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 support research on issues at the intersection of population and health in Lebanon, the region, and internationally, and to disseminate findings to scientists, policymakers, and the public. The Center has led a multidisciplinary research program on reproductive health, childbirth, youth, tobacco control, and mental health, and seeks to expand to new areas, and to strengthen comparative research in the Arab region and beyond. Members and affiliates of the Center are epidemiologists, physicians, social scientists and public health professionals who combine expertise in particular public health issues with a concern for how new evidence can contribute to policies and interventions to improve health.

Research Activities

Researchers affiliated with the CRPH have worked on a variety of topics including women’s reproductive health, urban health, the health of refugees, the health of Bedouin populations, interventions among youth, reported health, mental health, and childbirth. Currently, CRPH projects are supported by the Ford Foundation, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the Lebanese Council for Scientific Research, the US National Institutes of Health, the Qatar Foundation and the World Health Organization.

The Center’s research activities are undertaken by interdisciplinary research working groups formed through collaboration among FHS faculty, graduate students, and colleagues in the Arab region and beyond. Current regional working groups include the Choices and Challenges in Changing Childbirth Group, the Reproductive Health Working Group, the Youth Working Group, the Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Group, the Tobacco Control Group, the Social Inequalities in Health Group, and the MATCH (Multi-country African HIV Testing and Counselling for HIV) study.

The Center provides researchers at FHS with resources for data management and analyses; access to regional data sets; proposal development, and support for new areas of research. CRPH also hosts researchers who wish to visit the Faculty of Health Sciences with the goal of collaborating with FHS faculty or of pursuing innovative research or writing activities.

Research Collaborations

Ongoing collaborations with research institutions and groups in the region include the Social Research Center at the American University in Cairo, the Institute of Community and Public Health at Birzeit University in Occupied Palestinian Territory and the Department of Community Medicine at Damascus University.