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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

436

Total number of resources

11

Resources added in the past month

98

Total number of countries covered

KEY TRENDS

Data for Governance

Here is a snapshot of the key trends that we're seeing in the resources collected, 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 **11 articles** on the topic were collected over a span of three weeks. Relating to governance behaviours, most of the 11 resources were associated with [build understanding](#) (91%), followed by [deliver strategy](#) (55%). In terms of private sector engagement domains, 45% of the articles were related to [regulation](#), while 45% 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. [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 sharing global case studies.
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. [Utilization of the national cluster of district health information systems for health service decision-making at the district, sub-district and community levels, in selected districts of the Brong Ahafo region in Ghana](#). This article presents that government policy requires local health centers to harmonize data nationwide from both the public and private health sectors to inform strategic policy. However, data utilization at district, sub-district and community levels should be more intentional.
4. [District decision-making for health in low-income settings: a case study of the potential of public and private sector data in India and Ethiopia](#). This article documents the nature and type of data collected by the public and private health systems, data flow and sharing, and intersectoral linkages in India and Ethiopia.
5. [Private sector contributions to maternal and reproductive health: excerpt from the 2016 Uganda private sector health assessment](#). This report provides recommendations for Uganda based on worldwide lessons – notably Box 14, on how New Zealand restructured their primary healthcare system via performance monitoring and financially incentivized general practitioners based on this.

GOVERNANCE BEHAVIOUR SPOTLIGHT

Build Understanding

[Private sector delivery of quality maternal and newborn health services in Ghana](#). This report highlights the importance of comprehensive data in the delivery of quality health services. It identifies gaps and variability, with only approximately 50% of the private sector in Ghana being thought to report data to the Ministry of Health.

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 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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