising and Organizational Development amounted to CHF 1,687,185 in 2015.
PUBLICATIONS
For COHRED’s publications see: http://www.cohred.org/publications/cohred-publications/

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