

The NCST has a mandate of regulating research and innovation services in the country. In this case, two committees are directly and indirectly hosted to support social sciences and humanities research and health and medical research. By end of third quarter, the National Committee for Social Sciences and Humanities (NCRSH) reviewed and cleared about 91 protocols while the National Health Sciences Research Committee (NHSRC) reviewed a total of 88 protocols aggregating to 179 protocols.

Figure 2 shows the 91 reviews cleared under NCRSH of which the most dominant discipline is Social Sciences and Humanities Research.

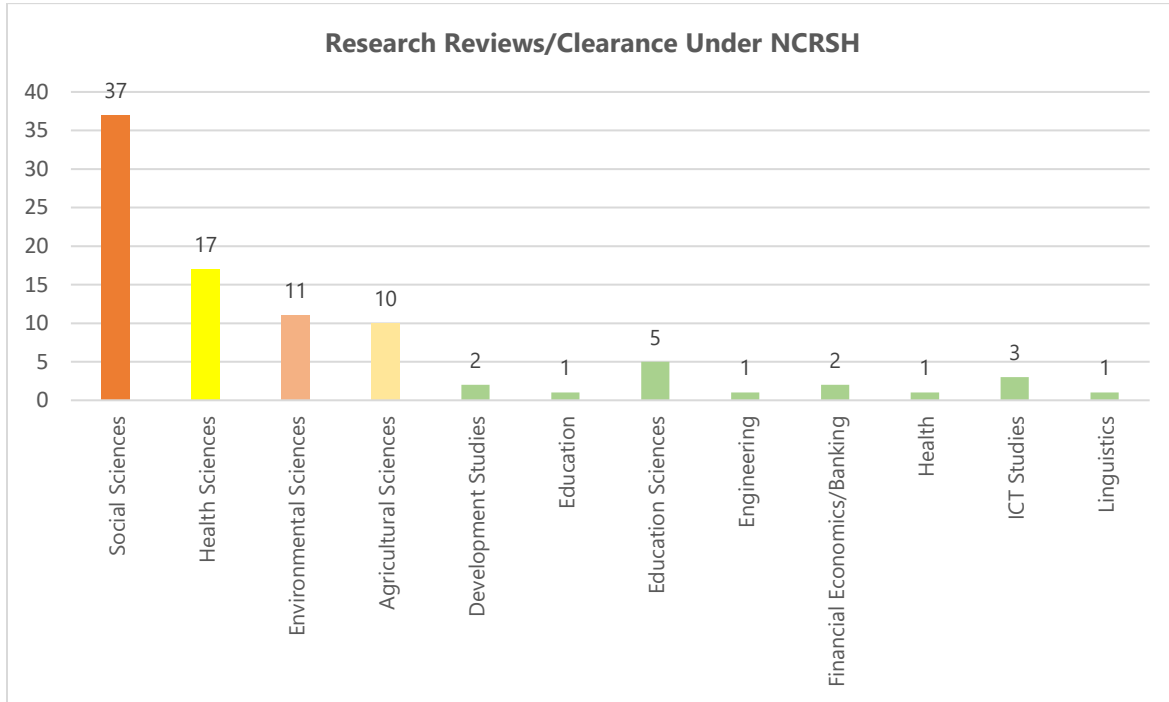


Figure 2: 91 NCRSH Reviews classified by field of Research

Figure 3 below shows the distribution of 88 approved protocols by applicant institution. As expected, being a Health Research Committee, the dominant applicant institution is a foreign funded health research institute – University of North Carolina with 36 protocols approved.

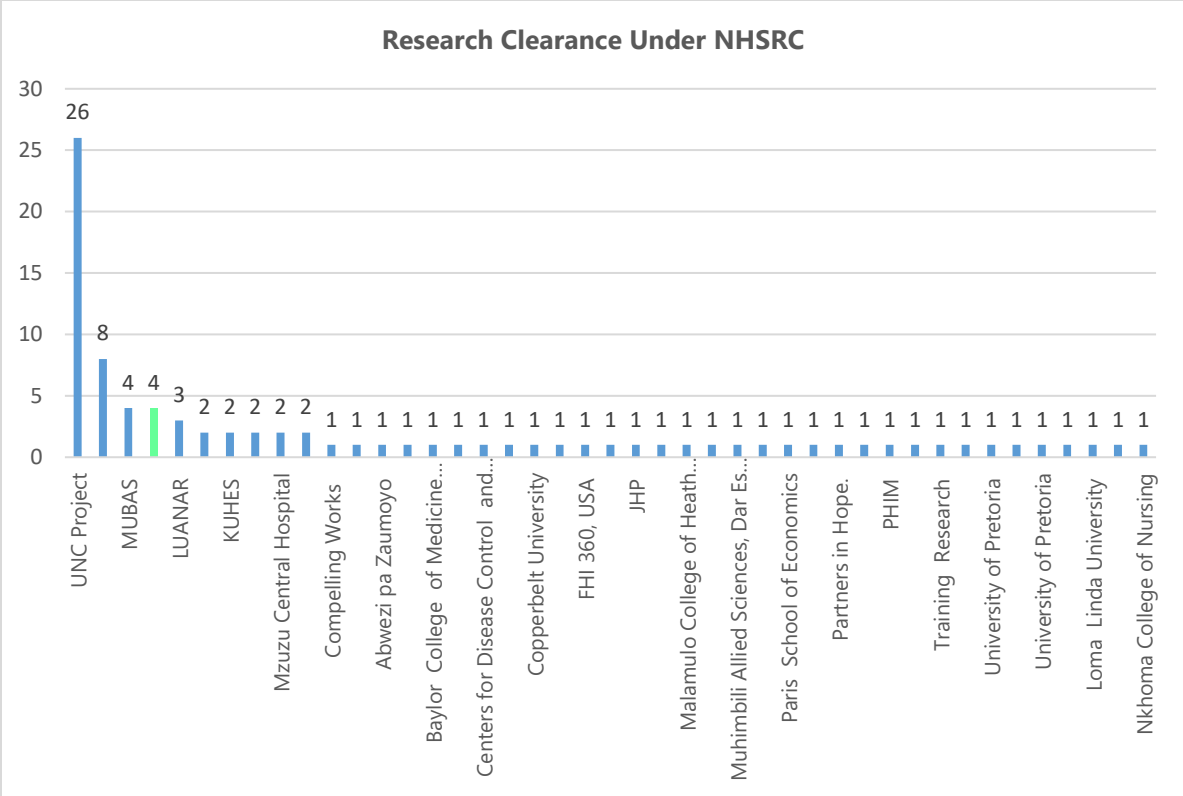


Figure 3: Eighty-eight (88) NHSRC protocol reviews classified by field of Research

Why support and strengthen NCST’s capacity to do more Research Reviews:

The undertaking of this activity contributes to the revenue generation for NCST and its beneficiary institutions such as the Ministry of Health Research Department and other RECs. However, revenue generation is entirely dependent on the funding trends through international research financing. The more the volume of research the higher the capacity to generate revenue.