## Synergies for Universal Health: Leveraging PAHO's Flagship Initiatives and the Role of PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centres















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How the Collaborating Centre is contributing or can contribute in the future to the achievement of the PAHO Flagship Initiative

#### The Bahamas:

- Conducted STARS and ATA-C assessments
- Presented key findings to the Minister of Health and Wellness and national stakeholders
- Developed a Strategic Plan with key stakeholders for integration into the healthcare system
- Facilitated a full-day workshop to disseminate results, engage stakeholders, and refine recommendations Aruba:
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- Facilitated a **full-day workshop** to disseminate results, engage stakeholders, and refine recommendations
- General:

   Authored three manuscripts on rehabilitation assessments in the Americas; additional manuscripts are in progress on
- assessment processes and key findings/data
   Delivered presentations at local and international conferences
- Initiated a **Spanish-language needs assessment** in the Duarte Province, Dominican Republic, on long COVID rehabilitation and provided **technical input and training** through public health materials, exercise handouts, and an in-person workshop for clinicians and health workers

#### Main Deliverables (period of 2022-present, as per the Workplan)

- 1. STARS & ATA-C The Bahamas
- 2. Strategic Plan The Bahamas
- 3. Strategic Plan Aruba
- 4. Presentations
- 5. Manuscripts
  - Bridges to Care: A Collaborative
    Community Based Model of Rehabilitation
    In Dominican Republic Using the WHO's
    Framework of Community Engagement
     Improving Rehabilitation Access in the
    Dominican Republic: A Bridge to the World
    Health Organization's Rehabilitation 2030
    Initiative





### General Scope (Terms of Reference)

- 1. At PAHO/WHO's request the proposed institution will support PAHO/WHO's on strengthening public health awareness in the field of rehabilitation services.
- 2. At PAHO/WHO's request the proposed institution will support PAHO/WHO's efforts in strengthening national rehabilitation services.
- 3. Under PAHO/WHO's direction the proposed institution will support PAHO/WHO in development of rehabilitation science and evidence.

# Key Recommendations to improve the collaboration among CCs and PAHO/WHO

- 1. Regular communications between CCs via email listerservs, WhatsApp groups, GroupMe, etc.
- 2. Collaborative projects between CCs
- 3. Co-authoring papers, presentations and educational initiatives to raise awareness of CCs and WHO/PAHO work



