

# MELBOURNE CHILDREN'S GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

## Terms of Reference

*Melbourne Children's Global Health contributes to the global effort to place children and adolescents at the centre of sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*

Melbourne Children's Global Health is an initiative of the Melbourne Children's - where researchers at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute work with health professionals at The Royal Children's Hospital and academics at The University of Melbourne's Department of Paediatrics.

As an initiative of the Melbourne Children's we contribute to the relevant institutional objectives, including The University of Melbourne's *Advancing Health 2030*.

Our approach to sustainable development is enabled by the co-location of research, education and care at the Melbourne Children's, which promotes learning within health systems.

We provide governance, leadership and an operational framework to facilitate collaboration between the Melbourne Children's and partners in low- and middle-income countries.

### Melbourne Children's Global Health Leadership Team Objectives

#### 1. Governance and Leadership

- 1.1 To support strengthened governance for global health at the Melbourne Children's.
- 1.2 To contribute to the institutional strategic objectives of the Melbourne Children's, including:
  - The University of Melbourne's *Advancing Health 2030*
  - The University of Melbourne's strategy to facilitate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership internationally to improve health and wellbeing for Indigenous children and adolescents.
- 1.3 To provide leadership, facilitate engagement and support collaboration between organisations, teams and individuals located at the Melbourne Children's in global health activities.
- 1.4 To facilitate engagement and collaboration with other global health stakeholders within The University of Melbourne, including the Melbourne Medical School, Nossal Institute for Global Health, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, and World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centres affiliated with the University.
- 1.5 To facilitate engagement and collaboration with health service providers; non-government organisations (NGOs) including the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and Australian Global Health Alliance (AGHA); universities and research institutes, including the Burnet Institute; government and United Nations agencies.
- 1.6 To facilitate fundraising and promotion of global health research, education and training.
- 1.7 To facilitate opportunities for student, graduate research and early career engagement in global health. Including through seminars and events, Global Health Fellowships for early career researchers, student placements and graduate research supervision for Australian and regional candidates.
- 1.8 To facilitate engagement and support collaborations with partners in low- and middle-income countries through a learning health systems approach.
- 1.9 To support a rights-based approach within Global Health activities, including:
  - Gender and disability equality and social inclusion
  - Engagement and participation of children, youth and families.

#### 2. Governance and Leadership for Operational Frameworks

- 2.1 To support and monitor the establishment of a framework for operations in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and benchmarking against the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct and the standards of Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Accreditation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). MCRI is an ACFID member and signatory to the Code.

- 2.2 To raise awareness and support compliance with relevant standards, guidance and legislation for operations in low- and middle-income countries.
- 2.3 To review strategic and operational risk management for activities in low- and middle-income countries and make recommendations to mitigate risk.

### **Frequency of Meetings**

The GHLT meets monthly excluding January.

### **Governance and Reporting**

#### *Melbourne Children's Campus Council*

The Global Health Leadership Team reports to the Campus Council through the Director, Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

The governance of Melbourne Children's belongs to the Campus Council and the leadership teams and boards of The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, the University of Melbourne, Department of Paediatrics and The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation.

The Campus Council provides strategic leadership and advocacy for paediatrics and child health generally. It enhances the collaboration and cooperation of the campus partners to achieve international recognition as a centre for innovation and paediatric practice and knowledge.

#### *MCRI Board Sub-Committee*

An MCRI Global Health Board Sub-Committee provides oversight and strategic advice on activities and operations in low- and middle-income countries to the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

#### *Secretariat*

The Partnerships and Programs Manager, Global Health, acts as a secretariat for the Global Health Leadership Team.

#### *Membership*

The Leadership Team will be made up of at least twelve members.

Membership aims to represent diversity in line with the skills and diversity matrix (annex 1).

Members will have renewable tenure, reviewed every two years.

In line with these membership requirements, there will be a call for nominations for new members and a selection process supported by the diversity and skills matrix.

No delegates are allowed.

#### *Co-Chairs*

Leadership will be provided by three members who represent the three Campus Partners and their core activities in research, education and clinical – MCRI, University of Melbourne Department of Paediatrics and Royal Children's Hospital. Co-Chairs meet weekly with the Secretariat.

### **Working Groups and Networks**

The MCGH Leadership Team will convene working groups and networks to support the team's objectives, current groups include:

- MCGH Learning Health Systems Working Group
- MCGH Program Management Network
- MCGH DEI and Safeguarding Focal Point Meetings
- Country Interest Groups