

# Developing More Participatory and Accountable Institutions for Health: Identifying Health System Research Priorities for the Sustainable Development Goal-Era

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## **For which topic were research priorities identified?**

health policy and health systems

## **In which location was the research priority setting conducted?**

international

## **Why was it conducted at all?**

Health policy and systems research (HPSR) is vital to guiding global institutions, funders, policy makers, activists and implementers in developing and enacting strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **What was the objective?**

to identify priority research questions relevant to improving accountability within health systems

## **What was the outcome?**

a ranking list of 10 research questions

## **How long did the research prioritization take?**

No information provided.

## **Which methods were used to identify research priorities?**

focus group; interview; survey

## **How were the priorities for research identified exactly?**

Step 1: collecting research questions: literature review (112 research questions identified from reviews and grouped them into 15 thematic areas), 54 policymaker interviews and 2 focus groups (70 questions identified), research questions synthesized into 36 overarching questions. Step 2: data processing: using Co-Digital to refine questions. Step 3: survey: participants were asked to rank questions according to research importance, pairwise ranking process, high priority research questions were then determined, final ranking of research questions was then shared with participants and participants were asked to share their feedback

## **Which stakeholders took part?**

Policymakers from international and national bodies (Ministries of Health, other government agencies and technical support institutions) across the WHO regions. Interviews: 54 participants. Codigital: 32 participants. Survey: 32 participants.

## **How were stakeholders recruited?**

Three sources were consulted for identification of participants: (a) participant lists at two major global conferences attended by the study team, (b) recommendations from colleagues at the World Health Organization's Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (AHPSR) and (c) through relationships with colleagues based in select countries, namely India, South Africa, Lebanon and Argentina.

## **Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?**

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.