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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded in 1999, the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, an international collaboration, hosted by the World Health Organization, promotes the generation and use of health policy and systems research (HPSR) as a means to improve the health systems of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Working with more than 350 partners around the world, the Alliance aims to: stimulate the generation and synthesis of policy-relevant health systems knowledge, encompassing evidence, tools and methods; promote the dissemination and use of health policy and systems knowledge to improve the performance of health systems; facilitate the development of capacity for the generation, dissemination and use of health policy and systems research knowledge among researchers, policy-makers and other stakeholders.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Research priority setting
- Knowledge creation and dissemination
- Convening for health policy and systems research and breaking of silos
- Capacity strengthening in low and middle income countries

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Alliance fosters synergies between health policy research, which principally studies how different actors interact in the policy and implementation processes and contribute to policy outcomes, and health systems research principally addressing questions such as the coverage, quality, efficiency and equity of health systems. The Alliance funds a variety of HPSR projects, programmes and initiatives across LMICs. The Alliance runs participatory priority setting exercises to help existing and potential funders to decide how to spend limited HPSR resources at the country level. Through regular monitoring of the field, it also identifies priority needs for evidence and gaps in capacity for the generation and use of evidence. The organisation complements the mission and mandate of WHO in all that it does and benefits from established relationships and direct access to key decision-makers, such as the Member States.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Day-to-day operations are managed by the Alliance Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. Overall operations of the Alliance are overseen by a Board. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee is responsible for providing scientific and technical advice to the Board

and Secretariat. Dr Abdul Ghaffar is the Executive Director, and the current Chair of the Board is David H. Peters.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

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PUBLICATIONS

For all publications, see: <https://www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/resources/en/>

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