

# Mandate for the Center for Global Health

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## **Governing structure:**

The Board at The Faculty of Medicine defines the mandate for the Center for Global Health and appoints Center for Global Health Board members. The Center for Global Health Board consists of seven members, each appointed for two - 2 - years. The Head of the Institute of Health and Society is the Head of the Center for Global Health Board and reports to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

The Center for Global Health is run by a Center Director who together with the head of administration constitute the center's day-to-day leadership.

The Center for Global Health Board is responsible for keeping the center's actions in compliance with legal rights and regulations, and ensure that the Center for Global Health works to fulfill the objectives set forth by the Board at the Faculty of Medicine.

The Center for Global Health Board is responsible for developing a three-year strategy for Center for Global Health including a selection of prioritized research areas and an annual action plan with a budget. The strategy should also clarify the relation between the Center for Global Health and other global health initiatives at the Institute of Health and Society.

## **Scope:**

The Center for Global Health is based on a broad definition of global health as 'an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving health equity for all people worldwide'.<sup>1</sup> In this broad sense, "global health" includes the study of major societal challenges such as global inequalities in healthcare resources, health impact of globalization and cultural mobility, as well as global implications of and solutions to local health problems (e.g. antibiotic treatment of infectious disease).

The Center for Global Health will build competence and develop research projects in selected global health research areas. Another key function of Center for Global Health is to review and disseminate knowledge about global health at the University of Oslo, as well as to the national and international community of researchers, decision makers and the public.

## **Objectives:**

### **Primary objectives:**

- Develop and run research projects in selected global health areas
- Increase external funding with an aim of reaching the goals to be set in the strategy

### **Secondary objectives:**

- Produce reviews summarizing global health research on selected topics
- Disseminate global health knowledge to students and faculty at the University of Oslo as well as to the wider community of researchers, decision makers and the general public
- Establish and consolidate formal networks of researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders within selected areas

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<sup>1</sup> Koplan JP, Bond TC, Merson MH, Reddy KS, Rodriguez MH, Sewankambo NK, et al. Towards a common definition of global health. *Lancet*. 2009;373:1993–5.