REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF RESEARCH STATUS

To be completed by the staff member with lead responsibility for the project and approved by branch chief (if applicable) and Division ADS. A separate PGO funding memo is required if project is research and involves human subjects regardless of the CDC staff role.

Instructions: **(1) Use this form to declare: (a) the research status of any project, (b) role or roles of CDC staff**

(2) A short summary should be attached offering specific details about the project and the role of staff.

(3) Be sure to complete all applicable items, obtain appropriate signatures and submit this form for approval.

Tracking Number: DP15-1513

(Use PGO number if cooperative agreement, grant, etc.)

Date submitted: 04/27/2016

Title of Project: Puerto Rico Contraceptive Needs Assessment

Dates for project period:

Beginning: 05/16/2016

Ending: 09/30/2016

Dates for funding (if applicable):

Beginning: **05/16/2016**

Ending: **09/30/2016**

Project is (choose one):

NOTE: Revision, as used below, refers to any substantive change made to the project including scope of project, funding restrictions, personnel, role of CDC staff member, determination of research status, etc.

[X] **New** [ ] **Revision**

[ ] **Continuation, without revision(s)** **[ ] Continuation, with revision(s)**

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Please indicate your role(s) in this project:

[X] **Project officer** [ ] **Technical monitor**

[ ] **Principal investigator** [ ] **Investigator**

[ ] **Consultant** [ ] **Other (please explain)**

1. Are any or all of the activities within this project DESIGNED to contribute to generalizable knowledge (i.e., research)?

[ ] **YES** [X] **NO**

If YES, list those activities which are research:

2. Is this CDC project research or public health practice (check all that apply)?

[ ] **Research**

Check one:

[ ] **Human subjects involved**

[ ] **Human subjects not involved**

[X] **Public health practice**

Check all that apply:

[X] **Emergency Response** [X] **Surveillance**

[ ] **Program evaluation** [ ] **Other (please explain)**

3. If RESEARCH involving human subjects, has the project or research activities been reviewed by the CDC IRB for human subjects protection?

a. [ ] **NO, New project, not yet reviewed**

b. [ ] **NO, Existing project, not ready to submit**

c. [ ] **NO, Submitted for approval**

d. [ ] **YES, Reviewed and approved by CDC**

If YES, please list protocol number and expiration date

e. [ ] **NO, RESEARCH, no CDC investigators (CDC IRB not required)**

f. [ ] **N/A (Not Applicable)**

If RESEARCH, list any other CDC staff involved in this project, please include the name, role, and scientific ethics number

Name	Role (project officer, investigator, consultant, etc.)	Scientific ethics number Prin
Howard Goldberg		15353

IF YOU THINK THE RESEARCH PROJECT MIGHT QUALIFY AS EXEMPT RESEARCH (as identified in 45CFR46.101), PLEASE ANSWER questions 4-6, OTHERWISE SKIP TO question 7.

4. Does the proposed research involve prisoners?

[ ] **YES** **If YES, this research cannot be exempted and must be reviewed by an IRB (skip to question 7).**

[ ] **NO**

5. Does the proposed research involve fetuses, pregnant women, or human in vitro fertilization as targets (such that Subpart B would apply)?

[ ] **YES** **If YES, this research cannot be exempted and must be reviewed by an IRB (skip to question 7).**

[ ] **NO**

Educational Research

6.1 Is this research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, AND does the research involve normal educational practices (e.g., research on regular and special education strategies or research on the effectiveness of, or comparison among instrucational techniques, curricula or classroom management methods)?

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO**

Research Involving Surveys, Interview Procedures (including Focus groups), Observation of Public Behavior, or Educational Tests

6.2 Will this research use educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior?

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO** **If NO skip 6.3**

Will children (<18 years of age) be research subjects?

[ ] **YES** **If YES, this research cannot be exempted and must be reviewed by an IRB (skip to item 7)**

[ ] **NO**

6.2.1 Is the information obtained recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified directly or indirectly through identifiers (such as a code) linked to the subjects;

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO**

6.2.2 Will any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside of the research setting have the potential to place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability, or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability or reputation? (Examples here may include: the collection of sensitive data regarding the subjects' (or relatives' or associates') possible substance abuse, sexuality, criminal history or intent, medical or psychological condition, financial status, or similarly compromising information).

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO**

6.3 Will this research use educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures, or observation of public behavior but the research is not exempt under paragraph 6.2 of this section:

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO** **If NO skip to 6.4**

6.3.1 Will this research involve human subjects that are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office?

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO**

6.3.2 Does federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter? (Note: CDC can use this exemption criterion only in the case where a 308(d) Assurance of Confidentiality has been obtained to cover the research).

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO**

Existing Data Which Is Publicly Available or Unidentifiable

6.4 Does this research involve only the collection or study of existing* data, documents, records, pathological or diagnostic specimens? (* 'existing' means existing before the study begins)?

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO** **If NO skip to 7**

6.4.1 Is this material or information publicly available?

[ ] **YES** [ ] **NO**

6.4.2 Is this material or information recorded in such a manner by the investigator that the subjects cannot be identified directly or indirectly through identifiers linked to the subjects?

(Note: If a link is created by an investigator even temporarily, for research purposes, this criterion is not met. If a temporary link is created by clinical staff who already have access to the data, this criterion is met).

[ ] **YES** **(there are no identifying information and no unique identifiers or codes)YES**

[ ] **NO** **(there are identifiers (including codes))**

7. Please prepare and attach a short summary paragraph (<1 page); if this is new:

a. Be sure to include the purpose of the project, specific details about the project and the role of the CDC staff member (s) in the project. In explaining one's role as a consultant be particularly careful to identify involvement in things like: study design decisions, oversight of protocol development, participation in review of data collection procedures, and particpation in data analysis and/or manuscript preparation, as well as whether there will be access to identifiable or personal data.

b. Explain your project status selection (research--non-exempt, exempt, no CDC investigator or not involving human subjects; public health practice). If you selected research not involving human subjects be sure to indicate if the data includes any personal information (e.g., name, SSN), linkable study identification numbers or codes, or geographical information.

Puerto Rico (PR) is in the midst of an outbreak of Zika virus, which carries a risk of severe birth defects for newborns. Therefore, improving the ability of Puerto Rican women/couples to avoid unintended pregnancy has become extremely important. There is a pressing need to provide comprehensive contraceptive services in PR. Unfortunately, no recent surveillance data is available on contraceptive use in recent years. Contraceptive prevalence and method mix were most recently measured in 2004 and the most recent comprehensive population-based Reproductive Health Survey took place in 1995-96.
This project consists of an assessment of various aspects of contraceptive use in PR. This assessment will provide current information on the contraceptive prevalence rate; the mix of methods being used; the level of unmet need for family planning methods; the rate of unintended pregnancy and the current proportion of pregnancies reported to be unintended; the reported reasons that women who do not desire to become pregnant are not using contraception; the contraceptive methods women/couples desire to use; and women's knowledge about Zika virus and how the threat of Zika has affected desires and behaviors related to pregnancy and contraception.

This information will be used formulating the emergency response to the outbreak. The assessment will consist of a telephone survey of a representative sample of women 18-44 years of age living in PR. Interviewing will be done using the PR Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and will be conducted by female interviewers. The roles of the CDC staff involved in the assessment consist of working closely with the implementing organization in determining the key parameters of the assessment, survey design, questionnaire development, monitoring the progress of the assessment, data analysis, and report writing and dissemination. The role of the implementing organization, the PR Department of Public Health, which houses the PR BRFSS, will primarily be to carry out the assessment interviews and keep CDC updated about progress. Preparation of data files for analysis will be carried out by the BRFSS staff at CDC/Atlanta and EOC staff will conduct all analyses and report writing. No personally identifying information (such as names or addresses) will be collected. Telephone numbers will not be included in the assessment's data files.

The data and findings from the assessment will be used purely to guide responses to the Zika outbreak, such as developing a plan for distribution of contraceptives in PR in order to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies. The information is not generalizable to other settings and will be used only for formulation of a public health response in PR

8. Please list the primary project site and all collaborating site(s).

Explanation of project components:

9. If project involves research that is funded extramurally, list amount of award that should be restricted pending IRB approval and describe which project components will be affected, if known:

Approvals (signature and position title)	Date	Research Determination / Remarks
Howard Goldberg - Senior Scientist	04/28/2016	[X] Public health practice [ ] Research not involving human subjects [ ] Research involving human subjects, no CDC investigators [ ] Research involving human subjects, CDC investigators, exempt [ ] Research involving human subjects, CDC investigators, not exempt (check if applicable) [ ] Local IRB [ ] CDC Exemption [ ] CDC IRB

staff member completing this form		Comments: approved
Howard Goldberg - Senior Scientist Team Lead	04/28/2016	[X] Public health practice [ ] Research not involving human subjects [ ] Research involving human subjects, no CDC investigators [ ] Research involving human subjects, CDC investigators, exempt [ ] Research involving human subjects, CDC investigators, not exempt (check if applicable) [ ] Local IRB [ ] CDC Exemption [ ] CDC IRB Comments: approved & sent to division
Shanna Cox - Associate Director for Science Division ADS	04/29/2016	[X] Public health practice [ ] Research not involving human subjects [ ] Research involving human subjects, no CDC investigators [ ] Research involving human subjects, CDC investigators, exempt [ ] Research involving human subjects, CDC investigators, not exempt (check if applicable) [ ] Local IRB [ ] CDC Exemption [ ] CDC IRB Comments:
Joan Redmond Leonard - PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST CUC ADS, Deputy ADS, or Human Subjects Contact	05/02/2016	[X] Public health practice [ ] Research not involving human subjects [ ] Research involving human subjects, no CDC investigators [ ] Research involving human subjects, CDC investigators, exempt [ ] Research involving human subjects, CDC investigators, not exempt (check if applicable) [ ] Local IRB [ ] CDC Exemption [ ] CDC IRB Comments:

List of Grantees

Grantee #	Grantee Name
6057	Puerto Rico Department of Health