

## One-page strategic plan

**Name:** Latin American and Caribbean / Honduras Hub

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**Purpose:** Improve quality and access to health care through capacity building and interinstitutional collaboration for research in social innovation for health in Honduras and the Central American sub-region

### **Strengths of the hub**

- **Major national public university** in Honduras, with large and diverse academic community of students and experts in different disciplines that offer a window and an array of opportunities
- **Network of partners within and outside of the university and in Central America** that can effectively assemble as a critical mass for the implementation of social innovation for health
- Demonstrable and established commitment to **institutionalization and dissemination of training** in research methodology and good research practices as an institutional network partner of the RTC
- **An interdisciplinary team** with ongoing research projects with collaborators within and outside UNAH
- **Established mechanisms for periodic dissemination** of research results and promotion of initiatives for health (“Jornada Científica”)
- Participation in **health promotion activities** to achieve healthy lifestyles
- **Part of a growing inter-institutional and inter-sectorial community**, known as the Alliance for Social Innovation for Health in Latin America and the Caribbean (**ALACISS**) to empower innovators, promote mutual learning and foster collaborative work with other stakeholders of the social innovation in health ecosystem
- **Support by and partnership with CIDEIM**, TDR WHO Regional Training Center for the Latin America and Caribbean region, for high-level advocacy across the Central American sub-region in recognizing and promoting innovators and their initiatives.

### **Strategic priorities moving forward**

- Understand the **contextual factors and actors** involved in social innovation for health (SIH) within UNAH
- Constitute an **interdisciplinary team** for the implementation of the Node work plan
- Promote the visibility of the SIH initiative among stakeholders **within UNAH and beyond academia** with other partners in Honduras and in Central America
- Build sustainability of the SIH initiative of our unit (UIC) through the **institutionalization of social innovation for health in the research curriculum** of graduate and postgraduate programs of UNAH