

# THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH RESEARCH TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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There has been an inherent tension between biomedical and traditional health concepts and practices

## Top 3 Health Needs of IP Communities

1. Access to basic health services

2. Culturally-appropriate health services

3. Lack of disaggregated health-related data on IPs

Geography

Economics

Recognition

Cultural diversity among different IP groups makes "blueprinting" difficult

Lack of data exists at both national and local levels

Have a focus at the LGU level

## How Research Can Help

1. Who and where are the IPs (especially at the LGU level)?

2. How can health programs be more culturally acceptable (especially at the local level)?

3. How can health data be regularly disaggregated according to ethnicity?

4. How can the JMC on IP health be operationalized meaningfully?

