Project Details

Project Title: International Labor Migration, Armed Conflict and Alzheimer Disease and

related Dementia Risk in Nepal

Type: Ongoing

Working District: Chitwan

Thematic Area: Non communicable disease, Alzheimer disease and related dementias

(ADRD) and International out-migration

Duration: 5 years (2022-2027)

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Direct Household

Coverage:

4000

Target Group:

Adults from Chitwan Valley Family Study (CVFS) aged \geq 50 years, and their caregiver

Objective:

- 1. Estimate the prevalence and incidence of ADRD and its primary clinical feature: cognitive impairment; test associations between primary risk factors and ADRD/cognitive impairment and other relevant outcomes (e.g., disability, caregiving needs) at baseline and follow-up;
- 2. Develop a new, longitudinal study of ADRD and other aging-related changes in health in older adults in Nepal;
- 3. Build expertise in statistical methods for the analysis of longitudinal data from complex surveys.

Major Activities:

Phase I

Translation, adaption and validation of instruments

Venomous blood sample collection, extraction, and shipping for further

processing Phase II

Administration of the HCAP interview and collection of venomous blood

sample from 4,000 adults aged > 50 from CVFS sample

Phase III

Refine our data collection instruments and research protocols

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