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National Research Center in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NAFKAM)

City Tromso **Reference Number** NOR-20

Title WHO Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine

Report Year 02-2022 to 02-2023

1. Annual report on the agreed workplan

Describe progress made on the agreed workplan. For each activity, detail (1) the actions taken, (2) the outputs delivered, as well as (3) any difficulties that may have been encountered. Three responses are expected. [maximum 200 words per activity]. Indicate, if an activity has been completed previously, has not yet started or has been placed on hold.

Activity 1

Title: At WHO's request, collect and analyse country-specific data on legal status and regulation of TCI globally

Description: The World Health Assembly Resolution on Traditional medicine WHA67.18 (2014) requests the Director General to facilitate, upon request, Member States' implementation of the WHO traditional medicine strategy: 2014–2023, supporting their formulation of related knowledge-based national policies, standards and regulations, and strengthening national capacity-building accordingly through information sharing, networks and training workshops.

This activity supports WHO in implementing Strategic Objective 1 (i.e. to build the knowledge base for active management of T&CM through appropriate national policies) of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023.

The information collated will be used, as required, by WHO to update the WHO global report on traditional and complementary medicine 2019 and WHO organized interregional training workshops. Regularly updating the information in the WHO global report on T&CM is listed as an activity under the 2020-2021 workplan of the TCI Unit.

Status: ongoing

(1) NAFKAM continues to keep a comprehensive archive of its web resource on the legal status and regulation of TCIM in Europe, including 3 exhaustive reports.

(2) NAFKAM continues to respond to requests, both from WHO and external. Where needed we provide updated information to specific requests. In this annual report period this included

- o International Conference for Global Cooperation in Traditional Medicine, 1&2 November 2022, Seoul, Republic of Korea; conference with WHO: Presentation by Professor Miek Jong on "Current Status on the Regulation, Use and Practice of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Europe, with a specific focus on the Nordic European Countries"
- o Final editing of the book chapter: Current status on the Regulation, Use and Practice of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in the Nordic Countries, supervised by the publisher Liber (Stockholm, Sweden).

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Activity 2

Title: On WHO's request, support in expanding WHO's work on medication safety and quality of care in TCI

Description: One of the strategic objectives of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023 is to strengthen the quality assurance, safety, proper use and effectiveness of traditional and complementary medicine by regulating products, practices and practitioners. The WHA resolution on Global Action on Patient Safety WHA72.6 (2019) urges Member States to consider the use of traditional and complementary medicine, as appropriate, in the provision of safer health care. This activity is aligned with WHO TM Strategy 2014-2023 and WHA resolution WHA72.6.

It will contribute to GPW13 Output 1.1.1 and Output 1.3.1 and is included in the workplan of TCI unit for 2020-2021.

The Institution has expertise in the area of patient safety in TCI and in the past has supported WHO's work in patient safety and quality improvement of TCI services. The technical inputs and information support provided by the Institution will contribute to developing products that will further expand the integrative dimensions between patient safety, quality of care and TCI and contribute to integrated, people-centered TCI service delivery and UHC.

Status: ongoing

WHO Expert Meeting on Evaluation of Traditional Chinese Medicine in the Treatment of COVID-19, 28 February – 2 March 2022;

- (1) NAFKAM was invited to participate and attended the 3-day online meeting.
- (2) NAFKAM also contributed to the drafting and reviewing of the meeting report.
- (3) No difficulties encountered.

WHO benchmarks and technical documents

- (1) NAFKAM initiated a collaboration with two other WHOCCs, Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine (RLHIM) and Korea Institute of Oriental Medicine (KIOM).
- (2) The three Centres developed a proposal to evaluate the awareness and impact of the WHO training and practice benchmarks ready to be submitted to Dr Zhang Qi for his input.
- (3) NAFKAM was unaware that Dr Zhang Qi had retired. After consultation with Aditi Bana, the proposal was submitted to Dr Lui QIN and Dr Sangyoung AHN on 8th December 2022. We received an initial positive response, and plan to discuss more concrete feedback with WHO later this year (2023).

Activity 3

Title: On WHO's request, continue to provide technical support to WHO in the development of relevant products for appropriate integration of TCI

Description: Appropriate integration of traditional and complementary medicine in health services and health systems is one of the three strategic objectives of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023. The recently adopted United Nations Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (2019) has included 'exploring ways to integrate, as appropriate, safe and evidence-based T&CM services within national and/or subnational health systems, particularly at the level of primary health care, according to national context and priorities' as a focus to scale up global effort to build a healthier world.

In the preceding period of designation, this Institution has provided technical support to the process of preparation of the draft report on 'Integration of Traditional and Complementary Medicine into Health Systems'.

Continued technical support from the Institution will contribute to WHO's efforts towards further crystalizing the WHO global report on appropriate integration of T&CM into health systems. Development of this report is included as an activity under Top Task 5 (leadership) in the TCI workplan for 2020-2021.

Status: ongoing

(1) NAFKAM originally chaired the working group developing the draft report on 'Integration of Traditional and Complementary Medicine into Health Systems, in particular primary health care'.

(2) The draft report was delivered to WHO and in this annual report period, NAFKAM provided an in-depth review of the drafted report before global review.

(3) No difficulties encountered.

2. Annual report on other activities requested

Should WHO have requested activities in addition to the agreed workplan, please describe related actions taken by your institution [maximum 200 words]. Please do not include in this report any activity done by your institution that was not requested by and agreed with WHO.

WHO Bid Proposal 2023/SCI/RFH/ERP/0002: Systematic map of reviews on traditional medicine and health outcomes

(1) NAFKAM formed a consortium with KIOM (lead applicant) and submitted a bid proposal. On February 1st, 2023

NAFKAM and KIOM learned that the proposal scored the highest and was successful.

(2) The project will be carried out in the next annual report period.

(3) The proposal deadline was extremely short, which created high pressure as to deliver in time.

WHO Europe – consultation groups

(1) NAFKAM responded to a request from the WHO Regional Office for Europe to join an informal consultation group. The group's aim is to exchange views and brainstorm ideas originating from a meeting of WHO Collaborating Centres in the European Region in November 2021, which NAFKAM attended.

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(3) NAFKAM agreed to take part in April 2022. No further communication was received. We followed this up in November 2022 but learned that there was no new information.

3. Resources

Indicate staff time spent on the implementation of activities agreed with WHO (i.e. those mentioned in questions no. 1 and no. 2 above). Do not include any data related to other activities done by your institution without the agreement of WHO. Please indicate staff time using the number of “full-day equivalents” – a day of work comprising 8 hours (e.g. 4 hours work per day for 7 days should be recorded as 3.5 full-day equivalents).

Number of staff involved (either partially or fully)

Senior staff	Mid-career staff	Junior staff, PhD students
4	2	0

Number of full-day equivalents, total for all staff involved

Senior staff	Mid-career staff	Junior staff, PhD students
25	10	0

Implementation of the agreed workplan activities (i.e. those mentioned in questions no. 1 and no. 2 above) normally require resources beyond staff-time, such as the use of laboratory facilities, purchasing of materials, travel, etc. Please estimate the costs of these other resources as a percentage of the total costs incurred (e.g. if you incurred costs of USD 100 and the value of your staff time was USD 50 which makes the total of USD 150, please report 33.3% and 66.7%).

Percentage of costs associated with staff time	Percentage of costs associated with other resources	Total
95.00	5.00	100.00

4. Networking

Describe any interactions or collaboration with other WHO Collaborating Centres in the context of the implementation of the agreed activities If you are part of a network of WHO Collaborating Centres, please also mention the name of the network and describe your involvement in that network [maximum 200 words].

- Contact with WHOCCs KIOM and RLHIM regarding the WHO benchmarks project outlined under point 1, activity 2, several online meetings in 2022.
- Contact with Malaysian WHOCC on TCM regarding their Online Course on the Development of Regulatory Framework for T&CM Practices and Practitioners in Malaysia, September 2022.
- WHO request to the Norwegian Ministry of Health (HOD) regarding a possible follow up of WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023: NAFKAM provided input to HOD about the Norwegian position, perceived gaps in the current strategy and new developments to be considered in the development of a follow-up strategy, January 2023. Since traditional medicine constitutes a substantial part of Norwegians' total use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, NAFKAM supports the development of a new or updated WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy. Such a future strategy will be of great importance for NAFKAM's assignments and activities in Norway; contributing to safe and evidence-based decision-making.