

INTERNACIONAL NETWORK OF HEALTH TECHNICIANS EDUCATION (RETS)

WORK PLAN 2019-2022

PRESENTATION

The purpose of this Work Plan is to guide the activities of the International Network of Health Technicians Education (RETS), to be developed over a four-year period (2019-2022), with the assumptions of integration and articulation, within the network, of educational institutions geared to the training of health technicians, in order to produce, systematize and disseminate knowledge that will subsidize the preparation of policies, programs, plans and projects of international cooperation and strengthen the health systems of member countries.

The 4th General Meeting of RETS, with the theme '40 years of Alma-Ata and the role of health technical workers in the implementation of universal health systems', leads us to reflect: (1) how does the Network have contributed to the consolidation of National Health Systems based on Primary Health Care (PHC), as proposed by the First International Conference on Primary Health Care (Alma-Ata Conference), in 1978, and (2) how to dialogue with the discussions and deliberations of the recent Global Conference on Primary Health Care in Astana (Kazakhstan) in October 2018.

This work plan aims to identify general objectives, actions and strategies that allow the strengthening of the RETS, as well as their sub-networks, and the consequent increase in their capacity to articulate institutions and government bodies directly or indirectly linked to the education of technical workers in order to enhance technical cooperation between them and enhance the efforts made by each of them independently.

Objective 1 - Strengthen, expand and disseminate RETS.

Actions	Strategies/Activities	Responsibles	Period
1.1 Expand and strengthen RETS in the Region of the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Africa.	1.1.1. To improve, based on the Communication Plan 2019-2022, the internal communication and management mechanisms of the Network.	Executive Secretary Members Partner Institutions	2019 to 2022
	1.1.2. Include RETS focal point substitutes with members as a way to facilitate the continuity of Network actions.		
	1.1.3. Consolidate technical cooperation actions in countries that already have representation in the Network.		
	1.1.4. Promote the image and commitments of RETS as part of the work plans and institutional guidelines of member institutions.		
	1.1.5. Promote, with the cooperation of the current members of the Network, the incorporation of other institutions to RETS.		
	1.1.6. Contribute to the consolidation and expansion of existing sub-networks, as well as support the creation of new subnetworks, according to specific demand.		
	1.1.7. Encourage the constitution of National Networks of Training Institutions for Health Technical Workers.		
	1.1.8. Expand and promote shared exchange and cooperation activities with other Networks.		
	1.1.9. Strengthen interactions with WHO Regional and Subregional Offices, as well as with their national representations, and with the CPLP.		
	1.1.10. Regionalize, whenever possible, the actions of RETS, in order to maximize available resources and reduce costs in the execution of these actions ¹ .		

¹ Attached, Regional Action Plan for Latin America.

Objective 2: To disseminate and promote the production and exchange of knowledge in the area of education and work of health technicians.

Actions	Strategies/Activities	Responsibles	Period
2.1. Promote / publicize events, presential or virtual, on themes pertinent to the training and qualification of health technicians.	2.1.1. Disseminate, based on the Communication Plan 2019-2022, publications on topics of interest to RETS and its members.	Executive Secretary	2019 to 2022
	2.1.2. Disseminate agenda of technical and scientific events organized by member institutions or by multilateral agencies and other institutions.	Members Partner Institutions	
	2.1.3. Conduct at least two Web Seminars per year on topics relevant to the training of health technical workers, global health and technical cooperation in health.		
2.2. Disseminate and support research aimed to consolidate academic production in the area of technical education, support the formulation of public policies in the countries, and establish technical cooperation among the institutions that make up the Network.	2.2.1. Disseminate among the members of the Network the publication of notices and calls from Agencies and development agencies with resources for research and projects related to health technicians training, and to support cooperation initiatives that favor the submission of these projects.	Executive Secretary	2019 to 2022
	2.2.2. Encourage the constitution of working groups by research areas, according to the priorities identified by the members of the Network.	Members	
	2.2.3. Contribute to the identification of potentialities, needs and demands in strategic areas for health technicians education with a view to establishing interinstitutional partnerships.	Partner Institutions	
	2.2.4. Encourage and disseminate initiatives for the exchange and mobility of teachers, students and technicians, among member institutions.		

Objective 3: Improve and expand communication actions within RETS.

Actions	Strategies/Activities	Responsibles	Period
3.1. Update the RETS Communication Plan for the period 2019-2022.	3.1.1. Improve the Network internal communication, in order to strengthen its management and the interaction among the members.	Executive Secretary Members Partner Institutions	2019 to 2022
	3.1.2. Improve the existing communication mechanisms and tools of the Network with society - website, electronic newsletter and other social media - in order to strengthen the institutional image of RETS and give more visibility to the training and work of health technicians.		
	3.1.3. Establish, in partnership with the National Network of Teaching and Research (Rede Nacional de Ensino e Pesquisa - RNP) - University Network of Telemedicine (Rede Universitária de Telemedicina - Rute), the encouragement for implantation of tools for distance communication, in the member institutions of RETS, for them to favor meetings and virtual events, and the creation of working groups for the development of joint projects.		

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