



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**  
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**TO :** DIRECTORS OF DOH REGIONAL OFFICES, MEDICAL CENTER  
CHIEFS OF DOH RETAINED HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTING DOTs,  
HEAD OF NATIONAL TB REFERENCE LABORATORY, PMDT  
TREATMENT CENTERS/ SATELLITE TREATMENT CENTERS, AND  
OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES/INSTITUTIONS WORKING  
WITH THE NATIONAL TB PROGRAM

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**SUBJECT :** Call for Application to the Fundamentals of Operational Research

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Evidence based policies and guidelines are important to enhance TB control. The role of research is very important in this undertaking and there is a need to capacitate National TB Program managers and implementers at the national and subnational level on how to conduct research. Thus, the DOH-Disease Prevention and Control Bureau through the NTP, in collaboration with US Center for Disease Control and United States Agency for International Development, will conduct a training course on Fundamentals of Operations Research (OR) with the objective of developing the capability of participants to do operational research. The curriculum is composed of three 5-day didactic sessions with a 3-month application of learned knowledge and skills after each session. The first session will start on March 9 – 13, 2015.

In line with this, we are calling for application to the course from all levels of health offices and facilities working with the NTP. At least fourteen participants will be selected. Interested agencies are encouraged to send a team composed of two to three members who will work together to perform an operational research. As part of the selection process, candidates are required to submit a brief bio-data and a concept paper on their proposed OR based on the Research Agenda of NTP using the attached templates. Written endorsement from the agency is required to show the support of the management in the conduct of the research. Requirements must be submitted not later than January 30, 2015 to Dr. Anna Marie Celina Garfin, OIC NTP Manager at [garfinamc@gmail.com](mailto:garfinamc@gmail.com). Successful candidates will be informed on or before February 13, 2015.

Transportation expenses, per diem before and after the activity, and other incidental expenses of participants to the training course and the conduct of the operations research will be charged to the NTP funds provided to the region or DOH Retained Hospital or NTRL while those of the participants from other offices will be charged to their respective sending agency. For any inquiry, please contact Dr. Francisco Ogsimer, Jr at [junogsi2@yahoo.com](mailto:junogsi2@yahoo.com) or mobile no. 09179127949.

For information and guidance.