

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 Health Needs Into Primary Health Care Services: Designing Care Model

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

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

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 Peshawar

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 Sudan

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