

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.

392

Total number of resources

38

Resources added in the past month

90

Total number of countries covered

KEY TRENDS

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

This month the Clearing House search focused on digital health and COVID-19. A total of **38 articles** on the topic were collected over a span of 3 weeks. Of these 38 resources, most of the articles were related to **Telemedicine** services provided by private companies (95%), followed by a specific focus on **E-health** (18%), **E-Pharma** (8%), and **E-Pharmacy** (5%). In terms of health system function, 87% of the articles were related to **service delivery**, and 29% to **health system governance**.

COUNTRY FOCUS

Bangladesh



[Telemedicine Services of 'Shashthyo Batayon 16263' During COVID-19 Pandemic: Opportunities and Challenges](#) highlights the partnership between the government and

the private sector in the establishment of 'Shashthyo Batayon 16263' a national telehealth service founded in 2016. 'Shashthyo Batayon' connects clients to both public and private health facilities depending on need. During the pandemic, the company provided significant services acting as an alternative health service platform. The article identifies opportunities and challenges associated with national telehealth services provided during COVID-19.

TOP 5 READS

Recommended reads on the private sector's role in digital health during COVID-19

1. [A Doctor in Your Pocket: Indonesia's Health Tech Sector in a Post-COVID World](#) – digital start-ups provide health-related services.
2. [The worldwide impact of telemedicine during COVID19: current evidence and recommendations for the future](#) to enable large scale implementation of Telemedicine.
3. A rapid review on the [utility of telemedicine in sub-Saharan Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic](#).
4. Review of regional and national digital health strategies on [Building a Global Framework for Digital Health Services in the Era of COVID-19](#).
5. [Country connections: Sehat Kahani, a health story from Pakistan](#) - an impact-driven digital health solution connecting women in Pakistan during COVID-19.

GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

Align Structures

[Could the Private Payer Market Influence Post-COVID-19 Telehealth Coverage?](#) This study looks at how private payers have a unique opportunity to reassess their telehealth coverage policies in light of utilization trends and consumer preferences prompted by COVID-19. It raises the question of how the private payer market might shape its own telehealth policy going forward.

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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