



Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

VISION



Core information on essential health resources and services is readily available to decision-makers at country, regional and global levels.

MISSION



Support countries with the standardization and continuous collection, analysis and dissemination of information on the availability of, and accessibility to essential health resources and services.

Strategic objectives

- Ensure the systematic availability, quality, and accessibility of core information on essential health resources and services
- Strengthen health information systems, particularly through the compilation, maintenance, regular update and continuous dissemination of an authoritative master list of health facilities

Rapidly deployable and scalable to support emergency response and fragile states, HeRAMS can also be expanded to - or directly implemented as - an essential component of routine health information systems. HeRAMS constitutes a transversal component of emergency and risk management, humanitarian-development-peace nexus, health systems strengthening and universal health coverage.

Guiding principles



Empowerment: Promote a governance model that builds upon and reinforces health sector actors' capacities and responsibilities at national and sub-national levels.



Actionability: Focus on actionable data with a high impact on decision making.



Quality: Promote the use of standard methods and processes that ensure data quality (completeness, uniqueness, timeliness, accuracy, validity and consistency).



Partnership: Foster coordination, collaboration and cooperation among health sector actors.



Openness: Promote broad access to - and use of - commonly agreed upon health information.



Cost-effectiveness and sustainability: Promote cost-effective and sustainable approaches through the rationalization of costs and resources.

Strategic pathways

The strategic pathways describe the approach on which HeRAMS builds to reach its objectives:



Governance and policies: Ensure good leadership and long-term sustainability of the HeRAMS initiative through the implementation of appropriate governance mechanisms and development of relevant policies.



Standards and best-practices: Ensure the availability, quality of, and broad access to information on health resources and services is at the core of the HeRAMS initiative. This is achieved through the development and implementation of standards, standard operating procedures (SOPs) and best-practices.



Innovation: Ensure innovation continuously catalyses the development and implementation of solutions that are increasingly cost-effective and sustainable.



Partnerships and collaboration: Establish strategic partnerships and collaborations and leverage health sector actors' diversity to ensure a shared and sustainable approach.



Capacity building: Ensure the regular transfer and decentralization of capacities and responsibilities at all levels to maximize efficiency and accountability and promote cross-country experience sharing.



Advocacy: Ensure the documentation of use cases and the development of advocacy material to promote the systematic implementation of proven tools and approaches to the monitoring of essential health resources and services.



Resource mobilization: Ensure the development of sustainable financial partnerships at country, regional and global levels through the development of a strategy that transparently articulates and costs stakeholders' roles and responsibilities across all levels.



Monitoring and evaluation: Ensure the implementation of systematic feedback mechanisms to support continuous improvement and ensure systematic and transparent performance assessment.

Strategic drivers

The following global frameworks and agendas underpin the mission and goals of the HeRAMS initiative:

- 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly Universal Health Coverage (UHC)¹
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030)²
- United Nations Framework on Climate Change³
- International Health Regulations (2005) 3rd edition⁴
- WHO Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management Framework (2019)⁵
- WHO Global Strategy on Health, Environment and Climate Change⁶
- WHO Strategic Framework for Emergency Preparedness⁷
- WHO Emergency Response Framework⁸
- WHO Thirteenth General Programme of Work 2019–2023⁹

HeRAMS provides information that is essential to implementing these agendas and monitoring their achievements.

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