

## TOOL K: Flowchart for Determining If Ethical Review Is Needed

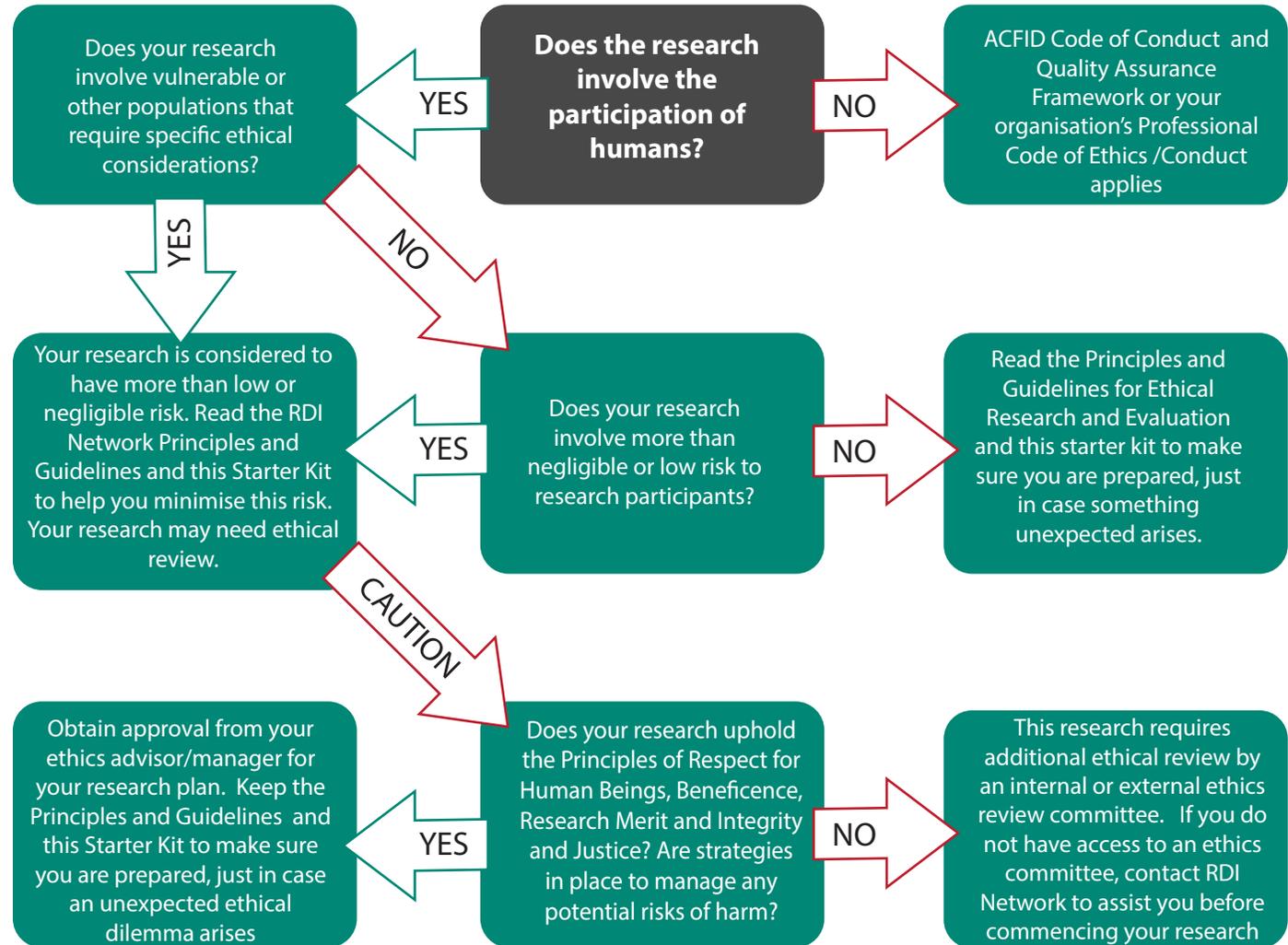
### When is Ethical Review Needed?

Research that is deemed to have high risk may require an additional ethical review. Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) have been established to review and evaluate academic and medical research protocols to ensure that a given piece of research has adequately addressed the principles of ethical research conduct.

Some international development organisations partner with Universities and undertake ethics review through these mechanisms. Others have established both informal and formal ethics review panels within their organisations for experts to provide helpful insights related to the ethical considerations of a research project that should be taken into account and addressed before proceeding.

Here is an example of a flowchart that can be adopted for your research organisation. Alternatively, researchers can use a checklist to determine whether a particular research program requires ethical review - See Tool L

If researchers do not have access to an informal or formal ethics review panel, , please contact the RDI Network to help identify expert advice before commencing any high risk research.



**HOW TO USE THIS TOOL:** This tool can be used to help determine whether the research may require an additional ethical review by an Ethics Committee (if available), an internal review committee, or a research manager with greater experience. This will usually be the case if the research poses high risk.