

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.

409

Total number of resources

20

Resources added in the past month

92

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 digital health and primary healthcare. A total of **20 articles** on the topic were collected over a span of three weeks. Of these 20 resources, most of the articles were related to **telemedicine** services provided by private companies (65%), followed by a specific focus on **E-health** (35%). In terms of health system functions, 60% of the articles were related to **service delivery**, and 45% to **health system governance**.

COUNTRY FOCUS

Rwanda



Digital Health: A Health System Strengthening Tool for Developing Countries highlights how Rwanda's government is working with the private sector to

leverage digital health in reaching underserved populations. In particular, it presents a range of private sector companies that are currently engaged with digital health by offering health and personal care products for women, as well as working in medical commodity delivery.

TOP 5 READS

Recommended reads on the private sector's role in digital health and primary healthcare

1. [Digital Health Ecosystem for African Countries: A Guide for Public and Private Actors for Establishing Holistic Digital Health Ecosystems in Africa](#) – This guide presents a framework and actionable approach for Digital Health Ecosystems based on an open platform infrastructure.
2. [Digital Health in East Africa: Innovation, Experimentation and the Market](#) – This article explores the changing, innovative and increasingly financialized landscape of formal digital health initiatives.
3. [Digital health technologies and health-care privatization](#) - This article discusses how health information technologies are propelling the expansion of health-care privatization.
4. [Digital Technology and the Future of Health Systems](#) - This article explores how digital health is shifting the focus of health systems toward client-centered health care.
5. [Inclusive digital health policy starts on the frontline: A South African case for cross-sectoral collaboration](#) – This article discusses the role of governance in supporting the appropriate use of digital health.

GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

Deliver Strategy

[Building strong health systems: three roles for private companies](#). According to this article, the three roles are to: 1) accelerate the digital transformation of healthcare to increase connectivity and drive technological innovation, 2) to develop financing solutions and sustainable, scalable business models and 3) to increase collaboration and active private sector engagement within the health ecosystem for more impactful partnerships.

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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