

## Call for Applications

### **Implementation Research for Health Systems Strengthening (IR-HSS) for National Health Mission (NHM)**

Inviting Expressions of Interest (EoI) for empanelling Organizations (public, private and not-for-profit) for conducting implementation research studies including reviews, rapid assessments, evaluations and operational research. It is expected that the outcome of such research will generate knowledge for policy recommendations for strengthening health systems.

Under the Implementation Research for Health Systems Strengthening (IR-HSS) platform of the National Health Mission, a series of implementation research questions were identified in consultation with States based on specific health system challenges (*Annexure 1*). NHRDC is seeking expressions of interest from Public, Private and Not-for-Profit institutions (including academic institutions and reputed NGOs) for empanelment to conduct implementation research based on these questions. A consortium of institutions with varying skill mix could also apply, provided they meet all the requirements.

#### **Competencies required:**

The Institution should have at least 10 years of experience in undertaking health systems implementation research. The Institution must have experience and expertise in at least one or more of the broad areas of implementation research:

- a) Community Processes
- b) Primary Health Care
- c) Public Health Planning
- d) Health Informatics
- e) Quality in health systems
- f) Human Resources for Health
- g) Healthcare Financing (including Health Accounts, Insurance & Expenditure Analysis)
- h) Public Private Partnerships (PPP)
- i) Procurement and contracting
- j) Public Health Administration (including regulatory/legal issues)
- k) Health Technology Assessments
- l) Organization of primary and secondary health care services
- m) Urban Health
- n) Health Governance and Management
- o) Health Communication and Behaviour Change

#### **Documents required:**

Institutions should submit the following documents to meet the eligibility criteria:

- a) Relevant reports and documents to demonstrate organizational capacity to conduct public health research in the last 5 years
- b) Experience in conducting public health activities substantiated by relevant reports

- c) A list of relevant faculties with CVs (3-5 members with the relevant qualifications and public health experience)
- d) List of broad implementation research areas mentioned above in which they have subject matter and/or research expertise, backed by reports
- e) Institutions should have a turnover of Rs. 75,00,000 per year.
- f) Institutions will also be required to provide details of their Registration along with a copy of their service tax registration, latest return of service tax, PAN card and the last three years IT return.

**Modalities:**

1. Selected institutions will be empanelled for **two years** in the first instance. Further extensions will be considered based on fulfilling the eligibility criteria and satisfactory completion of assignments.
2. Detailed Terms of Reference will be provided for individual assignments on a case-by-case basis.
3. Grant for conducting research will be provided by NHSRC to the individual institutions once their proposal has been selected for a specific research question.
4. Collaborations with institutions will be based on an MOU which will be signed between the institutions and NHSRC.

**How to apply:**

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.
- Interested institutions should fill the **Form attached below** and e-mail their application to NHSRC at [nhsr.india@gmail.com](mailto:nhsr.india@gmail.com) with the following subject header “EoI for empanelment in IR-HSS”.

## **Annexure 1: Identified Research Topics under IR-HSS**

### ***Service Delivery***

1. What are the reasons for ambulatory care patients at secondary and tertiary hospitals bypassing primary health centres?
2. Why do patients bypass government primary care facilities and seek care from private providers?
3. Does access to telemedicine reduce forgone care in communities? What are patient perspectives related to telemedicine.

### ***Human Resources***

4. What are health worker perceptions of virtual (or distance) training programs using mHealth technologies? OR Do health workers trained through distance or virtual training programs learn more compared to those who receive in-person training?
5. What is the ability or quality of care among CHOs for managing common health conditions seen at primary care settings?

### ***Community Processes***

6. Undertake a comparative assessment of VHSNC and MAS functioning in selected states to understand facilitators and barriers
7. Undertake an assessment current workload of ASHA in different context of the country to understand issues related to task allocation and capacity building

### ***Urban Primary Health Care***

8. Undertake a landscape analysis of effective working models for delivering primary health care in urban areas

### ***Health Care Technology***

9. Undertake an assessment of effectiveness of FDI in reducing Out of Pocket Expenditure

### ***Others***

10. What are the factors effecting treatment adherence for Hypertension and Diabetes in different contexts?
11. Across income quintile assess perception of quality of care provided in public health facility.