Understanding and developing policies to address health worker shortages and maldistribution requires an understanding of the economics of labour markets.

The HRH Observer series has recently published a report to introduce the terms and tools of labour market analysis. It also connects these labour market principles to real-world case studies from three low and middle-income countries: Thailand, Rwanda, and Kenya. Recommendations for data collection are also made to allow human resource practitioners to begin their own empirical examination of health worker labour markets. The application of labour economics principles and thoughtful data analysis can guide effective labour policy to address population health needs.

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