

# RESEARCH, TRAINING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT UNIT (REPDU)

## OVERVIEW OF CORE ACTIVITIES



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# Functions of REPDU

1. Promote research for health, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and use of evidence to drive policy
2. Advise Governments and other stakeholders on research for health and on M&E matters
3. Strengthen national and regional health research systems
4. Develop mechanisms to support priority research
5. Build and strengthen national and regional M&E systems
6. Promote sharing of Region's scientific outputs



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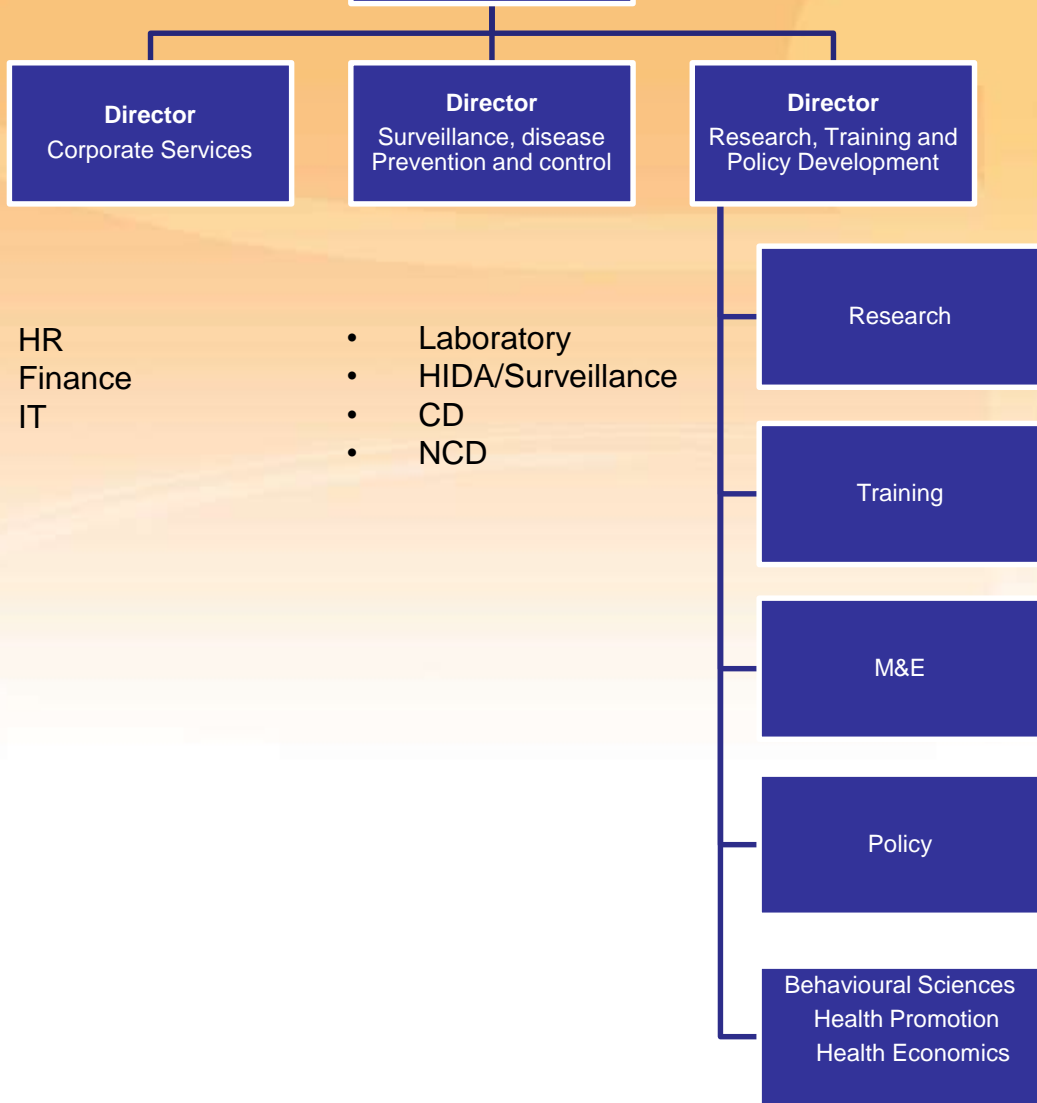
# Functions of REPDU

7. Facilitate the development of evidence-based health policy
8. Facilitate evidence based practice
9. Develop national and regional capacity in health research and M&E
10. Develop, coordinate, monitor and evaluate effective public health training activities of CARPHA
11. Facilitate/advocate for the development of Career Paths in public health for the Region
12. Develop evidence-based prevention interventions that address CMS social determinants of health



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# Executive Director



- HR
- Finance
- IT

- Laboratory
- HIDA/Surveillance
- CD
- NCD



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# RESEARCH



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CARIBBEAN HEALTH RESEARCH COUNCIL

# Health Research Agenda for the Caribbean



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# Health Research Agenda

- CARPHA has an important role regarding the implementation of the Agenda
  - Building of national and regional research capacity through training and the provision of technical support
  - Funding of research using the Research Grants Programme
  - The engagement of funding agencies and research groups / institutions
  - Conduct of priority research



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# Research Ethics Committee (REC)

- Oversight of research conducted at and supported by CARPHA
- Oversight for multi-country studies
- Support for countries without an established REC
- Progress to date
  - Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedure
  - Funding secured from CDC
  - Recruitment of Ethicist
  - Initiated the process to recruit Committee members



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# Research Grants Programme

- Crucial for the implementation of the Agenda
- Funding for research priorities identified in the Agenda
- Available – USD 100 000 per annum
- Regular submission deadlines (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1<sup>st</sup>) as well as periodic RFPs
  - Special cases for commissioning of research
- CARPHA staff only eligible through collaborations



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# Annual Scientific Conference

- Forum for sharing research findings, collaboration between researchers and policy makers
- Plays a key role in the nurturing of young Caribbean researchers
- 60<sup>th</sup> Annual CARPHA (CHRC) Conference will be held in Grenada, April 23 - 25 2015
- Call for papers - Deadline November 1<sup>st</sup>



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# TRAINING



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# Training

## AIM:

Enhancement of national capacities to deliver public health goods and services ***through on-going teaching, training and collaboration.***

## Critical role:

- Develop & maintain an effective strategic framework and plans for relevant and coordinated public health training in the Region
- Ensure staff competence
- Consideration of certification and accreditation of training and CARPHA

# Training Activities

- **Training Workshops:**
  - Basic Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Basic Research Skills
  - Advanced Research Skills/ Data Analysis
  - Grant Proposal Writing
  - Research Ethics
- **Technical Assistance** to complement training
- **Internships/Practicums/Placements**



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# MONITORING AND EVALUATION



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# Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

- Critical role to:
  - Build/strengthen M&E systems within CARPHA and CMS
  - Build capacity in M&E of health programmes
    - Hosting of M&E training; internships; mentoring and coaching strategies
  - Technical support for the analysis, dissemination and use of M&E data
  - Contribute to Regional initiatives such as CCH, which require substantive M&E technical input
  - Conduct evaluations of health programmes

# POLICY



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# Policy: Research to practice

## ***Critical role to promote and facilitate the use of evidence in healthcare decision making:***

- Engage policy makers, raise their awareness and build capacity to facilitate the use of evidence as a primary input into the policy making process
- Technical support in the development of dissemination products (including policy briefs, fact sheets, planning documents), as well as hosting round table discussions and policy dialogues.
- Training in policy making



# BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES



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# Behavioural Sciences

- The primary objective of the Behavioural Sciences unit is to provide an evidence base for public health decision making through the application and use of theoretical approaches from the field of behavioural sciences.
- Health Problems
  - Biological
  - Environmental
  - Behavioural
- Response
  - Behaviour Change Health Interventions
  - Health Promotion/Health Education Messages

Social determinants

Behavioural determinants

# Advisory Committees/Working Groups

- Research Advisory Committee
- Training Advisory Committee
- Monitoring and Evaluation Advisory Committee
- Other Advisory Committee/Working groups as needed

# Resources

- Research and Policy Development
  - Core Funds
- M&E, Training and Behavioural Science Activities
  - Funding Agencies
    - Centre for Disease Control and Prevention
    - Global Fund for Fight against Tuberculosis, HIV & AIDS and Malaria

# Staff

- Director
- Head, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
- Senior Policy Analyst
- Bioethicist
- Senior Training Specialist
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officers (3)
- Health Research Scientist
- Behavioural Scientist
- Curriculum Development Specialist
- Administrative Assistants (2)



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60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CARPHA HEALTH  
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APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

GRENADA

***CALL FOR PAPERS***

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PAPERS

NOVEMBER 1ST, 2014



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