Coordination of a Global Network for Creating Enabling Environments for Social Innovations in Health

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Social Innovation in Health (WHO, 2017)

“A solution (process, product, practice, market mechanism) implemented through diverse organisational models. The solution has been developed by a range of actors in response to a systemic health challenge within a geographic context. It profoundly challenges the current system status quo and has enabled healthcare to be more inclusive, effective and affordable.” (https://socialinnovationinhealth.org/about/)
Established in 2014, SIHI is a global network of partners invested in advancing social innovation in health through research, capacity building and advocacy.

- **2014**
  - SIHI Established
- **2014 - 2016**
  - Innovation Open Calls
    - Global open call for innovation, convened key stakeholders
- **2017 - 2019**
  - SIHI Hub Development
    - SIHI research hubs in 5 countries
- **2020 - 2021**
  - SIHI Expands
    - SIHI has independent Secretariat and new hubs
WHAT IS A SIHI HUB?

SOCIAL INNOVATORS

ACADEMIA

COMMUNITIES

GOVERNMENT

HEALTH IMPLEMENTERS

RESEARCH INSTITUTION-BASED SIH HUB

Research & Capacity for Research
Storytelling & Raising Awareness
Convening & Building Community
Institutionalisation

INCLUSIVITY - ASSETS - CO-CREATION - HOPE

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SIHI NETWORK AND PARTNERS

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Methods

The SIHI Secretariat was established in April 2020 to coordinate hubs and partners of the SIHI network:

- Monthly meetings of the SIHI hubs
- Partner meetings and events
- Introductory meetings with potential partners that may engage in collaborations and partnerships for SIH
- Joint research grant applications and implementation
  - Creation of a Community Engagement Package for WHO
  - TDR’s Intersectional Gender Research Strategy

The SIHI Secretariat also provides technical support through creation of media materials and branding. The SIHI Secretariat also manages the SIHI website, email, online teleconference platforms, and social media.
Methods

ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HUBS

Community-based participatory research course

PAHO

Colombia CIDEIM - ICESI

UK - LSHTM

TDR

China SESH

Uganda Makerere University

Malawi University

South Africa UCT Bertha Centre

Philippines UP Manila

Building partnerships > Africa CDC, UNAIDS, UN University, WHO, ASEAN NDI

Crowdsourcing for research • Guide • clinic

• Annual Castillo award
• Introductory module
> health research system

Fellowship programme

Research grant for students

Research workshop • New tools • Health system actors

Health System Entrepreneurship Fellowship Programme
Thank you!

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