

JLN Health Financing Technical Initiative Efficiency Collaborative Knowledge Products

The Efficiency Collaborative brings together practitioners from low- and middle-income countries in order to share knowledge and practical experience on how to increase efficiency of existing resources through evidence-informed priority setting and resource allocation decisions. These knowledge products have been developed by practitioners for practitioners, and to respond to the most pressing needs identified by Collaborative members.

Measuring Health System Efficiency in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Resource Guide

A resource guide for health practitioners to understand the principles of efficiency so they are better able to measure and address inefficiencies in their health system. The Guide provides a practical approach to measuring efficiency, even in settings where traditional efficiency metrics may not be available. The approach is meant to stimulate policy dialogue to reach actionable recommendations. It is also meant to encourage the development of information systems and healthcare analytics – fundamental building blocks to measuring efficiency. The guide includes fact sheets on how to benchmark and interpret common health system indicators.

Country application: Practical guidance on how to identify and measure efficiency in data-constrained settings.



Health Priority Setting: A Practitioner's Handbook

A practical, actionable resource for countries looking to engage in systematic priority setting for health, with a focus on data, evidence and country experience. The Handbook is divided into four chapters that describe how and what kinds of decisions evidence-based priority setting can inform, the types of data that can be used and how it can be analyzed, and the role of institutions, individuals and the political economy of decision-making.

Country application: Practical guidance on how to improve use of evidence-based decision-making practices in decision-making processes like health benefits package, drug procurement, and annual budgeting.



Health Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (HePRA) Tool and Database

A tool that uses 36 questions to capture a snapshot of existing priority-setting practices at the country level and how and whether resources are allocated, spent and monitored according to those priorities. Responses are scored along benchmarks to give a sense of how the resource allocation process is functioning at the country level vis-a-vis comparator countries. The tool has so far been administered in 10 JLN countries and the results are collected in a database.

Country application: The tool can be used to benchmark how well a country is allocating and spending resources in line with established priorities. The tool can also help identify areas for support efforts (eg. policy dialogue, technical assistance) to promote the use of evidence in priority setting for resource allocation in the health sector.

