

# THE CLEARING HOUSE

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The Clearing House is a service of the WHO Country Connector for Private Sector in Health that collects and categorizes information on the role of the private sector in the COVID-19 country response.

## 303

Total number of resources

## 44

Resources added in the past month

## 63

Total number of countries covered

## KEY TRENDS

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

- The role of the private sector in the **general response** to COVID-19 and specifically in relation to **vaccine distribution** continue to be the leading topics of discussion among resources found this month (54% and 41% respectively).
- Reflective of the pandemic stage the world is currently in, fewer articles focused on the private sector's role in the delivery of **diagnostics** (13%) and **therapeutics** (11%).
- In relation to health system function, **governance** (48%) dominates the topic of discussion this month, followed closely by **service delivery** (37%)

## COUNTRY FOCUS

### South Africa



*This month we took a deep-dive search into South Africa - check out the Clearing House webpage to see what we found!*

Local leaders in health, finance, entrepreneurship and communication technology share the [5 ways in which the private sector has supported South Africa's COVID-19 response](#) ranging from securing COVID-19 vaccines to boosting investments for small businesses.

## TOP 5 READS

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

1. In New York, vulnerable immigrant populations look to [private community-based organizations for improved access to COVID-19 treatment](#).
2. [Equity in the public and private health sector responses to COVID 19 in East and Southern Africa](#) – a desk review.
3. Afghanistan's emergency response plan highlights the [role of private sector players to combat COVID-19 in a fragile country](#).
4. How [South Korea learned from previous pandemics to strengthen its COVID-19 response](#) – a case study.
5. The role of [governments, NGOs, pharmaceutical companies and logistics players in addressing COVID-19 supply chain challenges](#).

## GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

### Align Structures

South Africa's private sector plays a key role in the nation's impressive vaccination rate of 26.3% (one of the highest in Sub-Saharan Africa). Read more about how [Business for South Africa \(BS4A\), an organizational structure coordinating the private sector's work with the government for the national COVID-19 vaccination campaign](#), has mandated all private sector vaccination sites across the country to administer vaccines free of charge, regardless of recipients' insurance status.

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

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