

# Minutes - Strategy day Centre for International Health

**Monday 7. Of December 2020 0900-1530**

**Venue: Raddison Blu Royal Hotel Bryggen and online**

**Present:** Gunhild Koldal, Astrid Blystad, Ingunn Marie S. Engebretsen, Sven Gudmund Hinderaker, Bente Elisabeth Moen, Tehmina Mustafa, Ingvild Fossgard Sandøy, Halvor Sommerfelt, Thorkild Tylleskär, Anne Berit Kolmannskog (Minutes) **Online:** Anne Hatløy, David Lackland Sam, Karen Marie Moland, Cecilie Svanes, Linda Karin Forshaw, Ane Straume, Marianne Austevoll Tiege.

## **Agenda:**

- 1. Welcome presentations** /by the Centre director Bente E. Moen.  
The strategy process so far: Small strategy group (Ingunn, Ingvild, Anne Berit, Melf, Bente – strengthened with Thorkild) have held meetings throughout 2020. The vision and mission have been discussed in the following meetings in 2020:  
CIH strategy meeting 3.2.2020 [Minutes CIH strategy day February 3](#)  
CIH strategy meeting 30.3.2020 [Minutes CIH strategy day March 30](#)  
Meeting in the Academic Advisory Group 15.4.2020  
CIH staff meeting Monday 20.4.2020  
CIH staff meeting Monday 18.5.2020  
CIH staff meeting Monday 25.5.2020  
CIH staff meeting Monday 8.6.2020  
CIH Board 16.06.2020  
The discussions are summarized into the document sent out for today's strategy meeting and will be discussed and adjusted in this meeting. Everybody is invited to send comments until 16.12.2020. The small group will meet and finalize the document before Christmas. Then a final round of comments from everybody before it will be presented for the CIH board 12. Of January 2021.
- 2. Discussion 1 in groups: What is Global health?**  
CIH vision and mission use the term Global Health and a common understanding of the term among CIH staff may be useful. CIH defines global health in the description of the Master programme for Global Health:  
*“The programme defines global health broadly as an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving health equity for all people worldwide. It has a particular focus on public health problems in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) and aims to build capacity through research and post graduate training in partnership with academic institutions in collaborating countries. It promotes interdisciplinary collaboration and involves disciplines both within and beyond the health sciences in the training programmes.”* Is this definition still acceptable?  
  
From the discussion:
  - The decolonialization debate in global health is not new but has grown stronger. This debate will continue to shape our story - what the Centre is all about.

- Projects targeting disease burden and low-cost interventions is a large part of CIH portfolio, but CIH also conduct project with a broader scientific scope like health policy and systems, equitable health and implementation.
- CIH needs to be more focused than SDG 3.
- CIH focus on health-related issues in low- and middle-income settings.
- Global health is a broad term, and many different scientific definitions exists. CIH needs instead to concentrate on defining its tools and activities spelled out in our strategy for 2021-2025.

Conclusion: The definition will not be a part of the strategy document. We need to highlight what we give priority to, and reduce the use of this broad expression in the document.

### 3. Discussion 2 in groups: What is Partnership?

CIH vision and mission use the term partnership and a common understanding of the term among CIH staff may be useful. Partnership may be organized in many different types of collaboration. CIH strive to promote genuine, relevant, long-term, and mutual beneficial partnership throughout the project process. Competence building is a term that can be perceived as problematic and we maybe need to move away from this term.

Conclusion: The suggested definition was revised and now reads:

#### PARTNERSHIP

*CIH aims to build competence through research and training in partnership with personnel employed at academic institutions and other research entities in collaborating countries. CIH prioritizes partnerships as described in the SDG 17 “Partnerships for the Goals: Revitalize strong global partnerships for sustainable development”. CIH aims to engage in partnerships with a strong potential for mutual academic benefits, and with prospects for sustainable long-term collaboration.*

We decided to have a ‘CIH day’ on 1th December every year in Bergen; for promotion of our work and collaborators work on health in LMIC.

### 4. STRATEGY 2021-2025

CIHs scientific priority was discussed. The suggestion text on priorities was discharged. Astrid will share a new suggestion framing a part of CIH future scientific priorities. The working group will continue working on the text and share it with all CIH staff before Christmas. See revised strategy document here:

<http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=1b2d7d19107d30b972773971560f3e54>

Our strategy is to support our main focus on LMIC –partnership, and we want to open up for a broad thematic approach as well as for a broad choice of methods (including interventions, but there was no consensus on putting in implementation research)

### 5. Nordic network

CIH is asked to participate in a co-operation together with the Nordic Network on Global Health regarding a seminar series on Global Health. Astrid informed.

Conclusion: CIH is positive to the initiative and welcome a invitation to contribute in the seminar series.

### 6. Recruitment plan CIH

Bente presented the need for CIH to plan regarding future employment opportunities at CIH. To be continued. It is important to support young researchers; let them teach and have responsibilities that will lead to a strong CV.

7. **The Research School.** New activities are needed. Ingvild Sandøy and Bente Moen will work on a plan for 2021.
8. **AOB** – none.