



Cooperation among Countries  
for Health Development  
(CCHD)  
in the Americas

Office of Country and Subregional Coordination (CSC)

**PAHO**



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Health  
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Organization  
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Americas

# Background

- The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) works with countries throughout the region **to improve and protect people's health.**
- PAHO/WHO has a **long history of supporting South-South and Triangular Cooperation**, namely through **technical cooperation among countries**
- **Mandate on Cooperation among Countries for Health Development (CCHD)** given by PAHO/WHO Member States: Policy (CD52/11, 2013) and Resolution (CD52.R15, 2013)

# CCHD areas of work

## Convening and advocacy

Promote cooperation among countries

Interregional exchanges

Subregional cooperation

## Brokering and knowledge-sharing

Facilitate knowledge and information sharing

Document and exchange of evidence based good practices

Develop methodologies to assess CCHD and measure impact

## Building partnerships and resource mobilization

Forge partnerships and promote networks among national institutions and centers of excellence

Mobilize resources to support these exchanges

PAHO CCHD Financing Mechanism

# Cooperation among Countries for Health Development (CCHD), *PAHO Policy document CD52/11*

Brokering and knowledge-sharing.

**Facilitating knowledge and information sharing particularly the documentation and exchange of evidence-based good practices at regional and global levels; develop methodologies to assess cooperation among countries and better measure its impact on health development.**



## Monitoring and assessment

- Performance Monitoring and Assessment (PMA)
- Analysis of country and subregional Bienial Workplans
- Mainstreamed as a cooperation modality in operational and strategic planning (M&E guidelines PAHO Strategic Plan 2020-25 and PAHO Program Budget 2022-23)
- CCHD Funding Mechanism's projects

## Documentation and reporting

- PAHO Governing Bodies: 1) CCHD progress report (every two years), 2) subregional integration mechanisms (annually)
- UN Secretary General report on South-South Cooperation (annually)
- Systematization, documentation and publication of CCHD initiatives and good practices (PAHO, WHO, UNOSSC publications, South-South Galaxy, SEGIB, ...)
- Global, regional and subregional fora (i.e. GSSD Expo)

Strengthening AMR Detection and Surveillance at the National and Regional Level in the CARICOM: Argentina – CARICOM, (2019-2021)

- Over **300** nurses, physicians and laboratory specialists from **7** Caribbean countries trained
- **119** participants from **12** countries completed virtual training in AMR detection and surveillance
- **3** countries detected outbreaks of antimicrobialresistant (AMR) bacteria
- Setup of the “Caribbean External Quality Assurance Program in Bacteriology and Antimicrobial Resistance” in **12** National Reference Laboratories



## Improving maternal and child health on the northern border of the Dominican Republic and Haiti (2018-2020)



The number of maternal deaths was reduced by **23%** and maternal mortality rate by **18%**

The number of neonatal deaths was reduced by **26%** and the neonatal mortality rate was reduced by **39%**

**21%** increased of institutional deliveries

**162 and 595**

health professionals trained in Haiti and in Dominican Republic, respectively

**2,272**

increased in number of Haitian women benefiting from a first prenatal visit

# Issues and challenges

*“More evidence and robust information is required in order to understand the contribution that this cooperation has made to health development in the Region”,  
PAHO Policy document CD52/11*

- Improvement and institutionalization of CCHD information and data collection and analysis
- Visibility and added value beyond monetarization
- Processes versus results/impact on institutions and people’s lives





# Opportunities and way forward

- Measuring SSC: multi-purpose, provides complementarities/synergies/alliances and different entry points
- Country-focused and country-led: Member States demand and recognize SSC contributions to advance the SDGs and request better measurement
- Build on the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic: health as a fundamental pillar of cooperation and integration, and for strengthening solidarity and equity