



Care and Public Health Research Institute



# A Healthy Society for Everyone

## Self Evaluation Report

### Part A: Documentation at the level of the Research Institute



# Summary

The Care and Public Health Research Institute (CAPHRI) has a passion for care and public health research. CAPHRI aims to foster a culture of collaboration, creativity, and excellence in research that promotes health equity, enhances patient-centred care, and improves population health outcomes. CAPHRI develops solutions to complex health challenges, promote evidence-based practices, and translate research into action. CAPHRI strives to be at the forefront of advancing health and health care worldwide, ultimately contributing to a healthier and more equitable society.

CAPHRI endeavours to train the next generation of public health and healthcare researchers, providing opportunities for students and early-career researchers to develop the expertise necessary to conduct impactful research. We aim to build partnerships and collaborations with stakeholders across the public and private sectors, including healthcare providers, policymakers, and community organisations, to ensure that our research is relevant and applicable to the needs of society. CAPHRI research concerns the broad range of multi-, inter-, and transdisciplinary (applied) research and health science methodological research with a strong emphasis on improving health for individuals and populations, across all health care settings, and in society. CAPHRI works towards a 'healthy society for everyone' through developing and investigating innovative solutions for care and public health. CAPHRI builds bridges between science and society by conducting high-quality research with a focus on inclusiveness and participatory approaches. The innovative research focuses on prevention, prognostic studies, and intervention research ranging from public and primary health care to person-oriented, long-term care.

Our research pays attention to local, regional, national, European, and global topics and is thematically embedded in six research lines (RLs). Together, the RLs have provided the base input for this self-evaluation and both the individual RLs as well as the overarching collaborations and themes between RLs are highlighted in this report. CAPHRI is part of the Faculty of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences (FHML) of Maastricht University (UM) and Maastricht University Medical Centre. On the national level, CAPHRI is founding member of the Netherlands School of Public Health and Care Research (CaRe).

Part A of this Self-Evaluation Report describes the vision, mission, and values looking back over the past 6 years, examines CAPHRI's strategic aims, also in relation to four specific aspects PhD Policy and Training, Human Resource Policy, Open Science and Academic Culture. This report includes a narrative description of CAPHRI's accomplishments during the assessment period, supported by quantitative evidence presented in the annexes. An RL-specific assessment of the accomplishments is given in part B. For the future, it is important to stay on track and continue our current strategy in general, and more specifically in the areas of PhD policy and training, Human Resource policy, Open Science, and

Academic Culture. We also realise that there is always room for improvement. Based on the SWOT analysis and three strategic meetings, we jointly identified possible areas for improvement, which can be summarized as follows:

- CAPHRI aims to align its research with the needs of citizens (local to global), thus contributing to the vitality of the citizens, and the reduction of inequality in health with a focused approach to prevention and health, and with due consideration to emerging challenges and opportunities in the fields of health care and public health.
- Building on the theoretical and methodological excellence of CAPHRI across multiple fields, and the expertise gained in the region, fostering a culture of collaboration and knowledge sharing, CAPHRI aims to become a national and international leader in methodological innovation in the area of public health and health care research.
- In order to overcome possible fragmentation and to create cohesion and focus, CAPHRI aims to intensify active participation of its entire staff in the existing RLs and promote the connection and cross-pollination between the RLs. CAPHRI aims to invest in community-building initiatives that are appropriate, effective, and inclusive, in order to foster collaboration, engagement, and mutual support among CAPHRI researchers.
- CAPHRI aims to enhance its connections within its broader institutional setting, including all FHML/MUMC+ departments, institutions and UM faculties, as well as to foster connections with relevant professionals, researchers, policy makers, and stakeholders on the regional, national, and international levels.
- CAPHRI aims to have a more pro-active role and impact on agenda-setting and early development of policies of key organisations. To this end, CAPHRI aims to inform funding and healthcare organizations, about the impactful research developed by CAPHRI.