

## ANNEX A

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Department of Health is issuing this Call for Proposals for the 2023 Advancing Health through Evidence Assisted-Decisions with Health Policy and Systems Research (AHEAD of Universal Health Care in the Philippines and other relevant local needs, legislative commitments, and various DOH-unit evidence requirements.

Interested individuals preferably with institutional affiliations that are DOST-certified are welcome to apply.

The two (2) studies listed below are for implementation within the period of CY 2023. Submission of proposals unrelated to the identified topics in this Call will not be entertained.

1. Health Facility and Household Survey on Access to and Use of Medicines in the Philippines; and,
2. Implementation of Province/City-Wide Workload Indicators of Staffing Needs (WISN) Study in Select Universal Health Care Integration Sites (UIS)

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage proponents to account for this new reality in the design of their research proposals. Specifically, we encourage the following approaches in drafting project implementation plans especially for those requiring field work:

- 1) maintenance of minimum public health standards at all times (including the use of appropriate PPEs and implementation of other safety measures);
- 2) early consultation with Local Government Units and local health officials to assess feasibility of conducting field work in their jurisdictions (if applicable);
- 3) tapping of local counterparts to conduct field work within their locality to minimize cross-border travel; and,
- 4) streamlining of team composition towards lean' teams.

The 2023 AHEAD-HPSR research priorities included in this call and their corresponding project briefs or terms of reference (TOR) are available at <http://shorturl.at/qGUX6> or [bit.ly/AHEAD-CFP2023](http://bit.ly/AHEAD-CFP2023). Deadline of submission is on **November 30, 2021**. For queries, please contact the HPDPB-Health Research Division at (02) 651-7800 local 1326/1328 or email at [dohahead@gmail.com](mailto:dohahead@gmail.com).

### CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Department of Health is issuing this Call for Expression of Interest for the 2023 Advancing Health through Evidence Assisted-Decisions with Health Policy and Systems Research (AHEAD with HPSR) program priorities in support of Universal Health Care and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) in the Philippines, research priorities that emanated from various DOH consultations with end-user offices (e.g., priority areas/topics for inclusion in DOH' Medium Term Research Agenda for CY 2022-2028, Department Memorandum (DM) No. 2020-0535 and its

addendum DM 2021-0011: Priority Topics on Universal Health Care (UHC) integration for Operations and Implementation Research) and other priorities from attached agencies without research funding,. The topics are mostly health policy and systems research (HPSR) in nature particularly on the area of operations and implementation research.

Interested individuals preferably with institutional affiliations that are DOST-certified are welcome to apply. All projects posted here are for implementation within the period of CY 2023. Submission of proposals unrelated to the identified topics in this Call will not be entertained.

In anticipation of field work, we urge prospective proponents to account for this new reality amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, accepted applicants must be willing to:

1. maintain minimum public health standards at all times (including the use of appropriate PPEs and implementation of other safety measures);
2. conduct early consultations with Local Government Units and local health officials to assess feasibility of conducting field work in their jurisdictions;
3. tap local counterparts to conduct field work within their locality to minimize cross-border travel; and
4. streamline team composition towards lean' teams.

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