Political & Socio-Economic Climate

The system strengthening framework represents a comprehensive approach to building and optimising a national research and innovation system for improved health outcomes. This framework has been developed to assist countries to build solid system foundations, strengthen system capacities (resources), and produce the best possible results using a variety of optimisation strategies. An enabling political environment (leadership) is critical for facilitating system strengthening.

Leadership

National research and innovation can only thrive and be sustainable if there is

- a political and socio-economic climate that is investment friendly and respectful of human rights, and
- effective leadership, including the political commitment to advocacy, awareness and debate

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Develop policies, a policy framework or a national programme for research for health

PRIORITY SETTING

Establish a priority setting strategy which is regularly updated

MANAGEMENT

Establish or strengthen a management structure that will manage national research for health

FINANCING

Develop a medium- to long-term financing strategy, linked to national priorities

Build supportive institutions and infrastructure for research for health

OPTIMISING SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- Ethics regulation
- Civil society engagement: organisational demands for research
- Fair research contracting: Equitable agreements regarding intellectual property rights, data ownership, benefit sharing
- Pharmaceutical innovation and technology transfer arrangements
- Research communication: Dissemination of evidence to policy and practice
- Research management information system
- Monitoring & evaluation of outputs, outcomes and impact

COORDINATION

Develop a mechanism for coordination between stakeholders across sectors involved in research for health

Establish international collaborative arrangements