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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Established in 2002, the Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research (GFMER) is a non-profit organisation that aims to provide health education and research training, creating programmes that can be applied by developing countries and countries in economic transition. It also works to establish collaboration between entities from the public and private sectors. GFMER is supported by the Department of Health of the Canton of Geneva, the Department of Social Affairs of the City of Geneva, the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva, and the Geneva Medical Association. GFMER is a WHO Collaborating Centre in Education and Research in Human Reproduction.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Medical education
- Medical research
- Training programmes in research methodology, epidemiology, reproductive and sexual health

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The activities of GFMER range from training in medical research to research implementation, research synthesis, research management and guideline development. GFMER focuses on research and training in reproductive health, and maintains an online training platform on sexual and reproductive health research, which globally over 230 health professionals have attended. GFMER also collaborates with UNFPA and WHO on a campaign to end obstetric fistula, and with Geneva University Hospitals to train health workers on screening and treatment of cervical cancer. Furthermore, the organisation collaborates with the Oxford Maternal and Perinatal Health Institute on issues affecting the health of mothers and newborns, particularly in resource-poor settings.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Professor José Villar is the president of the Foundation Council of GFMER. The current director of the executive committee is Professor Aldo Campana. The staff consists of project managers and country coordinators.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

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PUBLICATIONS

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