



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Health & Family Welfare Department - Research studies and Other studies in Health Department -State level Research & Development Committee and Resource Group for Research Studies and other studies in Directorate of Health Services - Constituted - Orders issued.

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**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT**

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**ORDER**

The Health & Family Welfare department always takes evidence-based approach. The research and development are an integral part to ensure maximum output. It is noticed that even though there is a wealth of information, extensive data and qualified human resource, there is no institutional mechanism to use this and do need based specific impact assessments, situational analysis etc in Directorate of Health Services.It is an enormous opportunity, particularly in the light of experience of the field functionaries and the data availability regarding communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases and disaster / outbreak management. Now, this is the appropriate time to highlight that KERALA HEALTH learns and builds system based on the experience and evidence.

The SHSRC is the nodal Agency constituted for the capacity building and research. Their primary mandate is to do health system research, health policy and planning, strategy development, innovation and knowledge management. However, effective studies can be done only by opening up the studies and research opportunities to all in the field and creating enabling environment with structures and processes to facilitate the same.

In the circumstances the Government are pleased to order to streamline research, operational research, situational analysis, impact assessments studies, etc. The Department shall take initiative to encourage all to take up relevant research and studies. The studies shall be conducted at appropriate time so as to do assessment of program delivery and to improve the programs and schemes outcomes.

**Objective:**

The overall objective is to ensure involvement of all in the meaningful and relevant research studies/ operational research to improve the schemes and programs outcomes and service delivery.

The other objectives are :-

- a. To improve skills to do research
- b. To inculcate the evidence-based approach
- c. To take up operational research in the FHC/PHC/ health institution to take outcome focused interventions

1 At the State level SHSRC is the nodal agency for coordinating research and  
development activities.  
2 The State level structure shall be constituted to monitor R&D activities  
3 Depending on the subject, the specific subject dealing unit shall coordinate  
through SHSRC to take up some studies/ operational research  
4 The Resource Group for Research and other studies, situational analysis etc.  
shall be constituted with the members having MPH/ Epidemiology  
5 The roles and responsibilities of the Resource Group on Research studies  
shall be

- a. Identify the research / study topics
- b. Coordinate the study by collaborating with PEID Cell/  
Other Premier institutions like Achyut Menon Center,  
Medical Colleges, Universities and other premier  
institutions of line departments etc.
- c. The Resource Group shall also take efforts to build  
capacities of all the staff to do research to improve the  
interventions at the Grass roots.
- d. the specific studies shall be conducted through the  
Resource Group members.
- e. They shall give technical guidance to other colleagues  
who are taking some relevant studies/ operational  
research

6 SHSRC will encourage all field functionaries right from Staff nurse, Health  
Inspector, JPHN to Medical Officers and Senior Officers to take up some  
relevant research studies which are directly relevant to improve the service  
delivery.

7 Funding for the research studies shall be done through SHSRC and NHM.  
8 The other statutory formalities with respect to research, such as ethical  
Committee clearance etc, wherever needed to be complied by the respective  
research teams.

9. The State level structure, the Committee for Research Studies to examine the  
proposals and take next steps is as follows -

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Principal Secretary, Health&Family Welfare Department - Chairman  
State Mission Director, National Health Mission - Co- Chairman  
Director of Health Services - Vice- Chairperson  
Executive Director, SHSRC - Convener

Members :

- The concerned DMO/DPM and the Doctor or team of Doctors/ Health functionaries who have conceptualized the Study.
- The concerned ADHS and State Program Officer as per the topic of the Study/ Research.
- As per the topic of the research, operational study, impact assessment if the field of study is more than one district then the respective DMO/DPM shall also be called for the discussions regarding that particular study.

10 The State level committee will meet at least quarterly to review the progress of identified research studies.

11 The Resource Group for Research studies in Directorate of Health Services is constituted as follows –

Principal Secretary, Health&Family Welfare Department - Chairman  
State Mission Director, National Health Mission - Co-Chairman  
Director of Health Services -Co-Chairperson  
Executive Director, SHSRC - Convener

Members:

- 1 designated DMO, 1 DPM and 1 DSO and
- All Epidemiologist and MPH Experts working in Directorate of Health Services.

12 The Resource Group shall meet at least once in two months.

13 The respective program heads shall take appropriate actions based on the Research studies/ other studies outputs.

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The research studies and outputs dissemination to be done concurrently to ensure its application.

(By order of the Governor)  
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