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A South-South Initiative



East, Central and Southern
Africa Health Community
Fostering Regional Cooperation for Better Health



The HPRO Model

**Working with research teams
to promote research ownership
and evidence use**

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The IMCHA Initiative in Africa

19 Implementation Research Teams - 11 countries - 28 projects

**West Africa - 6
RTs, 8 projects
4 countries**

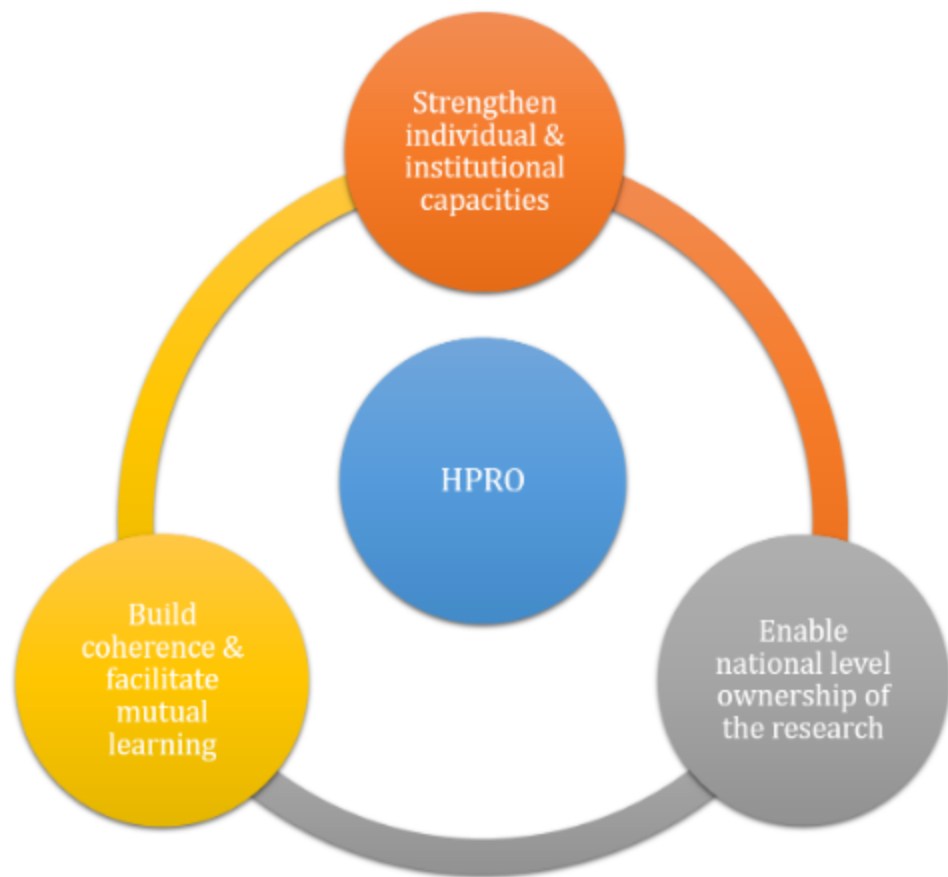
- Burkina Faso
- Mali
- Nigeria
- Senegal



**East Africa - 13
RTs, 19 projects
6 countries**

- Ethiopia
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- South Sudan
- Tanzania
- Uganda

HPROs Role



EA-HPRO strategy

Goal: Improve the translation of research evidence & learning into policy and practice for effective MNCH interventions.

1. Model of **engagement**:
decision maker
embedded in the
research team

2. Individual & institutional
capacity building in
research and knowledge
translation.

3. **Spaces/forums for
policy engagement.**

EA- HPRO Consortium: Co-ordination, linkages to policy spaces, capacity strengthening, research (situation analysis/context mapping)

WAHO strategy

Targeted actors	Level of intervention		
	Individual level	Organisational level	Institutional level
WAHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity strengthening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines on evidence use Strengthen library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution to AMH on evidence use in decision making process Request & memos evidence-based; evidence-based policy proposals, plan, guidelines
MOH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity strengthening Study tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guideline on evidence use Promotion of policy briefs Researchers & policymakers collaboration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National-level text or law on the use of research in decision-making
IRTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity strengthening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research-to-policy fora 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy for collaboration between researchers & decision-makers

Regional platform framework

HPROs Achievements

Enable national ownership of research

Convening and participating in Regional and National Platforms

Advocacy/policy engagement

Facilitation and connecting researchers to decision makers

Strengthen institutional & individual capacities

AHM Resolution/ESCA-HC Resolutions

Evidence Use Guides

Capacity building (IRTs, MoH, WAHO, EA-HPRO)

Collaboration between Researchers & MNCH departments at MoH

Build mutual learning

East-West HPRO collaboration

Collaboration among West Africa IRTs

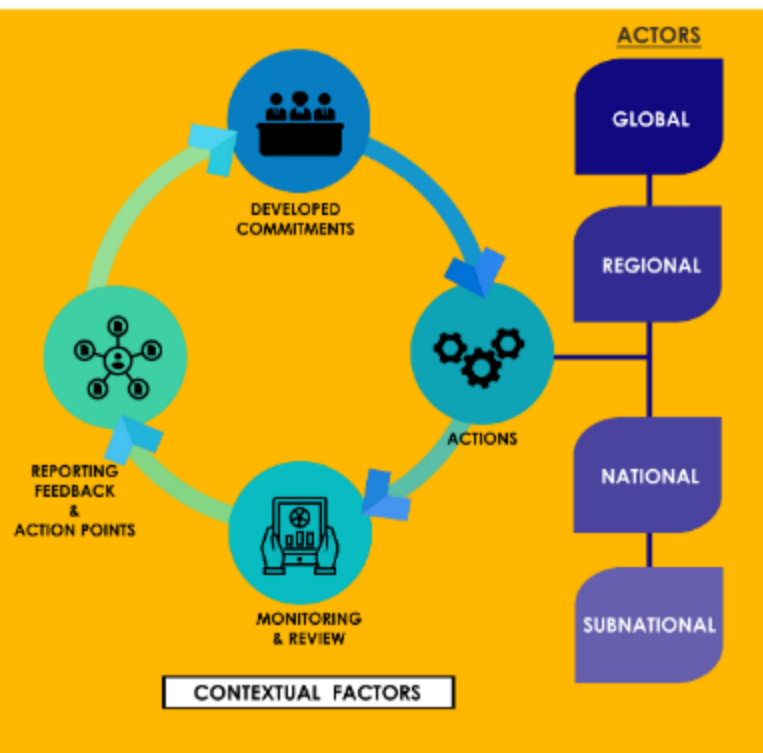
Collaboration East-West IRTs

Joint paper publication with IRTs

Publication on Gender analysis

Achievements - EA-HPRO

ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK



ENHANCED ACCOUNTABILITY CAN ENSURE THAT INVESTMENTS IN RMNCH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES LEAD TO BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES

- Commitment from high-level decision-makers - the adoption of two resolutions by **10 member states** - to **advance respectful maternity care, and M&E for RMNCH commitments**
- Researchers are engaged in national decision-making platforms
- Enhanced the understanding and use of knowledge translation tools

Achievements - EA-HPRO



Achievements -WAHO

Achievements

Institutional Level

EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF ECOWAS HEALTH MINISTERS

16 June 2017, Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

14. The Assembly of Health Ministers, on the recommendation of the Health Experts' Committee adopted the "Regional Strategic Plan on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Control, including five resolutions, namely:

• A resolution on: "Task Shifting/Sharing in the ECOWAS Region".

• A resolution on: "The Use of Evidence in Developing Health Care Policies, Plans, Standards and Protocols in the ECOWAS Region".

• A resolution on: "The West African Network of Research for Health Ethics Committees (WANEC)".

• A resolution on: "The Designation and Networking of ECOWAS Regional Reference National Laboratories".

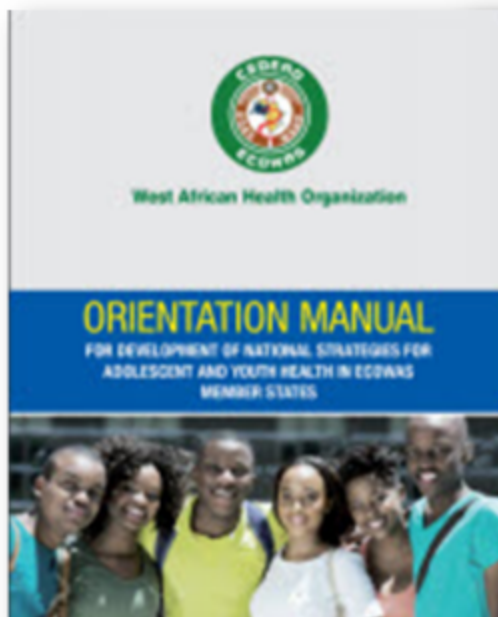
• A resolution on: The Regional Framework for Public-Private Partnership (PPP) within the ECOWAS region".



Adoption of resolution by AHM

Achievements -WAHO

Organisational Level



Lessons Learned

- Good policies exist, but the implementation is wanting
- The policy development process is dynamic – some countries have clear policy-making processes while others do not
- Emphasis should be on the enhancement of evidence use versus policy change
- Policy engagement & knowledge translation takes longer needs more time investment should be made



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