1 November 2018 – The World Health Organization Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean and the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) are pleased to announce the grant awards for 2018–2019 call for applications of the Joint EMRO/TDR Small Grants Scheme (SGS) for implementation research in infectious diseases of poverty.

The goal of the TDR strategy is to foster research on infectious diseases of poverty that will strengthen research capacity in developing countries; develop implementation strategies and solutions; and lead to health improvement. Additionally, a primary objective of this strategy is to translate research results into policy and practice and promote the use of research evidence by communities and government agencies to reduce the disease burden in their respective countries.

The grants were awarded to support evidence generated from local research for the prevention and control of tropical diseases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, with special emphasis on research on tuberculosis, malaria, neglected tropical diseases, as well as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis. They are linked to two EMRO activity outcomes: a workshop on Regional Health Research Prioritization held in February 2018 and a special meeting for identification of TDR priorities by WHO/EMRO technical units that took place in April 2018. The funded projects will focus on implementation/operational research related to regional priority topics.

The sixteen small grant projects awarded in eight countries are listed below.

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