



# VHL TCIM Americas

Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine

Managed by  
TCIM Americas Network



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Regional thematic library that seeks to visualize and facilitate access to information and health knowledge on traditional, complementary and integrative medical systems and related therapies.

The VHL TCIM Americas follows the VHL Model developed by the Latin American and Caribbean Center for Information on Health Sciences (BIREME/PAHO/WHO), which is based on the consolidation of information management networks, and on the exchange of knowledge and scientific evidence in health, through cooperation between institutions and professionals in the production, intermediation and use of health information sources.

### MAIN GOAL:

To promote visibility, access, use, and generation of scientific, technical and educational content that contribute to informed decision-making, promotion, development, and articulation of TCIM in the health systems and services of the Americas Region, through networks' collaboration.

### MAIN SECTIONS:

- Directory of Institutions (lists TCIM social actors from the Americas Region's countries)
- Regulation and Policies (legislations, policies and regulations in TCIM of the countries of the Americas)

- Understanding TCIM (information about TCIM medical systems and therapies, including evidence synthesis)
- Traditional Medicine in the Americas (information on the systems of indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, and other ethnic diversities of the Americas)

- Two sections dedicated to collaboration for the strengthening of TCIM research capacity, led by the Brazilian Academic Consortium for Integrative Health.
- Other sections: information for self-care, conceptual models and paradigms in health, news and events, among others.



MOSAICO is the Database that registers the literature about Health Models and Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine produced in the countries of the Americas.

MOSAICO indexes conventional and non-conventional documents, journal articles, books, book chapters, monographs, theses, dissertations, technical or scientific documents, legislations and audiovisual educational resources of a technical-scientific nature, produced in or about the Americas Region, on the TCIM area.

The TCIM Americas Network brings together actors that develop policies, regulate, train professionals, research, promote, and provide services in TCIM in the Americas Region. Currently, institutions from 15 countries participate.



The TCIM Americas Network manages the VHL TCIM, with the technical support of BIREME/PAHO/WHO.

Network members work collaboratively, through virtual meetings, and online tools, on content development and the management of the VHL TCIM portal.

## RESULTS REPORT 2018



Network of Collaborators was consolidated (15 countries currently active)



Development of the VHL TCIM Americas portal - Interface in Spanish, Portuguese, English



Launching of the VHL MTCI Americas portal, held at INTERCONGRES-PICS, in Rio de Janeiro, March 2018



Lines of work  
10 sections with defined lines of action, editorial policies, and editorial committees



Creation of the MOSAICO Database - Definition of document selection criteria and registration



Registration of scientific and technical publications of the Americas Region, including non-conventional documents (gray literature)



80+ search expressions developed to harvest documents from databases accessible through the VHL - Medline, LILACS, and other national/international databases



Development of tools and filters for Advanced Search



Completed the first phase of the TCIM terminology review- regional terms and descriptors of the DeCS (Health Sciences Descriptors)



Developed the thematic structure for the organization of contents in the VHL TCIM and the MOSAICO database TCIM Americas Network

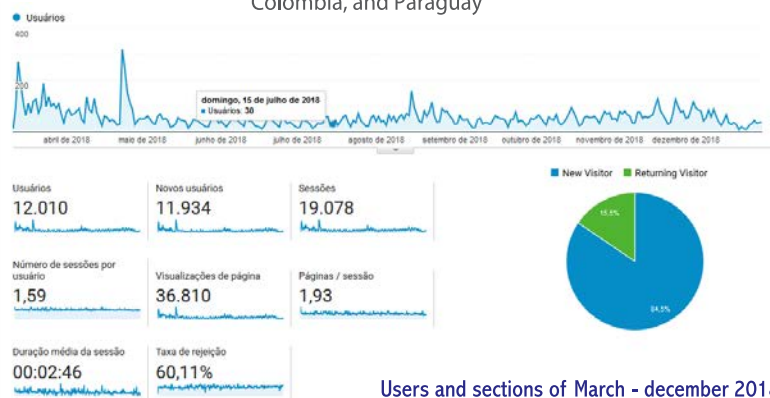


Dissemination activities  
• Participation in congresses and events  
• Meetings with international organizations, professional associations, ministries of health and universities

## STATISTICS 2018

- Project presentation in 10 national congresses, and 8 international congresses and events
- 12 monthly general meetings of the Network and 25 meetings by committees
- Webinar on TCIM in Primary Health Care; PAHO headquarters
- Project presentation to staff of the PAHO/WHO Representations in Mexico, Colombia, and Paraguay

- Project presentation to new members of the Network
- Coordinating meetings with other VHL and LILACS networks
- 1,337 documents registered in MOSAICO
- 2 Virtual trainings for librarians of member institutions



Users and sections of March - december 2018



## PRIORITIES 2019



Implementation of editorial committees' action plan  
Development of content and related projects



Review of MTCI terminology - regional terms  
• Continue the revision of the TCIM terminology, with the objective of expanding the DeCS - Health Sciences Descriptors, so that they adequately reflect the complexity of the TCIM field



Network expansion and continued VHL TCIM development  
• Expand the number of participating countries and institutions  
• Strengthening of the interprogrammatic technical support of PAHO/WHO.



Development of virtual courses and educational resources in collaboration with PAHO's Virtual Campus for Public Health, aimed at strengthening health research capacities in TCIM, health education, promotion and prevention of diseases, and at improving the understanding of TCIM and its scope.



Information sources  
• Strengthen the MOSAICO database  
• Refine search strategies for harvesting metadata from databases external to the VHL



Develop collections and evidence maps in TCIM, in collaboration with the Brazilian Academic Consortium of Integrative Health and the National Observatory on Traditional, Integrative and Complementary Health Practices and Knowledge