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**Terms of reference: Homecare of individuals
with COVID-19 – subgroup of the COVID-19
Social Science working group**

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Background

The COVID-19 Research Roadmap social science working group was established following the Global Research and Innovation meeting held in Geneva 11-12 February 2020. In preparation for this meeting, a working social science research agenda was set out following rapid review of published and pre-published literature, also expert consultation and feedback from operational partners, national public health, regional country offices, technical leads.

The COVID-19 social science research agenda aims to (1) generate high quality social science evidence for achieving the goals of national strategic public health response plans; (2) develop and employ strong methodologies and theoretical frameworks to tackle current epidemic challenges; and (3) understand (non-intended) consequences of epidemic-control decisions. Priority thematic areas were also identified.

The social science research agenda aligns what is known about the epidemiology, clinical features of Covid-19, impact and anticipated impacts of the epidemic. As new knowledge is generated, so this agenda may change. We expect new priorities to emerge during the course of the pandemic and also that priorities will differ and need closer specification at regional, national and local levels.

This ToR is related to research efforts and outputs associated with a working subgroup focused on care of individuals with COVID-19 at home.

Terms of reference

To participate, support, facilitate and help coordinate research efforts of the social science working group related care of individuals with COVID-19 at home.

To participate, support, facilitate and engage in research results disseminations of the social science working group related to care of individuals with COVID-19 at home.

To produce a report on literature review and scoping of on home care as related to COVID 19. The report should address the following:

- Provide a rapid literature review on what we know for home care as related to patterns, practices and challenges of COVID-19
- Identify the various home care contexts, care giver subtypes and at risk patient groups including informal carers, people with vulnerabilities (e.g. populations with pre-existing mental health conditions)
- Discuss proposed program, policy and examples for enhancing home care capacity in various settings and addressing current gaps in home care delivery for COVID-19.



- Highlight existing research gaps
- Include case boxes, examples and an executive summary (250 words), conclusion/summary (implications for policy and services)

To develop any other research outputs as agreed between the subgroup leaders, chairpersons of the subgroup and the WHO secretariat.

Communication

The subgroup should organize weekly teleconferences and subgroup leads should attend the social science working group bi-weekly meeting.

Any reports and findings published with references to the COVID-19 Research Roadmap social science working group or related subgroups have to obtain agreement with the working group.

Duration

The working group will convene for the duration of the outbreak. Closure of the working group will be announced, acknowledging contributions and roles.

Subgroup membership

Subgroup lead: Professor Emily YY Chan, Professor Eliza Wong (SPHPC, CUHK), Dr. Hayley MacGregor, Dr Nina Gobat (U of Oxford).

Subgroup research team: This team serves to support the effort and work of the subgroup members.

Current proposed members:

Mr Zhe Huang (Research Coordinator, CCOUC, SPHPC, CUHK),

Ms Heidi Hung (CCOUC researcher)

Additional experts and research team members (e.g from IPC groups or other Roadmap research subgroups when relevant)

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