

# THE CLEARING HOUSE

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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

480

Total number of resources

22

Resources added in the past month

100

Total number of countries covered

### CURATED LITERATURE

#### Organisational Structures for Public-Private Policy Dialogue

Here is a snapshot of curated literature on this month's theme: *organisational structures for public-private policy dialogue*.

This month the Clearing House search focused on governing [organisational structures for public-private policy dialogue](#). A total of 22 articles on the topic were collected. Relating to the [governance behaviours](#), most of the 22 resources were associated with [foster relations](#) (95%), followed by [nurture trust](#) (55%).

### COUNTRY FOCUS

Nicaragua



[Stewarding the Private Sector for Family Planning](#)

This month's country focus showcases how the Nicaragua's *Disponibilidad Asegurada de Insumos Anticonceptivos* committee – found across Latin America to promote contraceptive security - convened private and public sector actors to discuss challenges facing the family planning sector and how to increase private sector involvement. This dialogue led to the creation of joint goals for better public-private coordination and joint strategies aimed at increasing family planning use.

### TOP 5 READS

*Recommended reads on organisational structures for public-private policy dialogue (PPD).*

1. [Public Private Dialogue: A Necessary Component to Foster Greater Cooperation in the Health Sector](#). This report is useful in better understanding the conditions under which a multi-sector dialogue can succeed, and what the necessary strategies are to sustain a Health Sector Public Private Dialogue in developing countries.
2. [Accelerating Private Sector Engagement: Public-Private Engagement](#). This brief shares a range of approaches and experiences in public-private engagement from SHOPS Plus work in Nigeria, Senegal, and Tanzania. It provides lessons learned and practical tips for those who want to support future efforts in public-private engagement in health.
3. [The Public-Private Dialogue Handbook](#). This seminal PPD handbook is for anyone who is interested in PPD as a tool for engaging the private sector.
4. [Leveraging private health providers to achieve Universal Health Coverage: Lessons from the African Health Markets for Equity project](#). This brief reflects on the project's implementation to highlight the top lessons, disclosing that an intermediary that networks numerous small private providers can address the problem of fragmentation and can serve a range of other value-add functions.
5. [Integrating private health facilities in government-led health systems: a case study of the public-private mix approach in Ethiopia](#). This paper notes that increased trust and better working relationships between the Ethiopian government and private health facilities had evolved slowly over time, partly a result of persistent advocacy between the Ministry of Health and relevant stakeholders to create a more positive and trustworthy partnership.

### GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

*Foster Relations*

[Towards better engagement of the private sector in health service delivery](#). The WHO's Health Systems Governance Unit together with the WHO region for Africa and the WHO region for the Eastern Mediterranean undertook a joint landscaping to better understand current approaches to engage with the private sector in health, and governance of the private sector in health, with examples drawn from across Africa. While healthcare federations have emerged on the health landscape and have assumed a central interlocutor function, there were concerns voiced that federations did not always reflect sectoral interests.

#### 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](mailto:contact@ccpsh.org) to request access to the Zotero library of citations or to contribute resources!

This search was conducted in select databases; private sector included both for-profit and not-for-profit entities.

Learn more about the governance behaviours [here](#).

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