

# Center for Research on Population and Health (CRPH)

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The mission of the Center for Research on Population and Health is to strengthen and enrich the population and health research at AUB, and to support a program of interdisciplinary research on issues at the intersection of population and health. The Center seeks to promote collaboration among researchers and professionals with similar research interests in Lebanon, the region, and internationally, and to disseminate findings to scientists, policymakers, and the public.

## Research Programs

The Center's current research includes a focus on the health of women and youth conceived broadly to include physical and mental health, as well as social well-being. Topics of research include women's maternal and reproductive health, an assets approach for improving youth mental health, and youth sexual and reproductive health. Other significant areas of research are: tobacco use and control which includes a clear policy and advocacy component, and social inequalities in health. Multidisciplinary community and facility-based participatory research is undertaken, including surveys, qualitative investigations and intervention research.

# Activities

## Research Working Groups

The Center's research activities are undertaken by research working groups formed through collaboration among FHS faculty, graduate students, and colleagues at AUB and in the region. These interdisciplinary research teams work on various dimensions of health, informed by population, public health, sociological and epidemiological perspectives. Current research working groups include the regional Choices and Challenges in Changing Childbirth Group, the Women's Reproductive Health Working Group, the Bedouin Health Group, the Youth Working Group, the Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Group, the Tobacco Control Group, and the Social Inequalities in Health Group.

## Research Networking

CRPH also supports an active regional network through its Visiting Fellows Program, periodic training workshops and conferences, and the maintenance of regional data sets. CRPH and FHS enjoy collaborative relationships with other institutions and groups in the region, including the Social Research Center at the American University in Cairo, the Institute of Community and Public Health at Birzeit University in Palestine, the Department of Community Medicine at Damascus University, and the regional FHS-based Reproductive Health Working Group.

## Research Support

The Center provides researchers at FHS with access to resources and technical support in terms of computing and analysis; access to the CRPH computing lab and regional data sets; limited computing support for data entry and statistical analysis; training for field researchers in data analysis, statistical computing, and qualitative methods; assistance to affiliates in proposal development, including budgeting and logistical support for survey field operations.

## Outreach

The Center is committed to the broad dissemination of all research findings through publications and printed materials including research briefs, policy papers, bi-annual newsletters, and workshops and conferences.