



गण्डकी प्रदेश सरकार  
स्वास्थ्य मन्त्रालय

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## स्वास्थ्य निर्देशनालय



मिति: २०८१/०७/१३

### स्वास्थ्य अनुसन्धानको लागि प्रस्ताव एवं आवेदन आह्वान सम्बन्धी सुचना

यस स्वास्थ्य निर्देशनालयबाट आ.व. २०८१/८२ मा स्वास्थ्य सम्बन्धि अध्ययन अनुसन्धानका लागि निम्न किसिमका अनुदान सहयोग प्रदान गरिने भएको हुँदा योग्य नेपाली उम्मेदवारहरूबाट प्रस्ताव एवं आवेदन आह्वान गरिएको छ।

१. विद्यावारिधि शोध अनुसन्धान (PhD reserach Grant)
२. स्नातकोत्तर शोध अनुसन्धान (Master reseach Grant)
३. स्वतन्त्र स्वास्थ्य अनुसन्धानकर्ता वा स्वास्थ्य व्यवसायी (Independent Researcher and Health profesional)

### गण्डकी प्रदेशमा स्वास्थ्य सुधारका लागि अनुसन्धानको प्राथमिकतामा परेका क्षेत्रहरू:

| नसर्ने रोगहरू       | स्वास्थ्य बीमा      | स्वास्थ्य सेवा प्रणाली    |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| मानसिक स्वास्थ्य    | सरुवा रोगहरू        | पोषण                      |
| मातृ तथा नवजात शिशु | वातावरणिय स्वास्थ्य | विधुतिय स्वास्थ्य प्रणाली |

अन्य: प्रदेशको स्वास्थ्य प्राथमिकतामा रहेका तथा थप विषयहरू  
अनुसन्धानका सर्तनामाहरू

१. अनुसन्धान प्रस्ताव मिति २०८१ मंसिर १३ गते भित्र स्वास्थ्य निर्देशनालय रामघाट, पोखरामा कार्यालय समयमा (हार्ड र सफ्ट कपि) पेश गर्नु पर्नेछ।
  २. अनुसन्धान कार्य मिति २०८२/२/१५ गते भित्र सम्पन्न गरि प्रतिवेदन पेश गर्नुपर्नेछ।
  ३. अनुसन्धानको क्षेत्र गण्डकी प्रदेश र अन्तर्गतका जिल्ला, स्थानीय तहहरू हुनुपर्नेछ।
  ४. प्रस्तावसँगै व्यक्तिगत निवेदन, नेपाली नागरिकताको प्रमाणपत्र, शैक्षिक योग्यताका प्रमाणपत्रहरू, अनुसन्धानकर्ताको बायोडाटा, अनुसन्धान संग सम्बन्धि अन्य कागजपत्रहरू।
  ५. अनुसन्धान कार्य सुरु भए पश्चात अनिवार्य रुपमा नेपाल स्वास्थ्य अनुसन्धान परिषदबाट वा IRC बाट Ethical Clearance लिनुपर्नेछ।
  ६. छनोट भएका अनुसन्धान प्रस्तावलाईकार्य सम्पन्न भइ प्रतिवेदन पेश गरे पछि कार्यक्रमले तोके बमोजिमको अनुदान रकम उपलब्ध गराइनेछ।
  ७. म्याद नाघी आएका प्रस्तावहरू उपर कुनै कारवाही गरिने छैन।
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## Call for Provincial Health Research Grant proposals 2081/82

**Title: Provincial Health Research Grant Program for Master's, PhD Scholars, and Health System Researchers**

### 1. Introduction:

The Provincial Health Directorate of Gandaki Province aims to promote a research-driven approach to address the key public health challenges by offering research grants to master's students, PhD scholars, and healthcare system professionals. This initiative focuses on using existing health system data, conducting independent primary research, and analyzing secondary data to provide insights for improved healthcare policies and interventions.

The research program will also leverage the expertise of an Existing Health Information Analyzer Research Group, which is tasked with evaluating and analyzing available health data. This group will offer support to researchers in utilizing secondary information, ensuring the optimization of data from various national surveys, routine health information systems, and other public health databases.

### 2. Objectives of the Research Grant:

- Foster research on public health issues relevant to Gandaki Province of Nepal, with an emphasis on data-driven policy improvements.
- Support academic researchers and healthcare professionals in using secondary health system data and generating new insights.
- Utilize existing health data for deeper analysis and evidence-based healthcare system enhancements.
- Encourage innovation and original research in public health, healthcare delivery, and management systems.

### 3. Key eligibility criteria of principle applicant:

The provincial health research shall provide three types of research grant will be available to:

1. Master's Students: In public health, healthcare management and other health related fields.
2. PhD Scholars: Focusing on maternal and child health, universal health coverage (UHC) and health insurance.



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3. Healthcare System Personnel and Independent Researchers: Health professionals and independent researchers looking to evaluate healthcare programs, policies, and delivery systems using primary and secondary data.

#### 4. Research Areas:

##### 4.1 For PhD Students:

Grant Scope: The grant aims to seek research proposal on the following themes

- Maternal and Child Health
- Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Health Insurance
- Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)
- Mental Health

##### 4.2 For Master's Level Students:

Grant Scope: The grant aims to seek research proposal on the following themes

- Health care System and Service
- Maternal, Child and Reproductive Health
- Adolescent Health and Gender
- Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Mental Health and Gender Violence
- Vulnerable Populations i.e. people living with LF, PLHIV, people with disabilities
- Public Health Programs and Policies
- Health system and Data
- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Medicines
- Technology and Innovations in Health
- Environmental Health

##### 4.3 Healthcare System Personnel and Independent Researchers

Grant Scope: The grant aims to seek research proposal on the following themes

- Public Health Programs and Policies
- Health Delivery system
- Research for Health and Health system mechanism

##### 4.4 Use of Secondary Health Data:

Researchers are encouraged to utilize data from the NDHS (Nepal Demographic Health Survey), NHFS (Nepal Health Facility Survey), NLSS (Nepal Living Standards Survey), and routine health information systems. The Health Information Analyzer Research Group will provide technical support to ensure appropriate usage of secondary health data and assist with statistical analysis. Secondary data can be instrumental in answering critical

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research questions related to public health and healthcare systems without the need for primary data collection.

#### 5. Grant Amount and Allocation:

- Master's Students: Grants will be provided up to NPR 1,00,000 depending on the scope and depth of the research project.
- PhD Students: Grants will be provided up to NPR 4,00,000 based on project complexity, alignment with health priorities, and potential policy impact
- Independent Researchers and Health Personnel: Financial support will be up to NPR 1,50,000 depending on the significance of the research, its contribution to healthcare policy, and its potential to improve health systems.

The budget will be managed by the principal investigator responsible for ensuring the efficient use of resources. The total budget will be given by Health Directorate, Gandaki in two parts: 50% after the approval of the proposal from relevant institutional review boards and the remaining after the completion of the research project.

#### 6. Submission Guidelines:

##### 6.1 Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited Master's or PhD program or be a healthcare professional or independent researcher with a relevant research proposal.
- Research proposals should align with the outlined health priorities and focus areas of the province.

##### 6.2 Format for Research Proposals:

- **Title:** Indicating the research topic.
- **Abstract:** 250-300 words summarizing the research problem, objectives, and expected outcomes.
- **Introduction:** The introduction part should include the research background and explanation of research problems. It should also enunciate the research objectives. Moreover, the introduction should highlight the significance of the research. Providing background and relevance to provincial health priorities.
- **Objectives:** Research objectives clearly outline what the researcher aims to accomplish or expects to achieve. They are closely tied to the research problem and help direct the study toward a specific focus. Setting objectives enables the





identification of variables to be measured, guides the steps involved in the research process. The objectives can be general and specifics.

- **Methodology:** Describe the strategies your project will use to implement the propose research. The strategy should include clear description of research methods by which the research goals are to be attended such as research Design, data collection/analysis methods, and secondary data use (if applicable).
- **Expected Outcomes:** The expected results and conclusions of the proposed research should be mentioned (Impact on public health policies, healthcare delivery, or system improvements).
- **Budget:** Detailed estimated budget.
- **Timeline:** A detailed project timeline with major milestones.
- **Ethical Considerations:** Any ethical issues and steps for obtaining approval, if needed.

### 6.3 Selection Process:

Proposals will be evaluated by a review panel consisting of experts from the Provincial Health Directorate, health professionals and academic advisors. Selection criteria will include:

- Relevance to Gandaki Province's health priorities.
- Feasibility and scientific rigor of the methodology.
- Is the potential impact of the proposed research important, both in terms of bridging the evidence gap and impact on health systems and policies?
- Efficient use of secondary data resources (if applicable).
- Do the principal investigator and team have the skills to carry out the proposed research?

### 6.4 Reporting and Monitoring:

- **Progress Reports:** Regular updates will be required at designated intervals throughout the project.
- **Final Report:** A comprehensive final report, including detailed findings, conclusions, and policy recommendations, must be submitted by the first week of Asad, 2082, following the completion of the project.



  
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### 7. Use of Secondary Health Data:

A key feature of this grant program is the promotion of secondary data usage. With the support of the Health Information Analyzer Research Group, grantees will be able to:

- Access and analyze datasets such as NDHS, NHFS, NLSS, routine health information system (HMIS) and eTB system data.
- Receive guidance on advanced statistical analysis techniques.
- Contribute to data-driven policy recommendations without the need for extensive primary data collection.

### 8. Ethical Considerations:

The study is required to comply rigorously with established ethical standards for research. This entails obtaining informed consent from all participants, safeguarding participant confidentiality, and securing ethical approval from the appropriate institutional review boards (IRBs). Additionally, for PhD candidates and independent researchers, an approval letter must be submitted from the Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC) as part of the ethical clearance process.

### 9. Follow-Up and Sustainability:

The Health Directorate will ensure:

- Monitoring of progress through regular communication with grantees.
- Dissemination of research outcomes through policy briefs, seminars, and publications.
- Collaboration between academia and the health system, allowing researchers to contribute to future healthcare strategies.

### 10. Publication:

Principal investigators are encouraged to write an article and publish a paper as the lead author, with the Health Directorate's technical advisory team/mentor listed as co-authors, recognizing their contributions to the study.







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### 11. Application Instructions:

Application can be submitted hardcopy and electronically at the email ([hd.gandaki@gmail.com](mailto:hd.gandaki@gmail.com)) of the Health Directorate. Electronic applications should be submitted in Word file format. Application should be submitted in English. Applicants should submit the following documents:

- A comprehensive CV of Principal Investigators and Co-Investigators.
- A cover letter highlighting their relevant qualifications and experience in relation to this TOR.
- A short research proposal (no more than 5 pages) explaining their approach to conducting the study.
- A copy of citizenship of principle investigator

For Student applicants,

- Approval letter from concern Institute/University.
- Recommendation letter from Academic Supervisor station that the student is working under his/her direction
- Others related documents

### 12. Application Schedule

| Key Deadlines         | Events                                   |
|-----------------------|--|
| Application Deadline  | Mangsir 13 <sup>th</sup> 2081 at 5:00 PM |
| Notification of Award | Mangsir 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2081          |
| Execution of Award    | Mangsir 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2081          |

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### 12. Notification:

Result of the successful applicant will be notified via e-mail.

Handwritten signature or initials.