

A photograph of a woman and a man in a dugout canoe on a river. The woman is in the foreground, smiling, wearing a colorful patterned shirt and a backpack. The man is behind her, also smiling. A red motorcycle is in the foreground, partially in the canoe. The background is a dense green forest.

SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH INITIATIVE

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WHAT IS SIHI?

The Social Innovation in Health Initiative (SIHI) is a **network of passionate individuals and institutions (1)** combining their **skills and resources (2)** in support of **key activities (3)** to advance social innovation in health in developing countries, with the ultimate goal to achieve the **sustainable development goals** and **improve the lives of communities in low- and middle-income countries (4)**.

1. NETWORK OF PASSIONATE INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS

SIHI is a global network of individuals, organisations and institutions passionate about social innovation in health. The network was established in 2014 through the joint efforts of the University of Cape Town's Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Oxford University's Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Disease (co-sponsored by UNDP, UNICEF, the World Bank and WHO) which is hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO).

In 2017, the active partners of the network were extended in to include four new universities in the south: The University of Malawi's College of Medicine, Makerere University School of Public Health and the University of Philippines College of Medicine and Centro Internacional de Entrenamiento e Investigaciones Medicas (CIDEIM) in collaboration with Universidad ICESI and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

SIHI collaborates with the Foundation Mérieux, Ahimsa and the WHO Department of Service Delivery and Safety.

Since its establishment, SIHI has been engaging with a range of stakeholders, including social innovators in low- and middle income countries, policy makers, funding bodies and international agencies.





2. SKILLS AND RESOURCES

SIHI's partners and collaborators bring diverse skills and resources to the network. Active partners contribute technical and academic expertise to provide strategic direction, promote and conduct research and train individuals from all walks of life in social innovation in health. Collaborators provide diverse skills and resources, including technical, financial and in-kind contributions.

SIHI is made possible through grants and support from TDR. TDR also plays an important role as the coordinator and convener of stakeholders around the social innovation in health agenda.

3. KEY ACTIVITIES

SIHI undertakes activities to support the achievement of three strategic objectives:

A

Promote and support research in social innovation in health.

B

Strengthen the capacity of low- and middle-income countries to catalyse social innovation and conduct research.

C

Exert global influence through cross-sectoral stakeholder engagement to promote the value of social innovation in health.



4. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND IMPROVING THE LIVES OF COMMUNITIES

Despite major advances in technology, drugs and diagnostics, too many people – particularly the most vulnerable in low- and middle-income countries – are left out. So what is missing? Dissolving boundaries, engaging communities and various health actors are becoming more important to ensure interventions leave no one behind. Social innovation in health provides an alternate and complementary lens by which healthcare delivery challenges can be addressed. Social innovation is an approach inclusive of all actors creating creative solutions to strengthen health services and health systems.

Social innovations provide new ways of working that enhance access to quality and affordable healthcare for all, particularly the most marginalised populations. This approach is foundational to achieving the framework on integrated people-centred health services, endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2016. It also contributes to the achievement of Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.



OUR NETWORK OF GLOBAL PARTNERS

MALAWI

Blantyre

University of Malawi
College of Medicine, Malaria Alert Centre



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The University of Malawi has a vision to catalyse more social innovation among Malawian nationals: 'health solutions for Malawi from the people, healthier lives'. SIHI Malawi will serve as a platform for all organisations and individuals interested in social innovation to come together, share and learn. It will engage in the identification and study of Malawian social innovations such that insights can contributing to health system goals in Malawi. Local ideas and social innovations will be promoted, accelerated and supported.

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Makerere University
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MakSPH has expertise in developing and implementing research in social innovation, as well as establishing relationships with local health system stakeholders. Across Makerere University, other special units such as the Resilient Africa Network have also been engaging in social innovation in key areas. The Ugandan Ministry of Health has been a strong support to the social innovation work undertaken at Makerere University. SIHI Uganda will identify and study examples of social innovation and disseminate good practices and lessons learnt. It will further focus on enhancing the research capacity of social innovators and students and promote the widespread use of the social innovation approach among all health system stakeholders such that lasting health improvements can be achieved in the country.

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SIHI FOCUS AREAS

SIHI's focus in the Philippines is to advance social innovation in health by engaging national health system stakeholders, undertaking research to further develop evidence for social innovation, and translating research into health policy and action. By embedding social innovation as a key component of health education and training, the Philippines Hub will serve to enhance institutional capacity for research and sustainability of social innovations in health.

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Centro Internacional de Entrenamiento e Investigaciones
Medicas (CIDEIM) in collaboration with Universidad Icesi
& the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO)

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Within the framework of the partnership between CIDEIM, Universidad Icesi and PAHO, we seek to integrate knowledge and cross-sectoral skills to promote social innovation in health. We execute, promote and consolidate the research capacity in the area based on the formation and maintenance of a community stakeholders in social innovation in health.

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Cape Town

University of Cape Town (UCT)
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Through a partnership with Johnson & Johnson, the Bertha Centre is providing targeted support to African social innovators using mobile technology to improve maternal and child health outcomes through engagement with the public sector. This work has a strong learning objective to the different pathways that allow for greater health systems integration and overall systemic change.

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The Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship is a leading centre for the advancement of social entrepreneurship worldwide. As one of the founding members of the Social Innovation in Health Initiative in 2014, the Skoll Centre contributed to the creation of the initial case studies and Pamela Hartigan, former director of the Centre, played a crucial role in spearheading the initiative. The Skoll Centre will continue to support and steer this initiative in its next phase of implementation to drive health innovation across the global south.

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SIHI FOCUS AREAS

LSHTM plays a key role in the establishment of four new social innovation hubs in Malawi, Uganda, Colombia and the Philippines. LSHTM works in close collaboration with country partners to provide technical and operational support in social innovation. The vision is to see each of these hubs become 'centres of excellence' in their region. The team further engages in research on key social innovation thematic areas such as crowdsourcing and the adoption of social innovations into public health systems

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Social Entrepreneurship to Spur Health (SESH) Global

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SESH has developed a practical guide for using crowdsourcing as an approach to finding solutions for health challenges. The SESH team is conducting randomized controlled trials on using crowdsourcing approaches to improve health outcomes in China.

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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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TDR, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, co-sponsored by UNDP, UNICEF, World Bank and WHO

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TDR is the convening partner and provides global leadership for SIHI. It is committed to (i) promoting social innovation in health at the global, regional and national levels; (ii) supporting research on social innovation to better understand what works and what does not work, highlighting and sharing lessons learnt; and (iii) supporting research capacity building in countries and by countries. TDR's main aim is to extend the partnership to research institutions in low- and middle-income countries and to build capacity to embed research in social innovation.

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WHAT IF

COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL INNOVATIONS ARE A KEY ELEMENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL AGENDA SUCCESS IN 2030?

WHAT IS SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH?

Social innovation gives us a new lens with which to approach healthcare delivery. It is a solution to a systemic health challenge.

The solution is developed by people and organisations from different sectors and backgrounds, and does so by engaging and collaborating with communities.

The solution provides a creative approach to making healthcare more inclusive, effective and affordable for all people. Social innovation improves the health and wellbeing of people and has a transformative potential to enhance resilience of the health system.

To see examples, visit our website
www.socialinnovationinhealth.org