**Indicators for strengthening national research ethics systems**

Regional Bioethics Program

Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

**Evaluation Tool**

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| **Country:** |
| **Strengthening research ethics systems**  |
| Ethical standards for research with human subjects | Existence of legally binding instruments for health-related research with human subjects in alignment with international guidelines. |  |
| Effective mechanisms for the ethics oversight of research | Existence of a national body responsible for the oversight of research ethics committees. |  |
| Research ethics capacity among investigators and ethics review committees | Existence of policies that support research ethics training for investigators and ethics review committees.  |  |
| Research transparency and integrity | Requirement of the prospective registration of clinical trials in accordance with WHO standards.  |
| Existence of policies on the responsible conduct of research.  |  |
| **Strengthening ethics preparedness for emergencies**  |
| Capacity to do research ethically during emergencies  | Established procedures to do thorough accelerated ethics review of research during emergencies. |  |