

Declaration of

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"Addressing Emerging Public Health Issues through Interdisciplinary Research"

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Effective and efficient public health care delivery is the skeleton of health system of the nation to deliver quality health care services to the Nepalese citizen. Amidst several other challenges that a country's health system faces, COVID-19 pandemic that has adversely affected health and economy globally, also has further impacted the Nepalese health system. Evidence informed policy via health research in the local context is one of the strongest ways to support and maintain resilience of the country's health system. Interdisciplinary research could be a milestone to address emerging public health issues. Neglecting implementation challenges cost lives and money are the crucial issues.

In this context; we all delegates, representing the Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal Health Research Council, professional councils and associations, academic institutions, bilateral and multilateral agencies, civil societies, non-government organizations, private sectors and individual scholars, collectively commit to the following declarations:

1. Advancing interdisciplinary and implementation research in health with the involvement of federal, provincial and local government for contextually tailored evidence to inform policy.
2. Continue to promote health research networking and alliances among academia, healthcare institutions, scholars and researchers with different stakeholders in National and International level.
3. Facilitate to enhance knowledge and skills to conduct health research by young researchers and scientists by increasing capacity, building opportunities and availability of research grants especially for the provinces.
4. Strengthen the mechanism to promote maximum use of digital technologies in research process including dissemination.
5. Strengthen translation of locally generated evidence into policies and practice through closer collaboration with the policy makers.
6. Promoting responsible conduct of health research in academic and non-academic research.
7. Promote health research in COVID- 19 pandemic as per national guideline for strengthening evidence generation on COVID-19.