



The initiative: Support for operational research in health

Health for All Project is a project of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC that is being implemented by Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute and the HAP Center



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Background

Health for All, an SDC project in Albania, launched a funding initiative to support research capacity building through application for operational research micro-grants.

From 17 January to 20 February 2020, HAP invited young researchers (under 35 years old) to apply for operational research financial support in selected domains of health such as human resources in health, non-communicable diseases as a public health issue, health information system in primary health care and beyond, quality of primary health care in Albania etc.

As a result, 45 applicants submitted their research proposals within February 20, 2020. Applicants are from different background:

- 31% of applicants have medical background
- 25% public health
- 22% technical medical sciences
- 13% economy
- 9% social sciences

The average working experience was 6.4 year, and gender representation was in a range of 89% female and 11% male applicants.

An independent selection board composed by senior academics and researchers, representatives of three Universities and Research Institutions in Albania evaluated 45 applications. The evaluation was done according to the criteria published in the call for application:

- Research proposal (study protocol) of the study - up to 40 point
- Work plan and timeline with specific activities - up to 30 points
- CV of research applicant and a motivation letter - up to 10 points
- CV of mentor(s) – up to 20 points

11 applications were selected this year based on the total points allocated by independent evaluators and within the limits of the project budget. The list of winning proposals is presented below.

HAP would like to thank all applicants for submitting their proposals and encourages young researchers to apply in the upcoming call.

01

Title:

Cross-cultural adaptation and validation of Human Resource Management (HRM) policies instrument and practice environment scale of the nursing work index (PES-NWI) in the Albanian Primary Health Care (PHC) system

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is to validate two useful tools in evaluating nursing environment in Primary Health Care as the key Human Resource factor in qualitative service delivery in PHC.

Author: E. Luzi

02

Title:

Check-up program of the adult population 35-70 years as a very important tool for the prevention and early detection of many diseases in Primary Health Care

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is to provide a scientific in-depth analyzing of the check-up data and disseminate the results related to the basic medical control program in the region of Tirana.

Author: Q. Dika

03

Title:

Assessment of perceived quality of maternal and child health preventive and consulting services from the users of services in Durrës and Fier.

Aim:

The proposal aims at assessing the perceived quality of WCCC to pregnancy; home visiting; childcare as well as will try to understand and explain the barriers to getting the appropriate service during pregnancy or during childbearing period.

Author: E. Demollari

04

Title:

Vaccine Hesitancy – in terms of attitude, awareness and practice – related to childhood vaccination among Albania Parents and Caregivers.

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is to ensure high vaccination rate for obligatory immunization schedule by promoting the vaccine efficiency and encouraging interventions of primary prevention.

Author: E. Gjini

05

Title:

Indicators of benzodiazepines use and misuse in Albania.

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is on Benzodiazepines (BDZs) use and to investigate eventual indicator of their misuse through the use of the ATC/DDD methodology of WHO, and to evidence the target groups of population more risked for BDZs dependence and abuse.

Author: J. Mihani

06

Title:

The role of primary health care in identifying the risk factors of non-communicable diseases in Albania

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is to identify the role of primary healthcare in screening and quantifying the prevalence of non-communicable disease risk factors for the population in Albania.

Author: A. Shpuza

07

Title:

The estimation of defining factors of the satisfaction of health care personnel and of the users of primary health care in Tirana, Albania.

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is the evaluation of the level of satisfaction of the users of primary health care and health care providers as well as the definition of the social and demographic factors connected to the satisfaction of the users and of the providers in the primary health care in the Municipality of Tirana.

Author: A. Naum

08

Title:

Job Satisfaction and Motivation Level Among Nurses Working in Primary Health Care centres

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is to determine the job satisfaction of nurses working in Primary Health Centers. The study will be conducted in Tirana PHC.

Author: A. Luzi

09

Title:

Self-care level among people with type 2 diabetes in the city of Vlore, Albania - implications for primary health care.

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is to assess the level of self-care and self-management in patients with type 2 diabetes who are treated in primary health services.

Author: J. Jaho

10

Title:

Knowledge and attitudes of general practitioners regarding early psychosis/schizophrenia – a study in primary health care Tirana, Albania.

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is to assess the collected information about the knowledge and attitudes of Tirana general practitioners (GPs) regarding early psychosis and schizophrenia.

Author: E. Dashi

11

Title:

Patient satisfaction with primary healthcare service quality - the case of Shijak Municipality Health Center.

Aim:

The purpose of the research project is to evaluate patients' satisfaction with the quality of health services provided by Shijak Municipality Primary Health Care.

Author: S. Kurti