

**List of International Collaborative Research Projects Approved by HMSC
during meeting held on 28th October, 2025**

S. No.	Details of the Project	
1.	International Network for Vaccine Safety Surveillance (INNOVATE): An Integrated Population and Sentinel Hospital-Based Vaccine Safety Surveillance in Six Low and Middle-Income Countries	
	Principal Investigator Dr Narendra Kumar Arora Director The INCLEN Trust International, New Delhi-110020	Funding/Collaborating Agency Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Norway through DCVMN, Switzerland Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 24,35,05,359 Duration 36 Months Subject area Public Health
	Approved only for INCLEN Trust International sites. The IEC clearance of Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences should be submitted to ICMR.	
2.	A Randomized Controlled Trial to Evaluate Health Service Modalities for Sexual Reproductive Health in Urban Slums of Mumbai	
	Principal Investigator Dr Sweta Rupesh Kanavaje Consultant Myna Mahila Foundation, Mumbai-400043, Maharashtra	Funding/Collaborating Agency Gates Foundation, USA Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 3,00,03,188 Duration 20 Months Subject area Reproductive Health
	Approved with condition.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
3.	ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE) initiative to support operational/ implementation research on national and state health research priorities in India	
	Principal Investigator Dr Hemant Deepak Shewade Scientist E ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE), Chennai-600077, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency Gates Foundation, USA Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 3,07,61,062 Duration 39 Months Subject area Implementation Research
	Approved	
4.	Prospective Post-Marketing Clinical Follow-Up (PMCF) Study to Evaluate the Performance of Custom-Made XENIA™ Corneal Implants for The Treatment of Presbyopia	
	Principal Investigator Dr Pravin Krishna Vaddavalli Director LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad-500034, Telangana	Funding/Collaborating Agency Gebauer Medizintechnik GmbH, Germany Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 2,07,857 Duration 18-20 Months Subject area Ophthalmology
	Approved with suggestion.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
5.	Multicentric study on clinicopathological and prognostic characteristics of childhood anti-glomerular basement membrane disease	
	Principal Investigator Prof Indira Agarwal Professor Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore-632004, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Türkiye Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget NA Duration 24 Months Subject area Nephrology
	Approved	
6.	International Academic Collaboration for Interpretation of Analytical Data	
	Principal Investigator Dr Rajesh K Joshi Scientist E ICMR-National Institute of Traditional Medicine (ICMR-NITM), Belagavi-590016, Karnataka	Funding/Collaborating Agency Monastir University, Tunisia Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget NA Duration 120 Months Subject area Natural Product Chemistry
	Approved with condition.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
7.	Global Long-acting Drug Combination Development (GLAD) Project: Preferred User Characteristics Evaluation	
	Principal Investigator Dr N Kumarasamy Director The Voluntary Health Services, Chennai-600113, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 8,60,000 Duration 12 Months Subject area HIV/AIDS/ STD
	Approved	
8.	Addressing postpartum depression in New Delhi: A pilot study	
	Principal Investigator Dr Pallab Kumar Maulik Deputy Director George Institute for Global Health, New Delhi-110025	Funding/Collaborating Agency Northwestern University Havey Institute for Global Health, USA Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs.12,96,822 Duration 15 Months Subject area Mental Health
	Approved	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
9.	Building Healthy Food Environment in Schools: Evaluating Co-created Interventions in Low Resource Settings	
	Principal Investigator Prof Monika Arora Professor Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi-110030	Funding/Collaborating Agency Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 2,65,80,100 Duration 48 Months Subject area Nutrition
	Approved	
10.	Development of RNA-binding proteins derived peptide (RBPep) loaded hydrogels as topical therapy for corneal scarring and fibrosis	
	Principal Investigator Prof Dr. R. R. Sudhir Professor Medical Research Foundation, Chennai-600006, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency Stichting blockchain for impact foundation, The Netherlands Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 74,33,252 Duration 24 Months Subject area Ophthalmology
	Approved. However, the DHR registration number of the IEC of Medical Research Foundation, Chennai to be submitted by PI.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
11.	The PEARLS Trial (Preventing pre-eclampsia: Evaluating AspiRin Low-dose regimens following risk Screening)	
	Principal Investigator Dr Shivaprasad Sadashivappa Goudar Professor KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research, Belagavi-590010, Karnataka	Funding/Collaborating Agency The Gates Foundation, USA Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 21,82,45,120 Duration 40 Months Subject area Maternal Health
	Approved with conditions.	
12.	Power Relations in Optimisation of Therapies and Equity in Access to Antibiotics (PROTEA) Study: investigating the intersection of sociocultural drivers, economic indices, and AMR and its influence on health-seeking and healthproviding behaviours in India	
	Principal Investigator Dr Arunima Sehgal Mukherjee Senior Technical Officer Society for Health Information Systems Programmes, New Delhi-110025	Funding/Collaborating Agency University of Cape Town, South Africa Date of approval October 28, 2025 Total budget Rs. 32,60,000 Duration 24 Months Subject area Antimicrobial Resistance
	Approved. However, the IEC-DHR registration no. of Society for Health Information Systems Programmes should be submitted by the PI.	