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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVANCING HEALTH  
THROUGH EVIDENCE-ASSISTED DECISIONS WITH HEALTH POLICY AND SYSTEMS  
RESEARCH (AHEAD with HPSR)**

The Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health is sending a letter request to disseminate an information for the Call of Proposals for the implementation of AHEAD with HPSR Program for CY 2021-2022.

For further details, please see attached documents or invitation letter by the OIC-Director IV of Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau, Ms. Frances Rose Elgo-Mamaril. MPH or please contact Mr. Pio Justin V. Asuncion at 6517800 local 1326/1328.

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Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**JOSE R. LLACUNA, JR., MD, MPH, CESO III**

Chair, CHRDC

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Dear **Dr. Llacuna**:

We would like to request for your kind assistance in the dissemination of the Call for Proposals for the implementation of the Advancing Health through Evidence-Assisted Decisions with Health Policy and Systems Research (AHEAD with HPSR) Program for CY 2021-2022 to your respective networks and partners. The research topics identified in this Call shall feed into the DOH's commitments to Universal Health Care and support the data needs that are critical to the programs.

In view of this, kindly see **Annex A** for the copy of the Call for proposals, which can also be accessed through this link: <https://hpdpb.doh.gov.ph/research-advisories/>, for your perusal and please note on the deadlines of submission. For topics for *CY 2021* implementation, interested parties have to submit the required documents, as indicated on the Call, on or before **22 January 2021**. Meanwhile, for studies to be implemented on *CY 2022*, the deadline of submission is on **25 February 2021**.

Should you have any concerns relative to this matter, please contact Mr. Pio Justin V. Asuncion at 651 7800 local 1326/1328 or email at [pasuncion.hpdpb@gmail.com](mailto:pasuncion.hpdpb@gmail.com).

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "FR", is written over the typed name of Ms. Frances Rose Elgo-Mamaril.

**MS. FRANCES ROSE ELGO-MAMARIL, MPH**

OIC-Director IV

Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau

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## Annex A. Call for Proposals

The Department of Health is issuing this Call for Proposals for the 2021 AHEAD-HPSR specifically for the research priorities that are deemed necessary to be implemented on *CY 2021* to support UHC commitments and other critical needs of this Department and the specific programs. These priority topics are as follows:

1. Implementation of the Participatory Action Research;
2. Evidence Review of COVID-19 Health Technology Topics;
3. Evaluation of the Lifestyle-Related Disease Prevention and Control Program;
4. Evaluation of the National Objectives for Health 2017-2022 and Baseline Survey of NOH Indicators; and,
5. Process Evaluation and Implementation Review of Executive Order (EO) No. 104, "Improving Access to Healthcare through Regulation of Prices in the Retail of Drugs and Medicines".

Meanwhile, 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; (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 project briefs/TORs for the abovementioned topics are available at [shorturl.at/awHNX](http://shorturl.at/awHNX) for reference. Further, priority research topics for *CY 2022* implementation can also be accessed through the same link. Interested individuals, preferably with institutional affiliations that are DOST-certified, are welcome to apply. Further, these parties must submit their capsule proposals (maximum of 5 pages) using the provided template together with the following initial requirements through email at [dohahead@gmail.com](mailto:dohahead@gmail.com):

1. Letter of Intent;
2. Work plan Schedule (Gantt Chart of Activities);
3. Curriculum Vitae of lead proponent (Principal Investigator/Project Leader);
4. Profile of the institution; and,
5. Endorsement of agency head.

Deadline of submission for the six (6) abovementioned topics is until **22 January 2021**. While for those studies listed for 2022 implementation, the deadline of submission is on **25 February 2021**. For queries, please contact the HPDPB-Health Research Division at local 1326/1328.