



## Governance, Management & Coordination of National Research Systems for Health

The national research for health system is formed from the overlap and relationships between national systems aimed at health, education, science and technology and development. Covering both public and private sectors, it interacts with foreign and international systems. [The purpose of research for health governance is to set strategic direction](#) and create the environment in which national research and innovation for health systems can flourish.

### What is governance & management?

It is concerned with the planning and execution of the activities required to achieve the objectives of the system in an effective and efficient manner. Governance, management & coordination of the national research and innovation for health system covers the range of activities that ensure leadership and strategic direction, coordination of the various elements of the system, production of the necessary research aligned with national health priorities. The necessary research can then be transformed into technical and social innovations – practical solutions that make a difference. Where such mechanisms are absent, their establishment should be considered as one of the first steps in research for health system development.

### Governance is....

- having the right policy, procedures and structures in place to ***ensure that the right things are done***
- what the system should do
- how it should work and with what resources
- what measures should be taken to assess whether it achieves its objectives (indicators for Monitoring & Evaluation)

The expanded number of actors that must be involved in assuring conditions for health has led to the increasing use of the term governance. Governance structures are tasked with *overseeing* management of research and innovation, not to manage research itself.

### Management is...

***doing the things right***