

# 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

440

Total number of resources

15

Resources added in the past month

99

Total number of countries covered

### CURATED LITERATURE Data for Governance

*Here is a snapshot of the curated literature, regarding how data is used for governance of the private sector in health.*

This month the Clearing House search focused on [data for governance of the private sector in health](#). A total of **15 articles** on the topic were collected. Relating to governance behaviours, most of the 15 resources were associated with [build understanding](#) (93%), followed by [deliver strategy](#) (47%). In terms of private sector engagement domains, 47% of the articles were related to [regulation](#); similarly, 47% related to [information exchange](#).

### COUNTRY FOCUS

Tanzania



[Private Sector Engagement in National Health Management Information Systems: Barriers, Strategies, and Global Case Studies](#)

By conducting a deep dive on Tanzania, the authors answer various questions, such as what policies govern, incentivize, and/or enforce private sector reporting? Which types of private providers are formally represented in the national health management information system (HMIS)? Is the private sector engaged in HMIS decision making? Is there an actionable roadmap for private sector inclusion in the national HMIS?

### TOP 5 READS

*Recommended reads on data for governance of the private sector in health.*

1. [Ethiopia Health Private Sector Assessment](#). The development of this report played an instrumental role in generating sound data on the private health sector to guide Ethiopian Ministry of Health policy and planning and create a “road map” to harness private sector resources.
2. [Composition of pluralistic health systems: how much can we learn from household surveys? An exploration in Cambodia](#). This paper shows that analysis of household surveys can provide insight into the health care provider system for stewards of the system. It illustrates how such knowledge could allow stewards to better identify challenges for existing or future health policies.
3. [Private Sector Engagement in National Health Management Information Systems: Barriers, Strategies, and Global Case Studies](#). This report provides a framework, identifying common barriers to private provider engagement in national health management information systems and shares global case studies.
4. [Private sector delivery of quality maternal and newborn health services in Ghana](#). This report shows that data reporting within the private sector is highly variable. Most of the Christian Health Association of Ghana’s facilities report data to the national database (DHIMS2), whereas only about 50% of the private sector as a whole is thought to report data to the Ministry of Health. Self-financing organizations do not fully comply with data reporting.
5. [A preliminary assessment of financial stability, efficiency, health systems and health outcomes using performance-based contracts in Belize](#). This article shows that collection of routine health finance and outcome data permitted close monitoring and evaluation of contract performance, exposing weaknesses in the private sector, such as over-prescribing.

### GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

*Build Understanding*

[A new approach to gathering pharmaceutical market data to support policy implementation and access to medicines: as demonstrated by malaria medicines in Zambia](#). This study demonstrates how private sector-inclusive national-level market data contributes to the evidence base for policies on access to essential medicines, using the Zambian anti-malarial medicines market as a case study.

#### 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. The inclusion criteria related to how data is used for governance of the private sector in health. Private sector included both for-profit and not-for-profit entities.

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