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## Research Summary

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### Abstract

The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that provides technical support to the Vanuatu Ministry of Health through its network of experts in the WHO Country Liaison Office in Port Vila, the Division of Pacific Technical Support in Suva, the Regional Office of the Western Pacific in Manila, and Headquarters in Geneva. It also works with the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR).

High-quality research is essential to fulfilling WHO's mandate for the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health. One of the Organization's core functions is to set international norms, standards and guidelines, including setting international standards for research. Under the "WHO strategy on research for health", the Organization works to identify research priorities, and promote and conduct research with the following 4 goals:

- Capacity - build capacity to strengthen health research systems within Member States.
- Priorities - support the setting of research priorities that meet health needs particularly in low- and middle-income countries.
- Standards - develop an enabling environment for research through the creation of norms and standards for good research practice.
- Translation - ensure quality evidence is turned into affordable health technologies and evidence-informed policy.

Key resources available from WHO that can be used to support health research in Vanuatu include:

- Guidance for conducting health research, including on ethical considerations
- Other practical resources, such as the implementation research toolkit
- Access to technical assistance for local and international experts
- Capacity building and training initiatives to support national priorities
- Access to research articles through Research4Life
- Consolidation, verification and communication of consortia research data
- Monitoring information on health research and development initiatives worldwide
- Funding opportunities, such as through TDR and other WHO initiatives, collaborations, partnerships and consortia

These will be presented and discussed in brief to ensure the audience are aware of the gamut of WHO support available to enhance health research capacity in Vanuatu.