BICOL HEART
FORM and RUHRA GUIDE

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Concept Note

1. Research Project summary information

Title	
Regional Unified Health Research Agenda (RUHRA) 2017-2022	*(Check box to which project belongs)* ☐ Health services ☐ Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation ☐ Policy and Governance ☐ Food Safety and Related diseases ☐ Models of Rehabilitation ☐ Environmental health ☐ HIV/ AIDS ☐ Lifestyle-related diseases ☐ Human Resources for Health ☐ Health Information ☐ Mental Health and Psychosocial intervention ☐ Health Financing ☐ Health Technology Development ☐ Migration and Health
Project Description	*(Please be concise and clear. Provide the rationale of the project and a brief background of the study. Include health issues/ policies that will be addressed.)*
Objectives	General Objective Specific Objectives: 1. 2. 3.
Methodology (no more than 500 words)	*(Briefly describe the methodology to be used.)*

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Rank	Themes	Specific topic	Rationale
1	Health services	- Traditional birth attendants/hilot - Herbolarios/ traditional healers - Healthcare delivery in GIDA - Adolescent health - Teenage pregnancy - Improvement of maternal and child health - Risk assessment of maternal and child health - Evaluation of maternal and child health service delivery - Implementation of integrated management of childhood illnesses (IMCI) - Status of teenage pregnancy - Child health status from birth, preterm, low birth - Care for people with special needs - Factors affecting compliance to TB management - TB patients - Health workers (e.g. doctors, nurses, etc.) - Preparedness and response of the facilities for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases	Address gaps in knowledge in service delivery for reproductive health, traditional medicines, and treatment of infectious diseases
2	Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation	- Evacuation/camp management for health - Health issues/diseases related to post-disaster - Climate change impact on health (e.g. meteorological data and illnesses) - Beliefs on disasters of indigenous peoples - Hospital safety and readiness in disaster management - Capability building among community on disaster risk management	Augment the region's knowledge and capacity in terms of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation
3	Policy and governance	- Review of policies on double compensation for government health professionals - Review of policies on rationalizing benefits of health researchers in academe - Salary scheme for health workers doing 24-hour duty - Effect of downgrading of LGU-owned hospitals - Unmet policy vis-à-vis current health facility situation - Hospital infection control policies - Feasibility study on establishing DOH-retained hospital per province	Review and assess different policies that affect quality of service delivery and human resources for health
4	Food safety and related diseases	- Food safety concerns, practices, and implementation for establishments and ambulant vendors - Parasitic infections related to food and water - Drinking water sources and quality in relation to	Address knowledge gaps in food handling and related diseases

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		diarrheal diseases	
5	Models of rehabilitation	• Effectiveness and applicability of models of rehabilitation • Health interventions for drug users (e.g. minors) • Substance abuse • Mentally ill	Determine efficient models of rehabilitation for treatment of patients of substance abuse and mental illness

6	Environmental health	• Health hazards and effects of small-scale mining
		• Waste management
		   o Healthcare waste management
		   o Local technology development for disposal and treatment of hazardous waste materials of laboratories and hospitals
		• Public health risks brought by vector-borne diseases and zoonotic diseases
		• Environmental health assessments
		• Environmental sanitation and hygiene
		   o Effects on emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases
		• Addressing occupational health hazards
		   o Compensation
		   o Policy
		• Compliance of hospitals to infection control
			Address knowledge gap on environmental health focusing on environmental health hazards, zoonotic diseases, occupational health, and infection control

7	HIV/AIDS	• Awareness and prevention • Safe blood supply	Address knowledge gap in transmission and prevention of HIV/AIDS
8	Lifestyle-related diseases	• Risk factors among younger population • Lifestyle changes and its effect on health among business process outsourcing (BPOs) • Health and wellness among industry workers (e.g. farmers, fisherfolks, etc.)	Investigate lifestyle-related diseases in relation to industries and special populations
9	Human Resources for Health	• Ratio of healthcare professionals to clientele (e.g. hospitals, communities) and its impacts on health care delivery • Multi-tasking efficiency vs. workload studies • Streamlining of health information systems and efficiency of health workers • Benefits/ hazard pay for responders with salary grade 19 and above	Review programs and interventions that affect human resources for health
10	Health information	• Factors affecting timeliness of reporting of health data to DOH • Information systems development for health	Address knowledge gap in health informatics
11	Mental health and psychosocial intervention	• Promoting mental and psychosocial health • Addressing gender issues	Address the gap in the promotion of mental and psychosocial health

12	Health financing	• Mapping of appropriating funds for health • Impact of health insurance coverage to people's health • Point-of-care implementation sustainability of PhilHealth benefits	Conduct studies on health financing particularly on health insurance

13	Health technology development	• Ethnobotany of agroforestry species in ancestral domains and indigenous peoples' communities
		• Natural products for medical use
		   o Material science
		• Drug-discovery and development for endemic plant species
		• Invention of novel and/or innovative medical equipment
		• Food packaging
		   o Ready-to-cook meals for emergencies
		   o Storage
			Develop technologies and innovations using local resources

14	Migration and health	• Local migration
		• International migration implications
		   o ASEAN integration
		   o Travel-related diseases
		   o Pandemics
		• Transboundary issues on health
			Determine health issues brought by migration at the local and international level

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