

## Conducting Research In Another Country

*“When a researcher from an Australian institution proposes to conduct research in another country, additional ethical considerations may arise”.*

Reference: [‘National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research’ \(2007\) \(National Statement\)](#)  
(Section 4.8)

[‘Child Protection Guidance Note: Health Activities’ \(2017\) DFAT](#)

**Researchers conducting research in another country should include a response to each of the following questions within a covering letter or as a separate document when submitting their research to the RCH Human Research Ethics Committee.**

**NB: Reference to a Research Protocol page number is an acceptable response where applicable.**

1.	Is the proposed research lawful in the intended country?
2.	Does the country in which the research will be conducted have a human research ethics approval process? If so, is this mandatory or voluntary in relation to the proposed research?
3.	Please clarify the process for obtaining ethical approval for this research in the relevant country.
4.	Please clarify how local cultural values and /or practices have been acknowledged in the design of the research.
5.	Are any of the researchers subject to academic supervision? If so, please clarify how that supervision is to be effected.
6.	Are co-researchers to be recruited in the overseas country? If so, please clarify how the capacity and expertise to conduct that part of the research assigned to the co-researchers will be determined or established.
7.	Is there a readily accessible local contact (researcher) available to participants in order to respond to queries regarding the research?
8.	Is there a readily accessible process independent of the researchers for dealing with complaints?
9.	Please clarify how the researchers have assessed the burdens and benefits of the research for the overseas participants e.g. taking into account any local social factors? Please state likely burdens and benefits.
10.	Please clarify the protocol for monitoring the research, taking into account local circumstances.
11.	Please identify and evaluate any risks to the researchers while conducting the research. Please clarify provisions made for minimising any risks.
12.	Please indicate that a child safety risk assessment has been conducted and describe how any risks identified will be mitigated.