

**List of International Collaborative Research Projects Approved by HMSC
during meeting held on 30th April, 2026**

S. No.	Details of the Project	
1.	Learnings from High-Risk Pregnancy Chatbot for Auxiliary Nurse Midwives in Uttar Pradesh	
	Principal Investigator Dr Hanimi Reddy Modogu Director Advancing Reduction in Mortality and Morbidity of Mothers, Children, and Neonate (ARMMAN), Mumbai-400059, Maharashtra	Funding/Collaborating Agency Gates Foundation, USA Date of approval April 30, 2026 Total budget Rs. 1,40,28,000 Duration 15 Months Subject area m-Health
	Approved	
2.	Feasibility of Parent-Teacher Collaboration (PaTTERN) in Reducing Ultra-Processed Food Consumption among school children: A Pilot Study	
	Principal Investigator Dr Pranab Mahapatra Professor Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences, Khorda-751024, Odisha	Funding/Collaborating Agency Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, USA Date of approval April 30, 2026 Total budget Rs. 27,10,390 Duration 16 Months Subject area Nutrition
	Approved	

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3.	Development and evaluation of a remote monitoring approach using mHealth application in individuals with rheumatic heart disease on oral anticoagulation (STRong Heart-Strengthening Trials and research for Rheumatic Heart disease)	
	Principal Investigator Dr Niveditha Devasenapathy Head George Institute for Global Health India, New Delhi-110025	Funding/Collaborating Agency Leducq Foundation, USA Date of approval April 30, 2026 Total budget Rs. 6,85,30,683 Duration 36 Months Subject area Cardiovascular Diseases
	Approved only for George Institute for Global Health India, AIIMS New Delhi, Sawai Man Singh College Jaipur and Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bangalore; subject to submission of CTRI registration number to ICMR. The IEC clearance of remaining centres and the FCRA certificate of Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai should be submitted to ICMR. It may be ensured that foreign funds received by the participating centres will not be transferred to any other entity & all FCRA rules will be complied with.	
4.	Evaluation of Near-Point-of-Care NAAT testing on swab samples for diagnosis of adult pulmonary Tuberculosis : A Hybrid Implementation-Effectiveness Study	
	Principal Investigator Dr Ramya Ananthakrishnan Director Resource Group for Education and Advocacy for Community Health, Chennai -600014, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency Stop TB Partnership, Switzerland (TB REACH grant) Date of approval April 30, 2026 Total budget Rs. 16,819,180 Duration 12 Months Subject area Public Health
	Approved subject to submission of renewed DHR registration no. of IEC of Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tamil Nadu.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
5.	Interventions to reduce the effect of heat stress on health in South India	
	Principal Investigator Dr Soumya Swaminathan Head MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai-600113, Tamil Nadu	Funding/Collaborating Agency Temasek Foundation, Singapore Date of approval April 30, 2026 Total budget Rs. 15,08,43,920 Duration 24 Months Subject area Environmental Health
	Approved for MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai only. However as per FCRA rules it must be ensured that the funds for each participating site are received directly in their respective FCRA accounts and shall not be transferred to any other entity. The administrative approval of ICMR institutes (National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai and National Institute of Traditional Medicine (NITM), Belagavi) should be submitted to the HMSC before initiation of the study at these sites.	
6.	AMRSense: Empowering Communities with a Proactive OneHealth Ecosystem	
	Principal Investigator Dr Tavpritesh Sethi Professor Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi-110020	Funding/Collaborating Agency The Trinity Challenge Award, UK Date of approval April 30, 2026 Total budget Rs. 62,521,514 Duration 36 Months Subject area Antimicrobial Resistance
	Approved. However as per FCRA rules it must be ensured that the funds for each participating site are received directly in their respective FCRA accounts and shall not be transferred to any other entity. The administrative approval of ICMR-National Institute for Research in Digital Health, New Delhi should be submitted to the HMSC before initiation of the study at this site.	

S. No.	Details of the Project	
7.	Prevention and care of Vascular Dementia and cognitive impairment among stroke survivors in Asia-Pacific region; A multi-country study	
	Principal Investigator Dr Vivek Nambiar Professor & Head Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Ernakulam-682041, Kerala	Funding/Collaborating Agency The University of Queensland , Australia. Date of approval April 30, 2026 Total budget Rs. 1,68,17,400 Duration 24 Months Subject area Neurosciences
	Approved	
8.	Developing an Ecological Model for Healthy Aging in India: A Long-term Academic Collaboration between the Centre for Brain Research (CBR) and the UK Dementia Research Institute (UK DRI)	
	Principal Investigator Prof Thomas Gregor Issac Associate Professor Centre for Brain Research, Bengaluru-560012, Karnataka	Funding/Collaborating Agency UK Dementia Research Institute, University of Edinburgh UK Date of approval April 30, 2026 Total budget NA Duration 60 Months Subject area Neurosciences
	Approved subject to the submission of revised IEC clearance and MoU/DSA between Indian & foreign PI.	