

THE CLEARING HOUSE

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The Clearing House is a service of the WHO Country Connector for Private Sector in Health that collects and categorizes information on the role of the private sector in the COVID-19 country response.

303

Total number of resources

44

Resources added in the past month

63

Total number of countries covered

KEY TRENDS

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

- The role of the private sector in the **general response** to COVID-19 and specifically in relation to **vaccine distribution** continue to be the leading topics of discussion among resources found this month (54% and 41% respectively).
- Reflective of the pandemic stage the world is currently in, fewer articles focused on the private sector's role in the delivery of **diagnostics** (13%) and **therapeutics** (11%).
- In relation to health system function, **governance** (48%) dominates the topic of discussion this month, followed closely by **service delivery** (37%)

COUNTRY FOCUS

South Africa



This month we took a deep-dive search into South Africa.

Local leaders in health, finance, entrepreneurship and communication technology share the [5 ways in which the private sector has supported South Africa's COVID-19 response](#) ranging from securing COVID-19 vaccines to boosting investments for small businesses.

TOP 5 READS

Recommended reads on the private sector's role in the COVID-19 country-response.

1. In New York, vulnerable immigrant populations look to [private community-based organizations for improved access to COVID-19 treatment](#).
2. [Equity in the public and private health sector responses to COVID 19 in East and Southern Africa](#) – a desk review.
3. Afghanistan's emergency response plan highlights the [role of private sector players to combat COVID-19 in a fragile country](#).
4. How [South Korea learned from previous pandemics to strengthen its COVID-19 response](#) – a case study.
5. The role of [governments, NGOs, pharmaceutical companies and logistics players in addressing COVID-19 supply chain challenges](#).

GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

Align Structures

South Africa's private sector plays a key role in the nation's impressive vaccination rate of 26.3% (one of the highest in Sub-Saharan Africa). Read more about how [Business for South Africa \(BS4A\), an organizational structure coordinating the private sector's work with the government for the national COVID-19 vaccination campaign](#), has mandated all private sector vaccination sites across the country to administer vaccines free of charge, regardless of recipients' insurance status.

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 COVID-19 tool, 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!

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