



## Workstream 7 (WS7) Sustainability



### WHAT IS WS7 ABOUT?

Sustainability is an essential dimension of any intervention in order to make it feasible to implement and scale up in a specific socioeconomic and cultural context. To ensure PHISICC's commitment to sustainability, we have created a dedicated workstream (WS7) to continuously manage sustainability elements throughout the project.

WS7 encompasses the whole project and serves to direct the planning, management and impact evaluation of the project and its interventions in terms of sustainability. This effort positions the primary aim of PHISICC - to improve health care outcomes - alongside other system dimensions of sustainability, namely the capacities of health care workers to make good decisions for their patients; the integration of the project and its interventions into the healthcare system of Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique and Nigeria; and, the use of resources of organisations and partners.

### WHICH METHODS ARE USED IN WS7?

By viewing the project through a sustainability lens, we have developed a technical and managerial approach to assess and monitor the value and relevance of PHISICC interventions. We started with a scoping review of the literature on sustainability covering definitions and frameworks as used in public health and implementation science to build an actionable sustainability model for our project. Sustainability outcomes were mapped onto the core dimensions of our model and used to define strategic activities. Our country partners and key collaborators will contribute to the development and delivery of this model.

### WHAT ARE THE (EXPECTED) OUTPUTS OF WS7?

WS7 will produce one general and three country-specific sustainability models, including a sustainability assessment tool. The assessment will check that relevant activities take place and that details of all resources (human, economic, ecological) used to achieve the main project goals are captured.

### WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF WS7 FOR PHISICC?

The scientific findings of PHISICC will be put in the context of the overall health system, explicitly portraying the sustainability potential of paper-based interventions. This will be available to facilitate a deliberative process among countries stakeholders to feed into countries policy cycles.

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