National Center of Competence in Research North-South

Research Partnerships for Mitigating Syndromes of Global Change

Description	Launched in 2001, the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) North-South is an innovative research program in the fields of global change and sustainable development. Headquartered in Switzerland and encompassing a network of over 350 researchers active in more than 40 countries worldwide, it is dedicated to finding sustainable, practicable solutions to specific challenges of global change. Central to all NCCR North-South activities is a commitment to partnership between institutions and individuals in the northern and southern hemispheres. Research is collaboratively conducted with a special emphasis on the needs of developing and transition countries, since they are arguably under the most pressure due to accelerated global processes of environmental, economic, and sociopolitical change.
Purpose	The research projects in the Health, Services, and Planning Node of the NCCR North-South examine how to facilitate effective health and sanitation strategies through participatory planning. Their final aim is to aid the creation of interventions, health services and social programs that are sustainable, equitable, reflect local conditions, meet the needs of local populations and reinforce their resilience.
Scope	Global.
Primary Funders	Swiss National Science Foundation and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.
Participants & Key Collaborators	(for the Thematic Node on Health, Services and Planning) Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (EPH, Swiss TPH, Basel, Switzerland) and Department of Water and Sanitation in Development Countries at the Aquatic Research Institute Eawag (SANDEC, Eawag, Dübendorf, Switzerland), African, Asian and Latin American partner countries/institutions.
Definition of One Health	None. Vision of transdisciplinary research to tackle multidisciplinary development and globalization problems. See Zinsstag et al., (2010). *From "one medicine" to "one health" and systemic approaches to health and well-being* (doi:10.1016/j.prevetmed.2010.07.003).
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	Program evaluation through external Review Board; project evaluation through internal Board of Directors.
Sources of Information	Public Website: http://www.north-south.unibe.ch/
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