**Indicators for strengthening national research ethics systems**

Regional Bioethics Program

Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

**Evaluation Tool**

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| **Country:** | | |
| **Strengthening research ethics systems** | | |
| Ethical standards for research with human subjects | Existence of legally binding instruments for health-related research with human subjects in alignment with international guidelines. |  |
| Effective mechanisms for the ethics oversight of research | Existence of a national body responsible for the oversight of research ethics committees. |  |
| Research ethics capacity among investigators and ethics review committees | Existence of policies that support research ethics training for investigators and ethics review committees. |  |
| Research transparency and integrity | Requirement of the prospective registration of clinical trials in accordance with WHO standards. |
| Existence of policies on the responsible conduct of research. |  |
| **Strengthening ethics preparedness for emergencies** | | |
| Capacity to do research ethically during emergencies | Established procedures to do thorough accelerated ethics review of research during emergencies. |  |