



September 2024 EDITION

Upcoming Events

Inception Meeting: Using Data to Drive Governance of the Private Sector in Health Pakistan

On October 1st, WHO will host a consultative workshop in Islamabad, Pakistan as part of a study that aims to identify the types of data and information currently collected by the government, and how this data is utilized for governing the private health sector, with a particular emphasis on primary healthcare providers.

[Find out more](#)



Building capacity for effective health systems

governance through the Progression Pathway approach

Join WHO's satellite session on the Progression Pathway approach which will take place on **19 November 2024** during the 8th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research.

In this session, we will discuss the current state of the literature on the governance of private sector in health, highlight evidence gaps, and share preliminary findings from country-level implementation of the Progression Pathway on Governance of Mixed Health Systems. The session will also engage participants in a hands-on simulation exercise to reflect on next steps in implementing the Progression Pathway in their contexts.

[Find out more](#)

What We've Been Up To...



Interregional meeting: Advancing Universal Health Coverage and Health Security through Private Health Sector Engagement

WHO hosted the first inter-regional meeting on the governance of the private sector in health to achieve UHC between 15-17 July 2024. This landmark event brought together global, regional, and country-level stakeholders to strategize effective governance arrangements between governments and the private sector, ensuring that private sector activities align with health system objectives.

Co-hosted by WHO headquarters and WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, the meeting included participants from health ministries, partners, WHO teams, and donors across **five WHO regions**. During the meeting, WHO launched the “Progression Pathway for the Governance of Mixed Health Systems”.

[Find out more](#)



New Section Added! Stories from the field

We have added a new country-focused corner to the *Country Conversations* section. Stories from the Field currently features **47 case studies** on private sector engagement in Service Delivery, Health Policy, Fragile, Conflict-Affected and Vulnerable Settings, COVID-19 response, Mental Health, Nutrition-Enhancing Interventions and Non-Communicable Diseases.

[Find out more](#)

SEARO's Seventh Technical Coordination Committee Meeting

On 11 September, we presented the Progression Pathway and its implementation in Ghana as part of the Technical Coordination Committee (TCC). Participants included representatives from all technical departments within WHO South-East Asia Regional Office (SEARO).

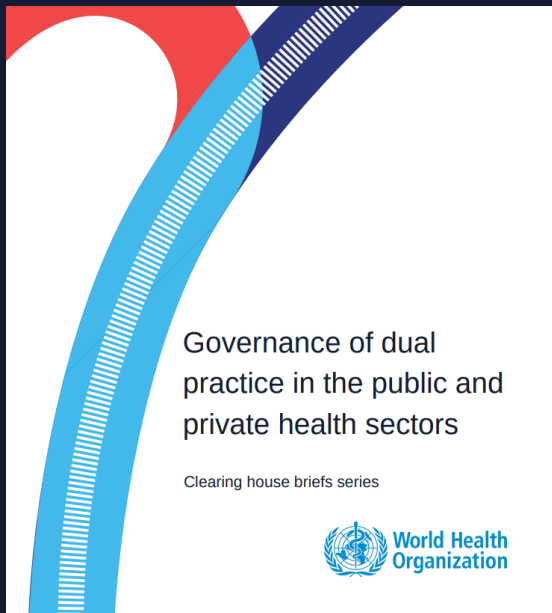




Progression Pathway Implementation in the Sultanate of Oman

We have completed the fieldwork of the Progression Pathway in Oman as part of a mission that aims to support the implementation of a comprehensive Health System Performance Assessment (HSPA) with a focus on the role of the private health sector in the country's health system.

Recent releases



It takes two to tango: Governance of dual practice in the public and private sectors

This brief delves into the available literature on dual practice, the governance challenges posed by it and the potential policy options and governance tools that can address those challenges.

[Find out more](#)

Partner Showcase Corner

Blog **Should Governments Engage the Private Sector in Health Security Efforts?**

This blog by Population Services International (PSI) highlights the importance of engaging the private sector in health security efforts and the best practices in this regard.

[Find out more](#)

Should Governments Engage the Private Sector in Health Security Efforts?

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KEY MESSAGES

- Engaging the private sector in pandemic preparedness and response efforts will help governments meet SDG targets and move toward UHC.
- A critical entry point into the health system for local communities, the private sector is well-positioned to support surveillance, prevention, and response for health emergencies.
- Private providers have demonstrated willingness to contribute to pandemic preparedness and response efforts.
- Many private providers have already contributed—either through government or of their own volition—to case detection, contact tracing, treatment, the provision of PPE, training, and risk communication.
- To steward private provider participation in health security, governments can leverage digital technology, provide training and supportive supervision, simplify reporting tools to the most critical indicators for decision-making, and put quality assurance measures into place.

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