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Department of Health & Family Welfare
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To
The Principal /Director
All Govt Medical Colleges,
West Bengal


Subject – Invitation of research proposals to conduct operational research for the identified priority areas under WBSAP&CS

Sir / Madam,

West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society (WBSAP&CS) is inviting research proposals to conduct operational research on the four (4) priority areas as mentioned below:

- a) Factors responsible for low adherence to ART among high-risk populations.
- b) Knowledge and perception regarding safe conception practices among ARTC counselors and eligible PLHIV couples.
- c) Coverage, drivers and barriers to spouse testing of PLHIV on ART.
- d) Coverage & barriers for Routine Immunization among children of HIV +Ve women.

As you know that National AIDS Control Programme is evidence led programme. The "Research and Evaluation" under Strategic Information Division is a vital component. In FY 2021-22, this activity (primarily operational research and evaluation) has been kept in the Annual Action Plan of the State and funds allocated in our State GIA. The maximum budget for each of the above areas is Rs.1,15,000/- (Rupees one lakh fifteen thousand only) and may be released as per protocol of 40:40:20 ratio (40% of the contract value as advance on signing of the contract/40% of the contract value as approval of interim report/20% of the contract value as approval of final report). If approved, a MoU will be signed with the Principal/Director of the concerned Medical Colleges/Institutes. This fund will be released in favour of the Principal/Director of the concerned Medical Colleges/Institutes after administrative approval from WBSAP&CS. The IEC approval is to be taken from the concerned Medical College/Institute after administrative approval from WBSAP&CS. Interested applicants may submit their proposal along with application duly forwarded by the Principal/Director of the concerned Medical College. The above priority areas have been identified as critical gaps in the programme. Hence, the findings from the research studies are expected to complement in implementation of the programme and revising programme strategies.


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Hence, you are requested to circulate the matter among willing researcher of the Dept of Community Medicine of your institution and ask them to develop the research protocol along with estimated budget to undertake the study. Each of the Medical College shall submit maximum of two proposals on identified priority areas. All proposals must be submitted either by hard copy at the office of WBSAP&CS (Swasthya Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Wing-B, Salt Lake Sector-V, Kol-91) or through soft copy to e-mail ids - me.wbsapcs@gmail.com, saibal.maiti@gmail.com within 15 days from the date of this notification. For any query please contact Dr. Rahul Biswas, Joint Director-CST, WBSAP&CS -9477436168 or Mr. Saibal Maiti, M&E Officer, WBSAP&CS-9434611864.

With regards,



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- Annexure: 1) Format for proposal submission to NACO / WBSAPCS
2) National Guidelines on HIV/AIDS Research
3) Flow chart on guideline for implementing operational research
4) Checklist for Research Projects at SACS level

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1. The Joint Director, CST Division, WBSAP&CS
2. The ADG, SI, NACO
3. The Deputy Director, Strategic Information Division, WBSAP&CS
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