

SRHP Research, Evaluation, and Ethics Committee Charter

Purpose:

The mission of the Research, Evaluation, and Ethics Committee is to foster refugee health research among members of the Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers and to act as a source of research expertise and support for the broader refugee health community. The vision of the Research, Evaluation, and Ethics Committee is to create a refugee health evidence base and to support data driven program creation and evaluation in order to improve refugee health outcomes for refugee children, families, individuals, and communities.

Roles/Responsibilities:

The goals of the Research, Evaluation and Ethics Committee include, but are not limited to:

- Establishing a framework for best practices in refugee health research, data collection and management, quality improvement, and program evaluation;
- Developing guidelines on the ethical standards of refugee health research;
- Ensuring the inclusion of refugees and host community members as equal partners in all stages of the research process;
- Building capacity and facilitating educational/training opportunities in refugee health research methodology;
- Advocacy, with action-oriented research agendas and a goal of translating research into programs and policy;
- Collaborating and strengthening partnerships with and between refugee and host communities, academic institutions, NGOs, and local, state and federal governments;
- Establishing a compendium of funding sources; and
- Supporting research in under-represented and under-researched refugee and humanitarian crises environments globally.

Please see the [Logic Model](#) for further detail on Short-term, Medium-term, and Long-term goals.

Membership:

The Research, Evaluation and Ethics Committee will have a minimum of 25 Committee member seats. At least five positions will be reserved for former refugees resettled in the United States or Canada. The remaining 20 positions will be divided between U.S. and Canadian members, aspiring for parity in country membership. All members shall be invited to serve a three-year term.

Meetings:

The Research Committee shall have a minimum of four all-member meetings each calendar year at dates, times, and places fixed by the leadership. In addition to all-member regular meetings, each Subcommittee will establish separate meetings to carry forth any discussions or activities within the Subcommittee.

Specific leadership roles:

The Research Committee will have 2 Co-Chairs and 1 Vice-Chair, who meet monthly. Any Subcommittees formed under the Research Committee will have their own leadership structure and Chair. A Review Board will comprise of resettled refugee members of the Research, Evaluation, and Ethics Committee.