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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

FIND, an independent non-profit Swiss foundation, was established in 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland. FIND's mission is to drive the development and implementation of accurate and affordable diagnostic tests for infectious diseases, including tuberculosis, malaria, hepatitis C, neglected tropical diseases such as sleeping sickness, leishmaniasis, Buruli ulcer and Chagas disease, and diseases with outbreak potential, such as Ebola or Zika. The key goal of the organisation is to provide diagnostic tests that are affordable, accessible and practical in various developing country settings.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- diagnostics development and implementation
- regulatory approval and policy change
- laboratory strengthening and quality assurance
- knowledge transfer
- disease eradication

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

FIND supports the development of products in the diagnostics pipeline through public-private partnerships with collaborators from industry, academia and the international health community, as well as governments of affected countries. FIND serves as an expert project manager that brings together all the entities involved in developing effective diagnostic solutions and introducing these novel technologies into health systems of high-burden countries. FIND identifies potential breakthroughs and builds effective partnerships designed to overcome complex challenges and ensure successful access to new tools for infectious diseases. By fostering a continuous process of improvement, FIND does not stop at product development, but accompanies technologies through evaluation and demonstration into clinical use to

ensure health impact and a constant flow of feedback from users to improve next-generation diagnostics.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

FIND is governed by a board of directors headed by Mark Kessel. The CEO of the organisation is Dr Catharina Boehme. FIND is headquartered in Geneva and has offices in Cape Town, New Delhi, Kampala and Hanoi.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

FIND receives the majority of its funding from foundations, and bilateral and multilateral donors, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UK aid, Government of Australia, Swiss Development Cooperation, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Directorate-General of International Cooperation of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNITAID, the Global Fund and the United States Government. It also receives important project-specific funding from private donors, including UBS. Its estimated budget for 2015-2017 is USD 51 million.

PUBLICATIONS

For FIND's annual reports, factsheets and strategies see:
<http://www.finddx.org/publications/>

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