

**Submission deadline: 30 June 2020 (now closed)**

**Only applicants from the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region are eligible.**

The WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean and the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) are pleased to announce the 2020–2021 call for applications of the Joint EMRO/TDR Small Grants Scheme for implementation research in infectious diseases of poverty.

The goal of the TDR Strategy 2018-2023 is to foster research on infectious diseases of poverty that lead to health improvement, strengthen research capacity of the individuals and institutions in developing countries, and develop implementation strategies and solutions that respond to health needs of these countries. It also supports translation of research results into policy and practice by improving health and promoting the engagement of individuals and communities in using research evidence to reduce the disease burden in their respective countries.

This call supports the generation of evidence from local research for the prevention and control of tropical diseases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region countries and takes into account the outcomes of two activities at the Regional Office: “Supporting Research for Health in the EMR” (EM-ACHR Meeting, 17-18 February 2020); and the “Regional Health Research Prioritization” workshop (13 February 2020). It emphasizes the importance of using implementation/operational research for ALL priority topics listed in the call. In addition, the call welcomes research which links more than one priority in the list below, as well as involving Region-based health care delivery and disease control programmes with research / academic institutions.

#### **ABOUT TDR**

TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, is a global programme of scientific collaboration that helps facilitate, support and influence efforts to combat diseases of poverty. TDR is hosted at the World Health Organization (WHO), and is sponsored by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and WHO.

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