

Health and Health Research Budget - Sources of internal funding in Cameroon

Year	National Health Budget	Percentage of national health expenditures allocated to health research	Comments
2006	71,5 billion FCFA (154,500,600 USD) ¹	0.7 % ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the year 2006 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Ministry of Public Health directed 200 million FCFA (400,000 US\$) towards health research through subventions to research institutes and the Faculty of Medicine; ○ the overall budget for the Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation was 5,9 billion FCFA, from which approximately 300 million FCFA (600,000 USD) were dedicated to health research. • In the year 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The running budget of the Division of Health Operations Research (DROS) of the Ministry of Health is about 90 million FCFA (180,000\$US)³

¹ Source: Ministry of Public Health, Yaoundé, 2007

² The Commission on Health Research for Development recommended in 1990 that countries should spend 2% of their national health expenditures in health research. (Commission on Health Research for Development, *Health Research – Essential link to equity in Development*, Oxford University Press, 1990)

³ Source: Ministry of Public Health, Yaoundé, 2007

