



## **Call for Applications/ Nominations**

### **Digital empowerment at the frontlines: SORT IT for advancing Universal Health Coverage through implementation research in Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (2026)**

**Hosted at:** Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi, Yerevan, Armenia

**Application deadline:** 15 December 2025

TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (hosted at WHO), in collaboration with Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi and partners, invites applications from **Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan** for the first Structured Operational Research and Training Initiative (SORT IT) on advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through digital implementation research.

Applicants should be public health professionals actively implementing or using digital health tools, including doctors, nurses, veterinarians, laboratorians, pharmacists, M&E officers, and others. The course will be delivered face-to-face at Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi.

#### **Module dates:**

- **Module 1: Research protocol writing:** 23–28 Feb 2026
- **Module 2: Data management:** 2–3 Mar 2026
- **Module 3: Manuscript/scientific paper writing:** 22-29 Oct 2026
- **Module 4: Research communication:** Merged with module 3 in 2026

This practical, output-focused course has clear milestones. Candidates who do not meet module outputs cannot progress. The initiative is solely for research capacity building. Only 10 participants will be selected.

#### **Application process:**

- Apply online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSPRSS2>
- Read the course description and download templates for applicant and supervisor letters here: [Dropbox link](#)
- Prepare CV, concept note, applicant statement, and supervisor statement before applying. Applications missing required letters will be rejected.

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of December 2025.

More about TDR SORT IT: <https://www.who.int/tdr/capacity/strengthening/sort/en/>

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#### **ABOUT TDR**

TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, is a global programme of scientific collaboration that helps facilitate, support and influence efforts to combat diseases of poverty. TDR is hosted at the World Health Organization (WHO) and is sponsored by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and WHO. For more information, visit: [www.who.int/tdr](http://www.who.int/tdr)