

THE GENDER VIRTUAL
MAINSTREAMING
SECRETARIAT IS NOW THE

Virtual research ethics secretariat!



So what is the Virtual research ethics secretariat?

It is a virtual helpdesk at the service of all West African NRECs, free of charge! The aim of the secretariat is to strengthen the process of ethical research review in West Africa and to harmonize protocol evaluation tools. The secretariat works directly with members of NRECs, assesses their needs and accordingly provides technical support to improve their capacities in governance, research ethics, gender mainstreaming, and systematic research protocol evaluation.

BCA-WA-ETHICS II IS LAUNCHED!

"Building the capacities of West Africa in research ethics" (BCA-WA-ETHICS-II) is a continuation of BCA-WA-ETHICS-I, which worked on building the capacities of the Senegalese and other West African National Research Ethics Committees in gender mainstreaming.

Similarly, BCA-WA-ETHICS-II aims to enhance the research ethics capacities on the West African sub-continent.

Besides developing capacities in gender mainstreaming, BCA-WA-ETHICS-II aims to improve research ethics capacities in general, and particularly in situations of health emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is an attempt to strengthen and harmonise the ethical review process of health research in West Africa and particularly clinical trials related to COVID-19 and other health emergencies.



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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

- 1** Need help **assessing gender gaps** in your institution? Our virtual secretariat can conduct a gender analysis and work together with you on the areas that need strengthening through a **Gender Equality Plan**.
- 2** Does your committee have **standard operating procedures**? If so, we can revise them from a gender perspective. If not, we can help you establish them!
- 3** Our secretariat aims to harmonize protocol evaluation tools across West Africa. Whether your committee has tools or not, we can help! We can **design ex-Novo** tools for you or **adapt your existing ones from a sex and gender perspective**.
- 4** The committee's members need **training in gender mainstreaming, research ethics, NREC governance, sex and gender in protocol evaluation**? We can design and implement an online training programme to suit your needs.



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