

Operational definition

This function includes three components:

- Development of public health research priorities and practice
- Strengthening institutional capacity and financing of public health research
- Knowledge brokering: Knowledge brokering refers to the operational linkage between research institutions and policy-makers in a way that optimizes the translation of research findings to policy.

Scope of the function

Development of public health research priorities and practice

- Established processes to identify national public health research priorities (including health services research)
- Establishment of call for proposals for commissioned research, including independent research on the effectiveness of EPHO activities, in parallel to Principal investigator (PI) initiated research (universities, etc.)
- Multidisciplinary partnerships with other health research centers and academic institutions
- Maintenance of scientific and ethical standards in research (codes of conduct)

Strengthening institutional capacity and financing of public health research

- Inclusion of research activities in public health education and continuous training
- Maintenance and access to health indicators databases for researchers
- Development of new research methods, innovative technologies and solutions in public health with measurable impact
- Increased funding for public health institute-centred research

Knowledge brokering

- Participation of research community in public health planning, particularly in development of indicators
- Forums or policy dialogues between research community and policy-makers, to facilitate uptake of evidence-based policy and to jointly set public health research agenda
- Interpretation of raw data gathered from population surveys, disease registries, hospital records, etc. (see tools in EPHO I) to support public health planning
- Utilization/translation of research results in support of evidence-informed policy and planning

Publications in the local language

Policy briefs

Policy advocacy.

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