AHEAD Forum

The **AHEAD network forum** is the first public discussion platform for scientific research in the social and economics sciences applied to health and development. The **AHEAD forum** is a place where members of the scientific research community can help each other out and exchange views on a wide variety of topics related to our main research themes: applied health, equity and development.

**The forum** aims to create a more effective support for scientific research through transnational cooperation and information exchange via a sustainable, broad-based network of researchers, providing them with an active platform to learn, collaborate, advocate and promote excellence in research.

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Join Us

Researchers working on issues related to applied health, equity and development in the MENA and SSA regions can apply to join the network. The three working languages of the network are English, French and Arabic.

To apply for membership
www.ahead-network.org/en/join-network
About Us

The Applied Health, Equity and Development Research Network (AHEAD) gathers researchers from various disciplines (economics, epidemiology, public health, sociology of health...) from both developed and developing countries on current topics relating to equity, health and development.

The network seeks to identify the determinants of health, health inequality and wellbeing in developing countries with a particular focus on the Middle East and North African Region (MENA) and Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).

AHEAD was created in 2015 as part of the SANTEMED project, funded by the University Foundation Aix-Marseille Initiative of Excellence (A*MIDEX).

A primary goal of AHEAD is to promote the analysis of health inequality and wellbeing in MENA and SSA countries. Questions relating to the measurement and determinants of these inequalities are explored through several research themes:

- The measurement of health inequalities and wellbeing
- The measurement of equity in access to health and financing
- The impact of inequalities in wellbeing on human development
- Feasibility of Universal Health Coverage in developing countries

AHEAD Governance

The AHEAD network’s governance structure is composed of a steering committee, an advisory board and an administrative team.

The steering committee is composed of five members whose role is to promote, deliberate, decide and oversee the success of high value networking and high quality research projects.

The advisory board is composed of eight members. They provide counsel on issues raised by researchers, encourage the exploration of new research proposals and support the networking platform.

AHEAD Symposiums

The AHEAD Scientific Symposiums is the premiere Euro-Mediterranean regional event where the community of researchers and scholars from both developed and developing countries meet; where research results are discussed; where research proposals and scientific collaborations are launched and where excellence is sought.

AHEAD Website

The website contains consolidated information and data on health, equity and development in relation to MENA and SSA countries. Data are collected from multiple sources including international organisations and national statistical offices. The website also offers access to an e-platform that facilitates exchange between researchers.

The working paper series disseminate “work in progress” and the “work under review”. They are published to stimulate discussion and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field.