Cochrane Africa is a network which aims to increase the use of best evidence to inform healthcare decision making in the sub-Saharan African region.

Cochrane Africa is part of Cochrane - a global, independent network of researchers, healthcare professionals, patients, carers and people interested in health.

Cochrane exists to improve healthcare decisions by producing and disseminating reviews that summarise the best-available evidence generated through research. This evidence is used globally by guideline developers, policymakers, healthcare workers and the public.

Cochrane’s work represents the gold standard for high-quality, trusted information in healthcare.
Cochrane Africa strives to support and build on existing engagements in sub-Saharan Africa. With a Coordinating Centre in South Africa, a Francophone Hub directed from Cameroon, a Southern African Hub directed from South Africa, an East African Hub directed from Kenya and a West African Hub directed from Nigeria.

Cochrane’s goals and objectives are:

**Goal 1: Producing trusted evidence by**
- Delivering timely, high-quality responses to priority questions relevant to global health and sub-Saharan Africa which the users of our evidence help define.
- Building and sustaining capacity of authors in sub-Saharan Africa to conduct Cochrane Reviews.

**Goal 2: Advocating for evidence by**
- Advocating for evidence-informed decision-making and integrity in research through pursuing high-impact partnerships and activities.
- Advocating for evidence-informed decision-making through building capacity for using evidence to inform decision-making.

**Goal 3: Informing health and care decisions by**
- Improving Cochrane evidence users’ experience by increasing the accessibility and usability of Cochrane and Cochrane Africa products.

**Goal 4: Building a sustainable Cochrane Network by**
- Maintaining and expanding the Cochrane Africa network.
- Identifying and supporting Cochrane mentors.
- Cochrane Africa Hubs identify multiplier funding.