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## **Call for Applications: Manuscript Writing and Publication Support**

The Centre for Impact, Innovation, and Capacity Building for Health Information Systems and Nutrition (CIICHIIN), in partnership with the Management Sciences for Health (MSH)-USAID-IREME, is pleased to announce a call for applications to support individuals or research teams working on existing papers with the goal of facilitating their progress toward publication. We invite individuals or research teams working in the field of health to submit their applications.

### **Preferred topics include:**

- Clinical sciences
- Treatment and care
- Health systems and financing
- Maternal and child health
- Human resources for health
- Quality improvement
- Epidemiology and Public health
- Communicable and non-communicable diseases

This initiative is designed to provide targeted assistance to teams that are in the advanced stages of manuscript development, helping them refine their research findings and prepare their work for submission to academic journals. Selected applicants will receive mentorship from experienced researchers and editors to strengthen the quality and impact of their papers.

### **Purpose of the Call**

The primary goal of this program is to accelerate the dissemination of high-quality research by supporting researchers that have made significant progress in their projects but require additional resources or guidance to finalize their manuscripts for publication.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

All researchers (individuals or teams) with the topics in the aforementioned field are invited to apply if they meet the following criteria:

1. Advanced stage of research:

- Data availability: the research team or individual has already collected all necessary data for their study and has cleaned and processed the datasets, ensuring they are ready for analysis.
  - Data analysis readiness: The research team or individual has well-documented and organized analysis scripts (e.g., R scripts) or do-files (e.g., Stata do-files) for their statistical analyses.
  - Preliminary analysis: the research team or individual has run some preliminary analysis of the data.
  - Manuscript development: a draft manuscript is in progress, covering key sections such as the introduction, objectives and methodology, results, and discussions.
2. Team composition:
    - The applicant(s) may be an individual researcher or a research team consists of researchers with relevant expertise.
    - Collaborative efforts involving multidisciplinary teams are encouraged, with clear roles and responsibilities outlined for each team member if applicable.
  3. Research relevance:
    - The study addresses significant questions within its field and has the potential to contribute meaningfully to existing knowledge.
    - Where possible, the team has identified a target journal for submission.
  4. Commitment to publication:
    - A draft plan is in place for completing the manuscript and submitting it to a peer-reviewed journal.
    - The team demonstrates readiness to revise the manuscript based on feedback and adhere to publication timelines.
  5. Ethical compliance:
    - All necessary ethical approvals and consents have been obtained.
    - Compliance with ethical standards for research and publication is mandatory.

## **Application Process**

Interested people should submit the following:

1. Cover letter:
  - o Introduce the research individuals and highlight the significance of the study.
  - o Outline the status of the manuscript and specific areas where support is needed.
2. Manuscript draft:
  - o Provide the latest version of the manuscript, including any sections that are still in development.
3. Project timeline:
  - o Proposed schedule for finalizing the manuscript and target dates for submission to a journal.
4. CVs:
  - o Curriculum vitae emphasizing relevant research experience and previous publications.

5. Ethical approval documents, if applicable:
  - Copies of ethical approvals, consent forms, or any other compliance-related documentation.

### **Submission details**

- All applications must be submitted by **20/01/2025**.
- Email all application materials to [info@ciichin.org](mailto:info@ciichin.org) with the subject line "**Manuscript Support Application**".

### **Selection criteria**

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Readiness for publication: extent of manuscript completion and preparedness for submission.
- Quality of research: scientific rigor, originality, and potential contribution to the field.
- Feasibility: likelihood of successfully completing the manuscript and publishing within the proposed timeline.
- Team expertise: experience and qualifications of the research team.

### **Notification of results**

- Successful applicants will be notified by 3/02/2025.
- Feedback will be provided to all applicants upon request.

### **Responsibilities of selected researchers**

- Timely Progress: adhere to the proposed timeline and maintain regular communication regarding progress.
- Reporting: submit a brief report upon publication, summarizing the outcomes and impact of the support received.

### **Contact Information**

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**We look forward to receiving your applications!**