

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 the private sector in the COVID-19 country response.

354

Total number of resources

36

Resources added in the past month

72

Total number of countries covered

KEY TRENDS

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

This month the Clearing House search focused on COVID-19 response efforts in the Eastern Mediterranean Region with a specific focus on [Egypt, Iran, Iraq, and Morocco](#). A total of **36 articles** that fit the inclusion criteria were collected over a span of 2 weeks. Of these 36 resources, **majority of the articles related to the general response to COVID-19** (67%) by the private sector, followed by a specific focus on vaccines (33%), diagnostics (19%), therapeutics (17%) and PPE (17%). In terms of health system function, a significant majority of the articles pertained to **service delivery** (83%), followed by **governance** (39%), resource generation (14%) and lastly, financing (7%).

TOP 5 READS

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

1. [Iran and COVID-19: A bottom-up, faith-driven, citizen-supported response](#) – an exploratory case study.
2. Private Means, Public End: [Private sector's participation in COVID-19 vaccination](#) – a workshop series report by World Bank MENA.
3. How the [private health sector in the Gulf Cooperation Council can transform itself post-COVID-19](#).
4. [Iran's response to COVID-19 including a whole-of-government approach](#) with the private sector and citizens playing a key role.
5. [The political economy of health in conflict: Lessons learned from three states in the Eastern Mediterranean Region during COVID-19](#).

COUNTRY FOCUS

Morocco



The Oxford Business Group's "COVID-19 Response Report" highlights [5 important lessons to take away from Morocco's COVID-19 response strategy](#), including an emphasis on public-private partnerships.

The report considers that the public and private sectors worked well together to overcome unprecedented odds in the fight against COVID-19 and makes recommendations for further strengthening the engagement with the private sector in health.

GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

Deliver Strategy

[Public-private-people partnerships have contributed significantly to the Iran COVID-19 response strategy.](#)

This study collected evidence of PPPs pertaining to national COVID-19 response efforts and found that private sector participation was enhanced through associations or groups, such as religious groups and non-governmental organizations. The study concludes that enhanced social capital, institutionalization and government infrastructures could improve PPPs.

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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