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REGIONAL RESEARCH FUND INITIATIVE

OUTLINE

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Rationale

RRF is viewed as a way to encourage **beginning** researchers to be actively involved in health research activities without having to compete with more experienced researchers.

Once the researcher has been able to **develop a track record**, and given the availability of facilities, the researcher will be encouraged to apply for the larger scale research project/program grant initiative also available in PCHRD (through its Research and Development Management Division), DOST, DOH, CHED, as well as other national and international funding agencies.

Institutional Responsibilities vis-à-vis RRF

RHRDC

1. Select, review and approve/endorse research proposals from the region
2. Monitor the progress of approved research projects
3. Review final technical reports of projects prior to their presentation to the Inter-regional presentation
4. Select research results for dissemination to appropriate end-users

Institutional Responsibilities vis-à-vis RRF

Regional Conveners

(DOST Regional Offices, UP Manila, DLSU and BU)

1. Administer funds of approved RRF projects;
2. Release funds to projects approved by the RHRDC based on schedules mutually agreed upon by PCHRD, RHRDC and the implementers;
3. Submit to PCHRD financial and progress reports of projects based on agreed schedules as indicated in the MOA (Cost and Terms of Payment);
4. Regularly inform PCHRD regarding the status of ongoing projects, proposals being considered for RRF assistance, and schedules of proposal review/evaluation; and
5. Provide support in monitoring progress (technical and financial) of approved research projects.

Institutional Responsibilities vis-à-vis RRF

PCHRD

1. Provide funds for approved regional research projects, and release the same to concerned RHRDCs thru the respective DOST regional offices. PCHRD shall determine the manner of fund release in order to maximize utilization of resources; and
2. Assist the RHRDC in evaluating proposals, and monitoring the progress (technical and financial) of approved research projects

Proposed Mechanism for the Regional Research Funds

The mechanism herein proposed cover the following areas of concern:

1. Call for research proposals
2. Evaluation of new project proposals
3. Administration of research projects
4. Monitoring of projects
5. Submission of final reports
6. Evaluation of completed projects

1. Call for research proposals

What proposals may qualify

Research proposals that will be reviewed by the RHRDC and PCHRD are those which address priority health problems/issues identified in the Regional Unified Health Research Agenda (RUHRA) and/or National Unified Health Research Agenda (NUHRA) of the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS). The proposals should also have a budgetary requirement not exceeding **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00)**, and have a duration of six months to one-year.

1. Call for research proposals

Each proposal should contain the following information:

1. Title
2. Rationale
3. Review of Related Literature
4. Objectives
5. Methodology
6. Expected Output
7. Potential Users of Research Findings
8. Time Frame
9. Budget

1. Call for research proposals

Who may apply

Regular staff and faculty members of research institutes, medical and paramedical schools, hospitals and other health related agencies may submit proposals to the RHRDC, properly endorsed by the head of the agency. Likewise, medical residents of hospitals may submit proposals provided that he or she will be working under the supervision of a more experienced researcher affiliated in the same institution.

1. Call for research proposals

These proposals should be addressed to:

The Regional Health Research and
Development Consortium

c/o DOST Regional Office/Designated
Regional Conveners

Suggested deadline for submission of
proposals:

June of each year

2. Evaluation of new project proposal

1. Technical Review

- Ranking of Research Proposals

2. Ethical Review

3. Administration of research projects

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

PCHRD prepares the MOA of projects endorsed by the RHRDC.

The contracting parties are the PCHRD Executive Director, head of the designated Regional Convener, the RHRDC Chair, the project leader and the head of the recipient institution.

In cases where there are collaborators, the co-implementers of the project and the head/s of their institutions shall serve as witnesses to the MOA.

The MOA shall specify the obligations of the proponent and a clear definition of outputs expected from the project.

3. Administration of research projects

Grant release

Upon execution of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the project's grant shall be administered by the Designated Regional convener and released to the proponent in tranches. Releases shall be made upon submission of required deliverables, as agreed in the MOA.

3. Administration of research projects

Deposit of Funds

The proponent shall deposit the grant in a checking account in any bank (preferably in Landbank) in the locality in the name of the project. Disbursement of the grant shall be in accordance with the approved line-item budget and subject to existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules and procedures (DOST AO 004, Series of 2008).

3. Administration of research projects

Project Staff

The RHRDC should encourage development of project proposals that could be done by a project leader without the assistance of a research personnel/aide. However, if the implementation of the project's activities would need the assistance of a support staff, the project leader can:

1. use the existing personnel of his/her institution
2. hire other personnel on a piece-meal basis

The rates of honoraria for hired personnel and/or project staff shall conform with the DOST's Memorandum Circular No. 001 (Series of 2009).

4. Monitoring of projects

Monitoring of projects shall be undertaken to check whether the implementation of projects is in accordance with the scheduled activities and budget.

- ✓ Quarterly/Semi Annual Progress Report
- ✓ Quarterly Financial Reports
- ✓ Terminal Financial Audited Report
- ✓ Final Technical Report

5. Submission of final reports

One month after the completion of the project, two (2) copies of the final report including write-up in publishable form shall be submitted by the proponent to the RHRDC.

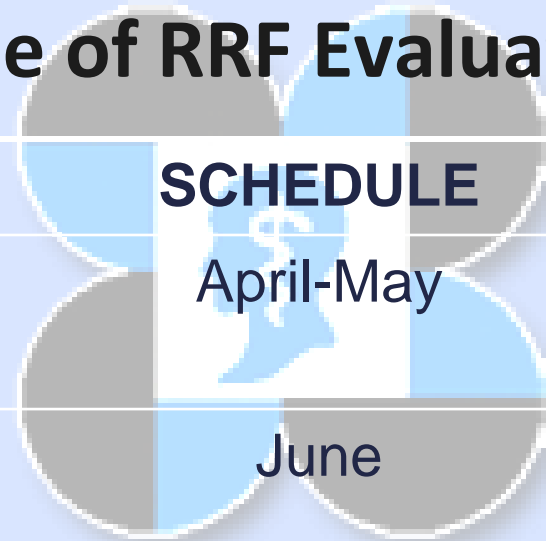
The RDC shall review the submitted final reports and recommend revisions, if needed, to improve presentation of project outputs. The RHRDC shall furnish copies of the revised final reports to PCHRD.

6. Evaluation of completed projects

Completed projects will be presented in an inter-regional forum consisting of project implementers, members of the RHRDC, end-users, and PCHRD consultants. The presentation shall highlight the results, discussions and recommendations of the study.

Proposed Schedule of RRF Evaluation

ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE
1. Dissemination/Call for Proposals	April-May
2. Submission of Proposals	June
3. Evaluation of Proposals	July
4. Endorsement of approved Proposals to PCHRD/PNHRS and other funding agencies	September
5. Release of financial grant	October



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Thank You!

Title of Research Proposal	Ranking Criteria					Total Score	Rank
	Significance of the Study (results will solve an existing health problem; have far reaching effects); aligned with Research agenda (30%)	Newness of research study (none yet done in the region) (10%)	Soundness of the research approach (is the plan of the study technically sound?) (20%)	Urgency of the Project (15%)	Attainability (institutional counterpart, budget access, manpower, presence of facilities) (25%)		

