

8 November 2020 – 13 research projects have been recommended for funding following a [call for applications](#) that aims 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 of the Special Grant for Research in Priority Areas of Public Health are the strategic directions identified in WHO's strategy for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2020–2023 [Turning Vision 2023 into action](#) .

Country

Institution

Project title

Somalia

The University of Hargeisa

Modalities and approaches for enhancing national health research systems

Somalia

Puntland University for Science and Technology

What are the practical methods of the health system's governance to integrate forcibly displaced people

United Arab Emirates

National Rehabilitation Center, Abu Dhabi

Studying the health effects of drug abuse and co-occurring infections and developing research programs

Egypt

Specialist Federation of Health System Improvement NGOs

Exploring resilience in the health system of Egypt: current status and future strengthening factors

Islamic Republic of Iran

Isfahan University of Medical Sciences

Designing an educational programme for promoting community participation in natural disasters based on

Lebanon

University of Balamand

Environmental exposures in lebanese infants

Pakistan

Aga Khan University, Karachi

Factors associated with low-cost opportunistic breast cancer screening by mammography in resource co

Jordan

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

Community-based cross-sectional study: the burden of non-communicable diseases and related-risk factors

Syrian Arab Republic

Al-Assad University Hospital

Antimicrobial susceptibility of *Helicobacter pylori* strains in Syria and patient characteristics

Lebanon

American University of Beirut

Perceptions and objective understanding of front of package nutrition labels amongst university students

Egypt

Cairo Association against Smoking, TB and Lung Diseases (CASTLE)

Assessing knowledge, attitude and use of novel tobacco products among journalists in Egypt

Sudan

Deanship of Scientific Research, Alneelain University, Khartoum

Barriers of access and utilization of reproductive health services by adolescents in Khartoum State

Tunisia

Razi Hospital, La Manouba

Regional survey on the prevalence and associated factors of mood disorders

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