

Introduction

The World Health Organization's Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean is pleased to announce the tenth call for research proposals under the grant for Research in Priority Areas of Public Health (2018–2019). The aim of the grant is to promote health research as a tool for national development programming, and to increase the use of evidence-based action and health planning for provision of equitable health care.

The focus for this round are the 5 strategic directions 2017–2021 identified in the “Roadmap of WHO’s work for the Eastern Mediterranean Region 2017–2021”, namely: emergencies and health security; communicable diseases, noncommunicable diseases; maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health; and health system strengthening, with special emphasis on cross-cutting initiatives as: environmental health and food safety; as well as: information, evidence and research. Through a competitive process of selection, funds are provided to successful research proposals in these areas.

Also, since the adoption of the new Sustainable Development Goals agenda, a growing emphasis on ‘leave no one behind’ requires that action be taken in the field of reducing inequities and protecting and promoting human rights and gender equality. Thus, when preparing your research proposals please consider marginalized and underserved populations’ health needs and risks; and disaggregation of collected data by sex, age and socioeconomic quintiles in your analysis plan.

Objectives of the grant

The general objective of the grant is to promote regional research in the 5 strategic directions of the Regional Office's work.

The specific objectives of this round are to:

- generate local knowledge relevant to the five strategic directions
- assist capacity-building for research through learning by doing and hands-on training
- strengthen the link between evidence generation and health policy-making
- enhance experience-exchange between the Region’s Member States.

Submission of research proposals

All proposals should be signed by the Principal Investigator and the head of the concerned institution and submitted in English only, along with Annex II of the application form "Research ethics checklist". Proposals that do not meet these criteria will be considered incomplete, and will not be processed.

Proposals should be submitted via email to: emrgoRPPHgrant@who.int . This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it with a copy to emrgoier@who.int This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Deadline

The deadline for submission of completed applications is 25 May, 2018. Any applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Subsidies and duration

The award amount will range from US\$ 8000 to US\$ 10 000 for each proposal, and the proposed duration for which support is requested must not exceed 9 months.

See the " [Guidelines and Application Form](#) " for more details and information.

For more information, please contact:

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