

Policy on CVFS related Data Collection or Analysis Projects

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The Chitwan Valley Family Study (hereafter CVFS) leadership welcomes scientists seeking research funding to support additional CVFS data creation or data analysis projects.

In order to minimize respondent burden, avoid duplication of research effort, reduce the risk of the disclosure of respondents' confidentiality, and support smooth implementation of the funded projects, the CVFS leadership at both ISER-N and ISR (University of Michigan) must review all plans for research using the CVFS sample. This includes both data analyses using protected human subjects' data from CVFS (non-public use datasets) and data collection projects requiring contact with CVFS human subjects (respondents).

This review must be completed and the research authorized before ISER-N or ISR construct budgets to support proposals to conduct CVFS research.

All CVFS projects must include either a subcontract to ISR for ISER-N involvement, or the addition of a standard direct cost fee to cover general infrastructure costs typically allowed through indirect cost recovery.

CVFS leadership may reject some projects as outside the current scope of CVFS.

CVFS leadership may also delay the data collection or suggest modification to the design for some projects based on the volume of requests made of CVFS human subjects or the projected workload of ISER-N staff.

CVFS leadership reserves the responsibility to terminate any CVFS data collection or data analysis project that poses a risk to human subjects, a risk to the disclosure of the identity of CVFS human subjects, or a substantial burden on CVFS human subjects.