

**List of International Collaborative Research Projects Approved by HMSC
during meeting held on 1st October, 2025**

S. No.	Details of the Project	
1.	Swasthya Swaraj: To demonstrate a replicable and sustainable Panchayat-led model for improved primary healthcare service delivery through enhanced local governance, community participation	
	Principal Investigator Dr Basavaraju R Executive Director Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), Mysuru-570016, Karnataka	Funding/Collaborating Agency Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), USA Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 98,18,000 Duration 35 Months Subject area Public Health
	Approved. However, DHR registration number of IEC of GRAAM needs to be submitted by the PI.	
2.	A National Integrated Molecular Xenomonitoring Network (iMX-NET) for vector surveillance for the elimination of vector-borne diseases	
	Principal Investigator Dr Manju Rahi Director ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre (ICMR-VCRC), Puducherry-605006	Funding/Collaborating Agency Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), USA Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 5,56,26,815 Duration 36 Months Subject area Vector Borne Disease
	Approved. However, DHR registration number of IEC of ICMR-VCRC, Puducherry needs to be submitted by the PI.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
3.	A community-based 2-arm cluster randomized trial to compare universal FIT testing versus target (risk assessment done) FIT testing for Early onset colorectal cancer (EOCRC) in India	
	Principal Investigator Dr Bhawna Sirohi Medical Director Vedanta Medical Research Foundation, Raipur-493661, Chhattisgarh	Funding/Collaborating Agency Cancer Research, UK & National Cancer Institute (NIH), USA Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 5,18,80,403 Duration 36 Months Subject area Cancer Implementation Research
	Approved.	
4.	Distribution of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase and carbapenemase-associated antibiotic resistance genes in wastewater: A community based cross- sectional study	
	Principal Investigator Dr CP Girish Kumar Scientist F ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Chennai-600077, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 2,75,000 Duration 12 Months Subject area Antimicrobial Resistance
	Approved subject to submission of a duly signed Data Sharing Agreement for this project.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
5.	Develop strategies for Pooled Procurement of Reserve antibiotics in India	
	Principal Investigator Dr Priya Balasubramaniam Research Scientist Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), New Delhi -110030	Funding/Collaborating Agency Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP), Switzerland Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 29,87,700 Duration 6 Months Subject area Health Economics
	Approved	
6.	Solving social issues surrounding the GIG economy in the mobility sector: Improving safety for last-mile delivery motorbike drivers in India	
	Principal Investigator Prof Deepty Jain Assistant Professor Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-Delhi), New Delhi- 110016	Funding/Collaborating Agency International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences, Japan Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 29,26,400 Duration 12 Months Subject area Public Health
	Approved subject to submission of a duly signed Data Sharing Agreement.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
7.	NIHR Global Health Research Group on Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children: University of Birmingham/University of Cape Town in partnership with the Lancet Commission	
	Principal Investigator Prof Rakhi Dandona Professor Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), New Delhi -110030	Funding/Collaborating Agency National Institute for Health and Care Research, UK Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 4,14,51,146 Duration 48 Months Subject area Violence Against Women and Children
	Approved subject to the following condition: Any data/publication arising for the study must be submitted to HMSC for approval before sharing with external partner/foreign funding agency.	
8.	Project CORE- Community Focused Oral Health Research for Equity	
	Principal Investigator Prof Abhishek Mehta Professor Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi-110025	Funding/Collaborating Agency National Institute for Healthcare and research (NIHR), UK Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 3,46,00,166 Duration 24 Months Subject area Dental Sciences
	Approved subject to submission of the final Collaboration Agreement, bearing signatures of all parties involved.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
9.	Synthesizing Evidence Base on Potassium-Enriched Low Sodium Salt Substitutes (K+L3S) for Control, Prevention, and Management of Cardiovascular Diseases (CVD) and Hypertension in India	
	Principal Investigator Dr Suparna Ghosh-Jerath Professor & Head George Institute for Global Health, New Delhi-110025	Funding/Collaborating Agency Resolve to Save Lives, Inc., USA Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 31,88,537 Duration 10 Months Subject area Public Health
	Approved	
10.	Feasibility of a tailored Pulmonary Rehabilitation program to improve functional capability and reduce breathlessness among a cohort of Long COVID patients with respiratory symptoms in rural Tamil Nadu	
	Principal Investigator Mr Paul Jebaraj Research Officer Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore-632004, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency Scottish Funding Council-Global Challenges Research Fund (SFC-GCRF) Covid-19 Fund –University of Edinburgh, UK Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 14,89,800 Duration 24 Months Subject area Rehabilitation
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
11.	Effects of Climate Change on Respiratory Diseases in Meghalaya, India	
	Principal Investigator Dr Rajiv Sarkar Associate Professor Indian Institute of Public Health, Shillong-793001, Meghalaya	Funding/Collaborating Agency Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center, USA Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 43,67,764 Duration 12 Months Subject area Public Health
	Approved	
12.	Understanding Tobacco Use and Oral Health Implications Among women in Peri-Urban areas of Bangalore: A Qualitative study	
	Principal Investigator Dr Twinkle Agrawal Associate Professor St. Johns Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore-560034, Karnataka	Funding/Collaborating Agency University of Iowa, USA Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 18,400 Duration 7 Months Subject area Public Health
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
13.	Shortened RegiMen for Drug-susceptIbLE TB in Children (SMILE-TB)	
	Principal Investigator Dr Aishwarya Venkataraman Scientist E ICMR-National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (ICMR-NIRT), Chennai-600031, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency USAID through Johns Hopkins University, USA Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 5,12,34,300 Duration 60 Months Subject area Tuberculosis
	Approved	
14.	Bridging Gaps in Care Ecologies: Knowledge Architecture and Adaptation in Mental Health Care	
	Principal Investigator Dr Lakshmi Narasimhan Director Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health, Chennai-600037, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency Wellcome Trust, UK Date of approval October 1, 2025 Total budget Rs. 17,336,000 Duration 24 Months Subject area Mental Health
	Approved	