**MOODLE PLATFORM**

- Participants are involved in SI though not specifically in relation with health.
- Members of the Community of Stakeholders involved in health do not recognize themselves as social innovators.
- SI in Colombia has focused principally on social empowerment.
- Eight funding opportunities for social innovation have been identified and shared.

**Virtual coffee (webinars)**

**Forums**

**Knowledge Cabinet**

**Opportunities**

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**FINDINGS BRIEF**

**CONNECTING INTER-INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC)**

**References:** (SIHI - Social Innovation in Health Initiative) Hub for Social Innovation in health for Latin America and the Caribbean Centro Internacional de Entrenamiento e Investigaciones Médicas (CIDEIM)

**TARGET AREAS**

- **Identify and investigate** regional social innovation initiatives; develop tools and/or mechanisms to strengthen community-based research.
- **Convene and guide** research institutions in low- and middle-income countries in the region in order to strengthen capacity to innovate socially in health and promote stakeholder articulation.
- **Promote appropriation** of best practices for innovation, involving public and private institutions and scalability of social innovation for health.

**SIHI – LAC Hub**

The SIHI Global Initiative recognizes the systemic challenge of health and embraces Social Innovation (SI) as a strategy to address this challenge, by articulating and integrating knowledge and intersectoral capacities.

The SIHI initiative has five Hubs worldwide.

The SIHI – LAC Hub led by CIDEIM in alliance with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and Icesi University in Cali – Colombia, began activities in 2017.

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**What we have accomplished?**

We have:

- Identified innovative and creative solutions that facilitate access to health in the region.
- Conducted training and promoted research in SI for Health.
- Encouraged replicability, scalability and sustainability of SI projects and programs through forums and virtual engagement of the Community of Stakeholders.

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Figure 1. Organizations involved in the Social Innovation in Health Initiative

https://socialinnovationinhealth.org/

Between 2016-2017 the Hubs of Malawi, Uganda, Colombia and the Philippines were created, for 2018 that of China.
Strategies and innovations that address primary health care and infectious diseases associated with poverty were identified in Central American countries.

Among 12 initiatives in SI in Health, from Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Barbados, 3 were selected by an international panel.

**FINDINGS**

Intersectional and interdisciplinary participation in the development and implementation of SI. Innovations enabled the empowerment of communities to improve the health conditions of their environment. Sustainability and scalability of interventions are necessary to achieve expected results.

SI engaged the communities of Comapa, Guatemala in health promotion and prevention of Chagas' Guatemala and telemedicine enabled access to healthcare in Gracias a Dios, Honduras.

As a Hub, we have achieved:

- Recognition of the innovations by the regional office of the Pan American Health Organization
- Multimedia visibility of these initiatives in national and international media.
- Strengthening of cooperation between Mosquitiam and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras.
- Linking of leaders of these initiatives to the activities of the Stakeholder Community.

Participation of the social innovators in research training in two international courses:

- Community Based Participatory Research
- Implementation Research MOOC

**DOCUMENTARY RESEARCH ON SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH IN LATIN AMERICA, 2013-2018**

- To be completed in 2019
- Identify and analyze conceptual and methodological developments in social innovation in Latin America.
- 80 Articles, books, chapters and theses
- Conceptual development of Social Innovation is concentrated in US and UK whereas the application of SI focuses on LMIC
- Colombia and Brazil are the regional countries of origin of the highest number of documents
- Focus areas included: Innovation in Health, Technological Innovation in Health and Social Innovation in Health

**CAPACITY BUILDING IN RESEARCH IN SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH**

Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Course
Facilitators: Nina Wallerstein DrPH and Laura Parajon MD, MScPH

Training in CBPR methodology: 16 members of the Community of Stakeholders led by two international experts.

Interinstitutional participants in Community Based Participatory Research – CIDEIM –Cali, Colombia September 2018