



28 July 2021 – Health research priority setting is one of the 4 pillars of WHO’s strategy on research for health; the other 3 include: standards and governance, capacity building, and translation of evidence to policy and practice.

A webinar on "A systematic approach guidebook for undertaking health research priority setting exercises: guidance for WHO staff" was organized on 14 July for Regional Office technical staff to discuss the WHO guidance on research priority setting. The approach uses the acronym PIPE to describe 4 four phases for each health research priority setting exercise: Plan, Implement, Publish and Evaluate.

This activity followed Regional Office support to Jordan and Pakistan to undertake their national health research priority setting exercises following the WHO guidance.

The objectives were to:

sensitize participants to the WHO guidance

share experiences of Jordan and Pakistan on national health research priority setting exercises

discuss the suitability of WHO guidance for regional implementation.

More than 25 senior WHO staff, including directors, regional advisors, technical and medical officers participated in this 2-hour highly interactive webinar. Regional experience of research priority setting, review of the WHO guidance and reflections from Jordan and Pakistan set the stage for the open and interactive discussion on the suitability of guidance for regional implementation.

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