

ESTABLISHING COLLABORATION: THE GARD-COMMUNITY OF PORTUGUESE SPEAKING COUNTRIES (CPLP) WORKING GROUP [CRD PREVENTION AND CONTROL]

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BACKGROUND

- There are discrepancies in existing CRD indicators, clinical care, training and research in CPLP countries
- There is an urgent need for collaborative work among CPLP countries in order to promote global CRD prevention and control

ACTION

GARD-CPLP set up a common strategy (**Action Plan 2019-2023**) to address the following aspects regarding **asthma** and **COPD** in participating countries:

1. Active Communication and Interaction

Results: a webpage was created, including a repository of guidelines, documents and relevant articles on CRD; regular info-emails are circulated among all members; regular meetings occur.

2. Education and Training

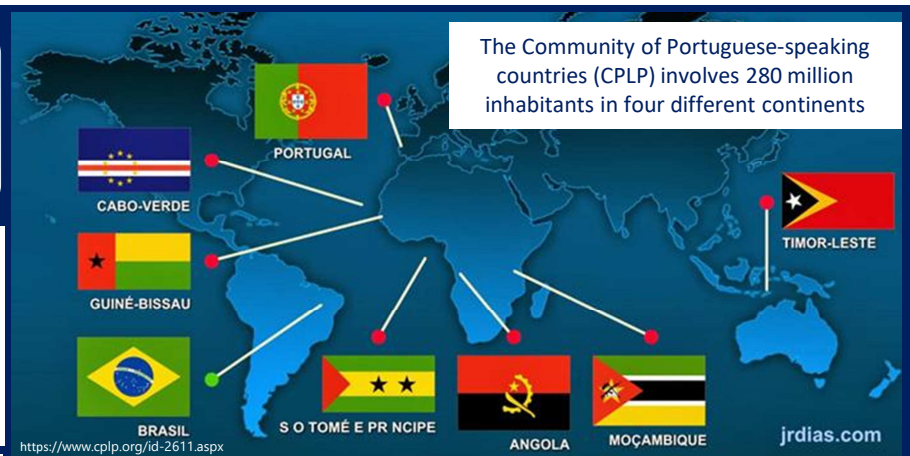
Results: a questionnaire aiming at detecting training deficits in CRD in healthcare professionals is circulating among member countries.

3. Research

Results: priority research fields are being decided; funding strategy.

4. Health Services

Results: Characterisation of healthcare indicators and common approaches to integrated care, mHealth and PACK implementation.



LEARNINGS

- Active Communication and Interaction has resulted in elaboration of a very thorough Action Plan for GARD-CPLP;
- Regular meetings and active online interaction are essential for developing common approaches to CRD;
- CPLP network is providing new ways of CRD advocacy (for e.g. in July a presentation on CRD to the Associations of federal health secretariats took place in Brazil; participation on the health consulting group of CPLP).

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