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Dear Dr Indriani,

Subject: Call for expressions of interest for Institution or consortium to work with Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (APO), it gives me a great pleasure to inform you that the APO Board has approved your consortium application and to be a thematic partner with APO on the theme of "**Use of digital health technologies and data to enhance health system outcomes.**" from 2025 for five (5) years.

Other members of the consortium that have been approved are as follows:

- 1) Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHIN)
Hong Kong
- 2) Duke-NUS Medical School
SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute
Center for Outbreak Preparedness
Singapore
- 3) Monash University Indonesia
Digital Communication & Marketing Unit
Indonesia
- 4) **University of San Agustin**
Center for Informatics
Ilo-Ilo City, Philippines
- 5) University of Philippines
Department of Computer Science
Quezon City, Philippines
- 6) University of Philippines
Standards and Interoperability Lab
Manila, Philippines
- 7) Kathmandu University
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Nepal

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Each consortium is expected to support the APO's work on the specific theme for which it submitted its application. This support includes the following:

- conducting research and engaging in other health systems and policy-related activities aligned with the APO's research agenda;
- collaborating with APO secretariat and relevant policy makers to identify issues for analysis, synthesize and disseminate findings around pre agreed topics, and encourage use of evidence by policy makers;
- providing technical support, and leadership by building local capacity for health systems and policy research and activities; and
- collaborating with the APO Secretariat to co-develop grant applications related to the theme under which they were selected.

The APO will support the activities of consortium member institutions in accordance with approved workplans for an initial duration of five (5) years.

However, please note that currently we are not able to collaborate with Duke-NUS due to WHO FENSA rules. We are trying to clarify this situation with WHO HQ colleagues and will write back to you on collaborating with Duke-NUS once we have additional information.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

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