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Warm greetings!

We are delighted to share with you all, that Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES) has received a grant from World Health Organization (WHO) TDR for research on disease and poverty project. FMES has been selected among the ten other proposals which were submitted by other institutes from low- and middle-income countries. This project focuses on improving the engagement of communities in research and in social innovations to enhance health care delivery.

WHO has initiated this project intending to map current practices, identify good practices, and have a better understanding of the factors and barriers in engaging with communities in research and social innovation in health.

FMES will be working on the topic “A collaborative research initiative cataloguing key community engagement practices embedded in implementation research public health projects involving disadvantaged (rural/indigenous) communities in India”. For this project, FMES has collaborated with two organisations namely, RATIONS (Reducing Activation of Tuberculosis by Improvement Of Nutritional Status) and TeaLeaf (TEAchers LEAding the Frontlines). The project team includes Dr. Sunita Vishnupant Bandewar, Dr Anant Bhan (Forum for Medical Ethics Society), Ms Priscilla Giri DLR Prerana, Darjeeling, West Bengal, Dr Hemlata Pisal, Independent Sr Research Professional, Ms Shridevi Kalkoti, Independent researcher and Ms T.H. Khadeejath Farseena, Independent researcher.

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We shall keep updating you on this front as it evolves and a forthcoming webinar on the theme.

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