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The Clearing House is a service of the WHO Country Connector on Private Sector in Health that collects and categorizes information on the role of governance of the private sector in national health systems.

Governance of the Private Sector in Health

425

Total number of resources

16

Resources added in the past month

97

Total number of countries covered

KEY TRENDS

Governance of the Private Sector in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States

Here is a snapshot of the key trends that we're seeing in the resources collected.

This month the Clearing House search focused on governance of the [private sector in health in fragile and conflict-affected states](#). A total of **16 articles** on the topic were collected over a span of three weeks. Relating to governance behaviours, most of the 16 resources were associated with [enable stakeholders](#) (69%), followed by [align structures](#) (31%) and [deliver strategy](#) (31%). In terms of private sector engagement domains, 50% of the articles were related to [financing](#), and 50% to [regulation](#).

COUNTRY FOCUS

Timor-Leste



[From Humanitarian and Post-conflict Assistance to Health System Strengthening in Fragile States: Clarifying the Transition and the Role of NGOs](#)

This country case study highlights how international NGOs, donors, and government officials worked together to move away from an emergency response to government management after the breakdown in public institutions and services. Using a four-phase strategy, the Timorese were able to retake the reins of the health system, while maintaining partnerships.

TOP 5 READS

Recommended reads on the governance of the private sector in fragile and conflict-affected states.

1. [The "empty void" is a crowded space: health service provision at the margins of fragile and conflict affected states](#): This article gives insights about the large sections of the health field left to evolve spontaneously by the absent or diminished state.
2. [Health financing in fragile and post-conflict states: What do we know and what are the gaps?](#): This paper analyses the themes and findings of recent writing on health financing in fragile and conflict-affected states.
3. [State Capacity and Non-state Service Provision in Fragile and Conflict-affected States](#): This article identifies how states with weak capacity can effectively fulfil certain "indirect" service provider roles.
4. [Performance-based Financing and Strengthening Health Governance in the Fragile State of the Democratic Republic of Congo](#): This article focusses on performance-based financing for strengthening the health system in the context of state-building in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
5. [From Humanitarian and Post-conflict Assistance to Health System Strengthening in Fragile States: Clarifying the Transition and the Role of NGOs](#): This report discusses recommendations for transitioning stewardship from international NGOs' emergency response to the state for health system strengthening.

GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

Enable Stakeholders

[Contracting out Health Services in Fragile States: Challenges and lessons learned](#). This literature review observes that successful contracting for healthcare services in fragile states depends largely on 1) levels of government backing and support, 2) familiarity with engaging private providers and 3) monitoring and evaluation schemes.

Interested in accessing the Clearing House? Here's how!

1. Visit the [Clearing House webpage](#) for a full list of resources and to learn about our process.
2. Search the resources using variables such as type of governance behaviour, health system area, and WHO region.
3. Contact us at contact@ccpsh.org to request access to the Zotero library of citations or to contribute resources!

This search was conducted in select databases. The inclusion criteria was private sector engagement in the form of governance to deliver domestic services in the health system of fragile and/or conflict-affected states and settings. Private sector included both for-profit and not-for-profit entities.

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