

World Health Organization has allocated fund to support the Small Research Grants in the field of Tropical and other Communicable Diseases in the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

Enclosed here with is a Call for Proposals and guidelines for submission of proposals for the year 2010. This year the Small Grants are covering tropical and other communicable diseases, as follows:

- **HIV/AIDS**
- **Tuberculosis**
- **Malaria**
- **Neglected Tropical Diseases: Schistosomiasis; African Trypanosomiasis; Cutaneous Leishmaniasis; Visceral Leishmaniasis; Leprosy; Lymphatic Filariasis; Rabies**
- **Vector Control of Vector-Borne Diseases (e.g. Malaria, Leishmaniasis, Filariasis, Human African Trypanosomiasis, etc.)**
- **Communicable Disease Surveillance, Preparedness and Response**
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases**

Please be informed that proposals reflecting collaboration with the national control programmes the above mentioned diseases are only eligible of being supported. Collaboration to ensure scientific soundness and efficient introduction of the research findings into policy and practice of the relevant communicable disease control is encouraged

The proposals will be reviewed and selected competitively based on scientific merit and the implications on disease control. Please note that the deadline for submission of the proposals is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, at the latest.

Active participation of all departments involved in applied field research in the above mentioned diseases will be appreciated.

For further information please visit website,

[http://www.emro.who.int/TDR/pdf/TDR\\_Small\\_Grants\\_Scheme\\_010.doc](http://www.emro.who.int/TDR/pdf/TDR_Small_Grants_Scheme_010.doc)

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