



**Republic of Zambia
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH ACTION PLAN
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Theme: Coordination of Health Research

Objective: To strengthen the coordination of health research being conducted in the country

Strategy: Review and strengthen the current national mechanisms for coordination and monitoring of health research throughout the country

Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1. Review the current national mechanisms for coordination and monitoring of Health Research throughout the country		Jun			-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Current National guidelines	Current national mechanisms for coordination and monitoring of Health Research throughout the country reviewed	Availability of document on mechanisms for coordination and monitoring of Health Research		MOH/Sida	DPHR
2. Develop mechanisms for coordination and monitoring of Health Research throughout the country				Dec	-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Reference materials	Guidelines for coordination and monitoring of Health Research throughout the country developed by December 2008			MOH/Sida	DPHR /NHRAC
3. Implement mechanisms for coordination and monitoring of Health Research throughout the country						Guidelines for coordination and monitoring of Health Research throughout the country implemented by June 2009	-Documents on guidelines, -Active databases -reporting system in place			

Theme: Coordination of Health Research										
Objective: To promote research in traditional medicine										
Strategy: Develop guidelines and regulations for research in traditional medicines										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1. Review and adapt WHO and SADC guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines	Mar				-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -WHO and SADC guidelines -Current Institutional Guidelines	WHO and SADC guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines reviewed and adapted	-Availability of guideline document		MOH, WHO, NEPAD	DPHR/ NHRAC
2. Adopt the guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines		Jun			-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary	WHO and SADC guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines adopted and disseminated	Availability of guideline document		MOH, WHO, NEPAD	DPHR NHRAC
3. Implement the guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines	Mar				-Traditional Healers -Skilled human resource in research -Funds -Stationary -Reference materials -Equipment, infrastructure	Guidelines on Research in Traditional medicines implemented	-Number of research projects conducted using guideline documents		MOH, WHO, NEPAD	DPHR NHRAC

Theme: Research in Traditional Medicine

Objective: To promote research in traditional medicine

1. **Strategy:** Develop guidelines and regulations for research in traditional medicines

Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
3. Review and adapt WHO and SADC guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines	Mar				-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Current National guidelines	WHO and SADC guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines reviewed and adapted	Number of guideline documents produced		MOH/Sida	DPHR
2. Adopt the guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines			Jun		-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Reference materials	WHO and SADC guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines adopted	Number of guideline documents produced		MOH/Sida	DPHR /NHRAC
3. Implement the guidelines on Research In Traditional Medicines				Dec	-Skilled human resource in traditional medicines -skilled human resource in research -Stationary -Reference materials	Guidelines on Research in Traditional medicines implemented	Number of researches being conducted using guideline documents			
4. Sensitise the research fraternity, traditional healers and other stakeholders on the importance of conducting Research in Traditional Medicines			Sept		-Health education materials -Funds -Human Resource -Policy makers -Programme Managers	Research fraternity, traditional healers and other stake holders sensitized on the importance of conducting Research in Traditional Medicines	-Number of sensitization workshops conducted -Percentage of target groups sensitized -Number of sensitization materials produced and distributed		MOH WHO NEPAD	DPHR NHRAC

Theme: Research in Traditional Medicine										
Objective: To promote research in traditional medicine										
4. Strategy: Integrate traditional medicine into mainstream research institutions										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1. Review and strengthen mechanism for integrating research in traditional medicine into mainstream research institutions		Jun			-Researchers -Traditional Health Practitioners -Funds -Stationary -Adopted National Guidelines in Traditional Medicines -Policy makers -Programme Managers	Mechanism for Research in traditional medicine developed and integrated into mainstream research institutions	Number of mainstream research institutions involved in research in traditional medicines		MOH WHO NEPAD	DPHR NRHAC

Theme: Research in Traditional Medicine										
Objective: To promote research in traditional medicine										
3. Strategy: Promote collaborative Health Research between and among traditional and conventional health researchers.										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1. Create a section within the research system to deal with Research In Traditional Medicines					-Traditional Health Practitioners -Researchers -Funds -Stationary -Guidelines on Research in Traditional Medicines -Policy makers -Programme Managers -Conventional Health Practitioners	-Section to deal with Research in Traditional Medicines created within the research system -Coordination Office created with relevant skilled human resource and facilities -Research in Traditional Medicine Facilitated -Collaborative action between and amongst Traditional and Conventional Health Researchers coordinated	-Presence of infrastructure -Amount of collaborative research studies in Traditional Medicines		MOH WHO NEPAD	DPHR NHRAC

Theme: Research priorities										
Objective: To ensure that health research is prioritised										
1. Strategy: Develop a mechanism and criteria for identifying and agreeing on national health priorities										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1. Review the criteria used for identifying Health Research priorities in 1999		Jun			-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Documents on research priorities in health -Equipment	-Criteria used for identifying Health Research priorities in the past reviewed	Availability of report on criteria used to identify Health Research Priorities		MOH Cooperating partners	DPHR/ NHRAC
2. Develop mechanisms and criteria for identifying and agreeing on National Health Research priorities.				Dec	-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Reference materials	-Mechanisms and criteria for identifying and agreeing on National Health Research priorities developed	Availability of document on Mechanism and criteria for identifying National Health Research priorities		MOH WHO Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC

Theme: Research Priorities										
Objective: To ensure that health research is prioritised										
Strategy: Updating national Health Research priorities regularly										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
Update health research priorities using the HMIS, ZDHS, District annual reports and other sources.	Mar				-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary - HMIS,ZDHS,District Annual Reports -Other Reports -Equipment	-National Health Research priorities Updated - National Health Research priorities disseminated	-Updated report on National Health Research priorities every two years -Number of health research projects conducted based on prioritised health themes -Number of Dissemination meetings on national health research priorities		MOH WHO Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC

Theme: Research Ethics										
Objective: To enforce adherence to research ethics in Zambia										
Strategy: Establish a national health Research Ethics Committee										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1. Review the work of the working group on the formation of the National Health Research Ethics Committee	March				-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Current National guidelines	Report of the working group on the formation of the National Research Ethics Committee reviewed - Final report on the formation of the National Research Ethics Committee produced and circulated	Availability of final report on the formation of the National Research Ethics Committee		MOH Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC
2.Create National Health Research Ethics Committee				Dec	-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Reference materials	National Health Research Ethics Committee created	Availability of a fully functional National Health Research Ethics Committee		MOH AMANET Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC

Theme: Research Ethics										
Objective: To enforce adherence to research ethics in Zambia										
Strategy: Develop and enforce guidelines for conducting health research involving human subjects										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1.Develop a Code of Conduct and regulations for ensuring that consumer interest and safety are taken into consideration when conducting health research					-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Current National guidelines	Code of Conduct and regulations for ensuring that consumer interest and safety are taken into consideration when conducting health research developed and disseminated	-Availability of Code of Conduct and regulations for ensuring that consumer interest and safety are taken into consideration when conducting health research -Number of dissemination meetings -Number of Institutional Review Boards applying code of conduct and guidelines		MOH AMANET Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC

Theme: Research Ethics										
Objective: To enforce adherence to research ethics in Zambia										
Strategy: Strengthen health research ethics in training curricula for all health workers										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1. Review research ethics syllabi in curricula for health training and related institutions				Nov	-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Documents on research ethics -Existing syllabi on research ethics	Research ethics syllabi in health training institutions reviewed and integrated into curricula	-Number of health training institutions with research ethics syllabi		MOH AMANET Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC
2. Build capacity for research ethics among traditional and conventional practitioners of medicine				Nov	-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Reference and training materials	Capacity for research ethics among traditional and conventional practitioners of medicine built	-Number of traditional conventional health practitioners applying research ethics		MOH AMANET Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC

Theme: Research Ethics										
Objective: To enforce adherence to research ethics in Zambia										
Strategy: Coordinate community sensitization regarding human rights for participants in health research										
Activity	Time Frame 2008				Inputs	Outputs	Performance Indicators	Budget	Source of Funds	Resp person
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
1.Sensitise communities regarding human rights for participants in health research				Nov	-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Current National guidelines	Communities sensitised regarding human rights for participants in health research	-Number of sensitisation meetings held with communities -Number of IEC materials on human rights of participants in health research developed and disseminated		MOH AMANET Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC
2. Evaluate impact on community sensitization regarding human rights for participants in health research				Nov	-Skilled Human Resource -Funds -Stationary -Reference materials	Impact on community sensitization regarding human rights for participants in Health Research evaluated	-Number of requests for information pertaining to participating in research from community -Level of knowledge and attitudes to participation in research from the community		MOH AMANET Cooperating partners	DPHR NHRAC