



EAST AFRICAN HEALTH RESEARCH COMMISSION

ANNEX VI-b

ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH JOURNAL FOR THE EAC

1. INTRODUCTION

The 5th Extra-Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State that was held on 18th June 2007 established the East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC) as an institution of the East African Community. The 31st Meeting of the Council of Ministers (27th – 30th April 2015) appointed key staff members.

The EAHRC is established as a mechanism for making available to the community, advice upon all matters of health and health related researches and findings necessary for knowledge generation, technological development, policy formulations, practices and related matters.

EAHRC is proposing establishment of the EAC regional health research journal, as part of its mandate of promoting and facilitating:

- Application of knowledge from research to strengthen regional health policy and practice
- Development of human resource capacities and skills
- Exchange and dissemination of health research information
- Advocacy of evidences generated from health research

EAHRC establishes the journal as a means for exchanging the results of research activities.

Thus the journal among other things, aims to be the media;

- a. To represent the East African perspective on the health sector
- b. To provide information that is relevant to the East African Community
- c. To be an engine for knowledge production and dissemination
- d. To be the fora for sharing ideas and knowledge
- e. To provide an avenue for closing the ‘knowledge gap’ in research in health that exist between developing and developed countries
- f. To enable scholarly recognition of professionals and institutions
- g. To support career development of professionals
- h. To provide a fora for researchers from EAC to become more visible globally
- i. To provide direction in setting up health research priorities in the region

- j. To contribute to the economic and social development
- k. To provide evidence for outputs of research funding

2. COVERAGE AND CONTENT

a. COVERAGE

The journal will be broad in the field of health and related aspects; ranging from medicine, geo-medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacology, toxicology, pharmaceutical science, veterinary science, food science, health-related agriculture science, health professionals, and other related matters

b. CONTENT

Peer-reviewed articles, original articles, case studies, short communications, surveys, commentaries, opinions on policy or practice, (critical) reviews, book reviews, essays, reports, notes from the field, and supplementary issues

3. PUBLICATION METHOD

a. Print

- i. Hard copies of the journal or an article(s) relevant for a particular occasion, e.g. policy formulation, conferences, workshops, exhibitions, etc

b. Electronic

- ii. Written: Abstracts, full text as HTML, PDF
- iii. Audio e.g. MP3, etc
- iv. Video e.g. showing experiment, ground breaking research findings, achievement, policy announcement, etc
- v. Blogs e.g. to allow more interaction between the journal and readers

4. ACCESS POLICY

- a. Abstracts available freely on website
- b. Full text and journals:

Prints will be available by subscription to; Individual readers, Institutions, Ministries (Health, Science and Technology, higher education, EAC affairs, etc), Presidents' office, universities, hospitals, research institutes, industries (medical and pharmaceutical, etc), Donor community that support EAC,

Online version will be available by subscription to members, authorized computers, universities, research institutes, hospital libraries, or networks through proxy, and also accessible through the EAHRC website

5. INFRASTRUCTURE

Physical infrastructure; the journal will be housed within the premises of the EAHRC

Equipment

- a. ICT: for electronic processing from submission to final version, publication, and for printing. Printing of the complete journal will be done by professional companies
- b. Server: that is capable to view files of the journal on the internet and to be seen by readers, reviewers, etc. Server will have to be robust with sufficient space to support accumulation of HTML, PDF, audio, video, and with option for expansion of the capacity. Thus the service provider among other things must provide reliable backup for the service, for the data, provide prompt technical support. The server must have a reliable (99 – 99.5%) uptime throughout, with high speed
- c. Powerful connection to the backbone of the internet
- d. Publishing software: for electronic processing of the journal from submission of articles, reviewing, editorial cycle to publishing of the final version for printing and submission to the server

6. PERSONNEL

a. TEAM

- i. Journal Manager 1
- ii. Journal Editor 1
- iii. ICT administrator 1
- iv. Editorial board 5 (volunteers)
- v. Reviewers Establish a database of reviewers
- vi. Copyeditor: to improve the grammar and clarity of the article, adherence to journal's bibliographic and textural style. Can be hired on temporary basis

- vii. Layout editor: to transform the copyedited versions into galleys; for e-versions into e.g. HTML, PDF, and for print version into e.g. QuakXPress, Adobe InDesign, etc. Can be hired on temporary basis

7. PROMOTION OF THE JOURNAL

Various promotion strategies will be employed

a. Marketing

- i. Promotion and advertisement
- ii. Social media
- iii. Website address added into staff address
- iv. Link to institutions, and libraries
- v. Submit to search engines
- vi. Indexing: EAHRJ will be submitted for indexing to allow the journal to be visible widely and for credibility of the journal

- b. Certificate to authors: Criteria will be set to award certificates to authors with many, ground breaking, original articles, etc

8. **SUSTAINABILITY:** consultations will be carried out to identify the best model for the sustainability of the journal; e.g. use of commercial firm to market and sale the journal, print on demand, use services such as Lulu (<http://www.lulu.com>), charge access to PDF, advertisement, membership fees, subscriptions from all institutions of the Partner States (EAC, EAC institutions, Ministries (MoHs, MEACAs, Education, etc) of Partner States, Presidents' offices, subscriptions from hospitals, academic and research institutions, business community, support from EAC, and development partners

9. NAME OF THE JOURNAL

THE EAST AFRICAN HEALTH RESEARCH JOURNAL

“basis for better health policy and practice”

Acronym: **EAHRJ**

Frequency: **three** times annually and

: **Supplementary issues** from conferences

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