



Typical research and training activities related to Health and Demographic Surveillance System (HDSS) field sites in Africa, Asia & Oceania

INDEPTH ENDOWMENT FUND

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Making the INDEPTH Network permanent

INDEPTH is seeking US\$40 Million to endow its Resource & Training Centre in Accra, Ghana to finance the Network's Scientific, Capacity Strengthening & Training, Policy Engagement and Management Activities. The proceeds from the endowment will be used to fund the operations of the Network, specifically:

- Ensuring excellence in the scientific activities of the Network, particularly the efforts of Working Groups in developing critical research studies;
- Managing the capacity strengthening and training efforts of the Network;
- Co-ordinating the Annual General Meeting of the Network and biennial INDEPTH Scientific Conference; and
- Translating the results of INDEPTH research into recommendations for improving policy and practice across the Global South.

Currently, the Resource & Training Centre's \$4 Million per annum budget is funded by multi-year grants of core support provided by foundations. As a result, a large part of the effort of the Centre must focus on ensuring continued core support of its efforts – rather than focusing on identifying and funding specific projects in health and demography.

It is projects that are – and must continue to be – the essential effort of the Resource & Training Centre. It is scientific studies that both advance health and demographic science – and identify the improvements in policy and practice, and the sharing of essential information for monitoring of global health and development goals that are the heart of the Mission and Vision of the Institution.

As part of seeking \$40 Million in endowment funding, we are also interested in setting up specific endowments that can be earmarked for one or more parts of the overall efforts of the Network, including:

- \$15 Million to endow the Scientific Research efforts of the Resource and Training Centre – including managing the efforts of the Working Groups and supporting regular scientific meetings, especially the biennial INDEPTH Scientific Conference;
- \$10 Million to endow the Capacity Strengthening efforts of the Resource & Training Centre – building an institution focused on training and rolling out standardised tools across member centres; and
- \$10 Million to endow a “Research to Policy” effort focused on translating the results of INDEPTH studies into recommendations for policy and practice .

Who should contribute?

1. High net-worth individuals from the Global South, who wish to ensure continued development in the Global South.
2. Local corporations from the Global South, who seek to ensure the growth of Southern-led research institutions.
3. Individuals from everywhere who wish to contribute to the development of health research in low- and middle-income countries.
4. Corporations investing in low- and middle-income countries who know their success is tied to growing development in those areas.

Important Note

1. INDEPTH reserves the right not to accept contributions from organisations whose objectives conflict with the ethos of the Network.
2. Managers of the INDEPTH Endowment Fund must adhere to the ethical principles of the Network.
3. The INDEPTH Board has overall responsibility of the Fund



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Managing the Endowment Fund

According to the strategy set by the INDEPTH Board, we will:

- Work with HFC Mortgage & Finance Bank in Ghana who currently manages INDEPTH's existing 1.33M Accumulated Fund; and
- Subcontract the management of the Endowment Fund to one of the funders of INDEPTH.

About INDEPTH

In the world's poorest countries, where the burden of disease is highest, there remains a void in vital health information. Many people are born, live and die without being registered, causes of death are rarely determined and there is almost no accurate information on morbidity (the incidence and prevalence of specific diseases). This information is essential both for accurate and timely response to health issues as well as to plan for other services. Over the past two decades, INDEPTH has successfully endeavoured to address this gap.

INDEPTH is an umbrella organisation of more than 43 independent health research centres operating health and demographic surveillance system (HDSS) sites in currently 20 low- and middle-income countries. Founded in 1998, INDEPTH has since provided vital information based on complete longitudinal ongoing surveys of over 3.8 million people around the world.

INDEPTH strives to support the global development focus on monitoring progress towards the sustainable development goals (SDGs), which requires essential, robust, and detailed information about the health and demographics of LMICs.

Our Vision is to be a trusted source for evidence on progress towards health and development goals.

To achieve this Vision, INDEPTH's Mission is to lead a co-ordinated approach by the world's health and demographic surveillance systems to provide timely longitudinal evidence. Such evidence is necessary to understand and improve population health and development policy and practice.

Our on-going longitudinal health and demographic tracking, scientific partners and network of independent centres offer a unique vehicle for the study of the impact of policy and practice – as well as the development of interventions. No other organisation in low- and middle-income countries can replicate our ability to track changes in the status of populations and develop and test important interventions that can alleviate health and development challenges.

At INDEPTH:

- We conduct longitudinal research that provides the health and demographic data to enable low- & middle-income countries to set community responsive health priorities and policies closely linked to the SDGs.
- Through our global network of HDSS field sites in Africa, Asia and Oceania, we produce reliable longitudinal data not only about the lives of people, but also about the impact on those lives of development policies and programmes.
- We strengthen the capacities of HDSS member institutions and train their staff to conduct high quality health and demographic research.
- We enhance the scientific productivity of member institutions and improve on the quality of data collection, analysis, dissemination and management.
- We focus on building a pool of highly trained and efficient young researchers/scientists to conduct world-class research and ensure sustainable leaders for the respective HDSSs.
- In partnership with our collaborators from the global North and South, we energetically strive to translate successful research into improved global policies. We synthesise the knowledge generated by INDEPTH into comprehensive policy documents to influence policy-making and to ensure an on-going dialogue among policy makers, practitioners and scientists.

With our two-decade track record, INDEPTH, through its Resource & Training Centre in Accra, Ghana, has created an essential research network of the global South. It is now time to make that institution permanent, by creating an endowment to ensure that INDEPTH focuses all of its efforts on generating and managing research studies that continue to improve the lives of people in low- & middle-income countries.

Please visit the INDEPTH website for more information on the Network's activities

www.indepth-network.org

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