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UNU-IIGH has three pillars of work:

- 1) generating policy relevant analysis on gender and health
- 2) evidence to policy translation
- 3) strengthening capacity for local decision-making, with a focus on south-south engagement and learning

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Gender and COVID-19 collaborative research agenda setting for evidence informed action and accountability

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Principles

- Inclusive engagement of diverse stakeholders
- Non-competitive participatory approach to co-creation
- Joint ownership and implementation
- Equalized access to conversations and decision-making tables



Aims of the collaboration

- Harness current momentum on gender equality to support policy and programming-relevant research and accountability
- Identify a shared and prioritized research agenda and framework for evidence-informed action to address gender and intersectionality in the global health and intersectoral COVID-19 response
- Facilitate feminist solidarity in understanding, voice and action from multiple communities of stakeholders



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Why do we need a research agenda?

- Provide visibility of gender and intersectionality considerations across a wide scope of clinical, health, social and economic domains
- Promote efficient use of resources and expertise to avoid overlaps and duplicative actions
- Elicit and sustain long-term multi-actor commitment and cooperation
- Stimulate synergistic intersectoral plans of action
- Frame the current shocks as an impetus to ‘build back better’ in the Post-COVID-19 era.



Proposed Scope and Themes

Cross-cutting intersectoral focus on women, men and non-binary gender identities, intersectional vulnerabilities and context

Initial thematic areas:

- Sex and gender considerations for health outcomes of those directly affected by COVID-19
- Sex and gender considerations in biomedical and clinical research
- Gendered health and essential service delivery impacts
- Gender-based or intimate partner violence and community or workplace sexual harassment
- Gendered economic and social impact of COVID-19 policy response
- Gender implications of data and research
- Gender implications for governance (impact on feminist movements, civil society, transparency of government decision making in health)

**We are open to suggestions on thematic areas, and the final list is subject to participation from relevant stakeholders*



Proposed process

Stage 1
Scoping & engaging with
stakeholders/ partners

September-November 2020

- i. Stakeholder engagement and outreach
- ii. Scoping existing research
- iii. Consultations on priority setting process and criteria
- iv. Listing of research questions & refining thematic areas

Stage 2
Group dialogue & consensus-
building for prioritized agenda

November 2020- February 2021

- i. Deliberative meetings by thematic area
- ii. Online priority-setting rankings
- iii. Consolidate and share draft report
- iv. Convene meeting and finalize report

Stage 3
Tracking implementation of the
agenda

February 2021 onwards

- i. Tracking research generation
- ii. Ongoing meetings and webinars to sustain



Further details

We seek collaboration from stakeholders across international, regional, national and community levels, including:

- academics,
- policy-makers
- representative of multilateral organizations
- representatives of research donors
- representatives of civil society or public community or patient groups
- programme practitioners and implementers
- advocates
- product developers, service providers, purchasers and payers including from the private sector
- people who have been affected by COVID-19

We invite expressions of interest to contribute to:

- stakeholder mapping and engagement
- background research- scoping review conceptualisation, search, data extraction and writing; needs assessment interviews if required
- contributions to research priority setting methodology and process
- expert opinions for priority-setting across the thematic groups
- facilitating group discussions and priority-setting
- drafting and reviewing documents that capture the consultative outcomes

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