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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Association François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB International) was founded in 1989 by the family and friends of François-Xavier Bagnoud, a helicopter pilot who specialized in rescue operations in the Swiss Alps and who died at the age of 24. FXB's mission is to fight poverty and AIDS in particular, and support the women and children made vulnerable by the pandemic. FXB offers comprehensive support to families and communities through the FXBVillages program. Its objective is to alleviate poverty by addressing the five major drivers of poverty; lack of nutrition, health, education, housing and income. The association seeks to build capacity of individuals and communities to generate self-sustainability and lasting escape from poverty.

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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