23 May 2017 – Twelve health research proposals have been recommended for funding under the Research in Priority Areas of Public Health (RPPH) 2016–2017 grant scheme. Selected projects covered the priority areas pertaining to WHO's strategic areas of work, namely: health system development and strengthening; emergency preparedness and response; communicable disease prevention and control; maternal, child, adolescent health and nutrition; and prevention and control of noncommunicable and mental health disorders.

RPPH grants aim at translating research results into policy and practice, improving health and promoting the engagement of individuals and communities in using research evidence to promote health and reduce the disease burden in their respective countries.

118 proposals were reviewed from 17 countries (Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen), out of which 12 were funded (Table 1).

Table 1. RPPH 2016–2017 grantees

Country			
Proposal title			
Principal Investigators			
Institution			
Egypt			
Integration of Adolescent Heal	Ith Needs Into Primary H	ealth Care Services: De	signing Care Mode

Faten Rabee
Assuit University, Egypt
Egypt
Health seeking behavior and medical management of Pneumonia among under five children in Alex, Eg
Noha Fadl
High Institute of Public Health, Alexandria University
Islamic Republic of Iran
Study and Mapping of Natural Disaster (earthquake and Drought) risk Perception of Society in Kerman,
Gholamreza Khademipour
Kerman University of Medical Sciences
Jordan

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Rate, causes, and risk factors of cesarean section in north of Jordan and its associated maternal and pe
Yousef S Khader
Jordan University of Science and Technology
Lebanon
Intakes and sources of fat, free sugars and salt amongst Lebanese children and adolescents
Lara Nasriddine
American University in Beirut
Lebanon
Understanding and addressing the determinants of antimicrobial medicines abuse in Lebanon
Mona Osman
American University in Beirut

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Libya
Designing an ideal Primary Care Service Area: for provision of quality primary health care services, Ben
Amina Shekteria
Libyan International medical University
Pakistan
Pattern of healthy and unhealthy food consumption among Pakistani population and estimating the price
Ibrar Rafique
Pakistan Health Research Council
Pakistan
Abuse and its association with school grades and mental health, in adolescent students of district Pesha
Muhammad Khan

Khyber Medical University
Pakistan
Health Assessment Of Migrant Child Laborers In And Around Karachi: An Area Of Urgent Unmet Need
Asaad Nafees
Aga Khan University
Palestine
Evaluation of Communicable Diseases Surveillance System in The Gaza Strip, 2017
Oxana Abu-Saada
Ministry of Health
Sudan
Implications of internal and external Health Workforce Mobility on Health System Performance in Sudar

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