

From the first waves of COVID-19 to address our current challenges?"

[A comprehensive overview of early-pandemic engagement with the private sector guidance, country case studies, and more.](#)

An Action Plan to Engage the Private Health Service Delivery Sector in the Response to COVID-19 [Click here](#)

In the first waves of the pandemic, concrete steps were outlined to help governments and MoH to harness the private sector. Those can be applied to current COVID-19 needs such as vaccines roll out. Go back to basics with the PSE Action Plan which describes how to: get organized to work together, secure private sector assets to increase surge capacity, mobilise public and private health staff, ensure all health facilities and staff have the supplies they need to respond to the crisis, and establish systems to integrate the public and private sector response effort.

Options - how to engage the private health sector to tackle COVID-19? [Click here](#)

Options were proposed to governments to assist with the "containment phase" - ranging from treating COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients to leveraging mobile technology to the use of private resources to create a social safety net (shelters for homeless, etc.) These options can be used to inform discussion between public and private sectors in health and definition of respective roles, even at this stage in the pandemic.

Private Sector Discussion Notes

COVID19 testing, treatment and supplies are three areas of focus which continue to be relevant today. Early on, best practices were collected on how to plan, acquire space, staff, and stuff by seamlessly integrating the private sector within the government response systems early on. These series of documents outline practical advice and illustrative examples of engagement with the private sector in early COVID-19 responses.

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Private Sector Discussion Note: COVID-19 Testing

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Private Sector Discussion Note: COVID-19 Treatment

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Private Sector Discussion Note: COVID-19 Supplies

Case studies

While it is important to learn lessons from other geographies, lessons learned from the past are equally worthy of recognition. In July 2020, case studies from Kenya's and Rwanda's experience with early engagement of the private sector in the COVID-19 response were produced and offers insight which are still relevant in this stage of the pandemic.

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Private Sector Engagement in the COVID-19 Response: Kenya Country Experience

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Private Sector Engagement in the COVID-19 Response: Rwanda Country Experience

COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor (HSRM) [Click here](#)

The Health System Response Monitor (HSRM) has been designed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak to collect and organize up-to-date information on how countries are responding to the crisis. It focuses primarily on the responses of health systems but also captures wider public health initiatives. This is a joint undertaking of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission, and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.

Oxford Covid-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT) [Click here](#)

The Oxford Covid-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT) collects systematic information on policy measures that governments have taken to tackle COVID-19. The different policy responses are tracked since 1 January 2020, cover more than 180 countries and are coded into 23 indicators, such as school closures, travel restrictions, vaccination policy. These policies are recorded on a scale to reflect the extent of government action, and scores are aggregated into a suite of policy indices. The data can help decision-makers and citizens understand governmental responses in a consistent way, aiding efforts to fight the pandemic. Our core working paper (BSG-WP-2020/032) provides more information on methodology and data collection.