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Expression of Interest (EoI)

“Regional Capacity Building in Systematic Reviews in India”

SARANSH (Systematic Reviews And Networking Support in Health)

Overview

The Department of Health Research (DHR) in collaboration with the Directorate General Health Services (DGHS), and various program divisions of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India have decided to formulate one comprehensive evidence-based guidelines for the country in a particular health area. These guidelines use a rigorous process of systematic reviews and GRADEing of the evidence, which is at par with the international standards of guideline development. Conducting systematic reviews and meta-analysis involves systematic collation of evidence from the literature and critically appraising the evidence to inform the decision making in health care. This requires intensive training of the doctors and researchers to do systematic reviews.

There is a limited capacity in the country to conduct systematic reviews and meta-analysis. Majority of medical faculties and young researchers in the country are not aware of the methodology of doing a good quality systematic review. Hence, there is a need to train medical faculties and young researchers from across the country to do systematic reviews, which would help in capacity building in systematic reviews in the country.

In view of the above, DHR proposes to support 10 high quality hands-on workshops on systematic reviews and meta-analysis in medical institutes/colleges in different states/UT of the country during the year 2024-25 for regional capacity building in systematic reviews.

Objectives

1. To enhance the capacity building in doing systematic reviews and meta-analysis in different regions of the country.
2. To provide funding support to the medical institutes/colleges in the country to conduct high quality hands-on workshops in systematic reviews and meta-analysis.
3. To foster networking between the organizing institutes/colleges with DHR-Centre for Evidence for Guidelines to conduct systematic reviews for evidence based guidelines development.

Expected Outcomes

1. Supporting funds to organize 10 hands-on workshops in systematic reviews and meta-analysis during the year 2024-25, in which approximately 300-400 medical faculties and young researchers from medical institutes/colleges across different regions of the country will be trained to do systematic reviews and meta-analysis.
2. Creating a network of researchers in the country who can do high quality systematic reviews and meta-analysis.
3. Establishing a network between the organizing institutes/colleges with DHR-Centre for Evidence for Guidelines to conduct systematic reviews for evidence based guidelines development.
4. Number of systematic reviews/meta-analysis published by the trained faculties in peer reviewed high impact journals.

State/UT wise distribution of workshops

The 10 workshops will be conducted region-wise to cover all States/UTs of the country based on the number of medical institutes/colleges in the State/UT and the proximity of the state/UT as below:

States/UTs	No. of workshops planned
Karnataka & Goa	1
Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Haryana & Delhi	1
Maharashtra, Daman & Diu and Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1
Telangana & Andhra Pradesh	1
Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand	1
Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry & Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
Gujarat & Rajasthan	1
Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Odisha	1
West Bengal, Bihar & Jharkhand	1
Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Sikkim	1

Who can submit EoI?

1. Medical faculties/researchers that have regular employment in medical institutes/colleges.
2. The applicant's medical institute/college **MUST** be situated in the same state/UT where they want to conduct the workshop. E.g. for conducting workshop in Karnataka/Goa, only applicants from Karnataka/Goa can apply to conduct the workshop.
3. The applicant must have documented experience in conducting good quality workshops in health research.
4. The applicant must have published systematic reviews in peer-reviewed high impact journals.

Workshop format

1. The workshop must be organized any time during the financial year 2024-25 (May 2024 - March 2025).
2. The duration of the workshop must be of minimum 4 days with clear-cut sessions on hands-on exercises.
3. The participants from the concerned states/UT **ONLY** can attend the workshop. E.g. for the workshop to be held in Karnataka/Goa, the participants from Karnataka/Goa only can attend.
4. A minimum of 30 participants from across the state/UT must be trained in the workshop. The participants must be from different medical institutes/colleges of the concerned state/UT.
5. The scientist(s) from DHR-Centre for Evidence for Guidelines may attend the workshop as observer and/or resource person as per the requirement of the organizing medical institute/college.
6. A budget of up to ₹6 lakh per workshop will be provided to conduct the workshop.

Format of Expression of Interest (EOI) to be submitted

- A. How will this workshop help in regional capacity development in systematic reviews? (Max 250 words)
- B. Detailed programme of the workshop (2 pages max, attach PDF)
- C. List of resource persons/faculties of the workshop with their complete affiliation (1 page max, PDF)
- D. Type of facilities available at the organizing institute [e.g. conference hall, audio-visual facilities, guest house, etc.]

E. Brief CV of the organizing secretary and other key members of the organizing team, containing their academic qualifications, current position and affiliation (max 4 pages, attach PDF)

F. Report of up to five previous workshops conducted as organizing secretary/co-organizing secretary (max 2 pages, attach PDF)

G. PMID of up to five recently published systematic reviews and meta-analysis

H. DSIR certificate (applicable to non-government medical institute/college only)

Submit the EoI through Google form link: <https://forms.gle/kC51kypMEDha6Bk9>

Tentative Timeline

Activities	Tentative date
Release of Call	15 March 2024
Last date for submission of EoI	21 April 2024
Declaration of results	Mid May 2024

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