WHAT IS EVIPNet?

What is needed to deliver on WHO' triple billion target?

For more than a billion more people to benefit from universal health coverage, a billion more to be protected from health emergencies and a billion more to improve their overall health, each WHO member state will need to create or take advantage of opportunities for doing better. For each opportunity, politicians will need to be convinced that there's a compelling problem, a viable policy, and conducive politics. And technical staff will need to understand the nature of the problem and its causes, cost-effective policy options to address the problem, key implementation considerations, and how to approach monitoring and evaluation.

Experts in data analytics have key roles in understanding problems (e.g., their scale and trajectory) and monitoring the implementation of policies. But the best available evidence – both local studies and global synthesized data and research evidence – and the systematically elicited insights of key stakeholders will help to round out understandings of problems, to inform choices about policy options, and to design implementation strategies.

Where does EVIPNet fit in?

The Evidence-Informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) is a network established by the World Health Organization to promote the systematic use of data and research evidence in health policymaking to strengthen health systems and get the right programs, services and products to those who need them. EVIPNet combines skills in political and policy analysis with expertise in evidence synthesis and stakeholder engagement.

How does EVIPNet work?

EVIPNet takes the form of a network with distinct country, regional and global nodes. EVIPNet operates by forming country (or sub-regional) teams, composed of policymakers, researchers and civil society. These teams, in close collaboration with local decision-makers, identify national priority topics (like the triple-billion target) and ways to address them using the best available data and research evidence and the insights of those who will be involved or affected by decisions. At the global level, EVIPNet has a Global Steering Group, which acts as a catalyst and supporter of the network and helps to coordinate its activities.

What does EVIPNet do?

At the country level, EVIPNet teams produce one or more of the following key outputs:

- **Evidence briefs for policy:** reports that bring together local data and studies with global evidence from systematic reviews, to clarify a priority health-system problem (e.g., insufficient financial protection) and its causes, frame policy options to address the problem, and identify key implementation considerations.

- **Policy dialogue summaries:** reports that capture key insights and next steps from deliberative dialogues that are informed by a pre-circulated evidence brief and engage those who will be involved in or affected by decisions on a priority topic.

- **Rapid synthesis:** reports that bring together local studies and global evidence on a problem, policy options or implementation considerations and are completed in days to weeks.

- **National clearing houses:** points of access to local studies and policy-relevant documents about the health system (as a complement to sources of 'global' evidence, such as Health Systems Evidence).

At the regional and global level, EVIPNet develops and fosters capacity-strengthening strategies to enable policymakers, researchers and civil society representatives to combine political and policy analysis with evidence synthesis and stakeholder engagement.
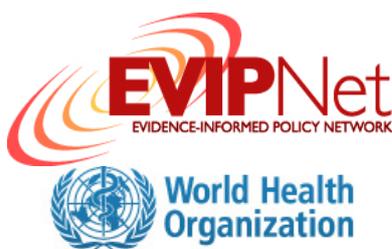
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How long has EVIPNet been around?

EVIPNet was established by WHO in 2005 as a response to a resolution approved by the World Health Assembly. It is currently active in the EURO; AMRO/PAHO; AFRO and EMRO regions.

What are EVIPnet's values?

- **Equity:** EVIPNet believes in strengthening pro-poor, pro-equity health systems able to offer accessible, high-quality services to all, and has a focus on low- and middle-income countries

- **Social participation:** EVIPNet promotes local ownership of decision-making processes informed by high quality evidence

- **Trust:** EVIPNet promotes sustainable partnerships based on trust, commitment, and open access to information

- **Empowerment:** EVIPNet respects and fosters the sovereignty, priorities and needs of individuals, institutions, national governments and regions, empowering its members to work together to develop their full potential in pursuit of evidence-informed policy-making

- **Mutual respect:** EVIPNet promotes a culture of reciprocity in which members' contributions, insights, motivations and concerns are recognized and respected.

Why should I join EVIPNet?

EVIPNet creates an impact where it is adopted. One illustrative example is found in Piripiri, Brazil, where the number of stillbirths and deaths in the first week of life declined rapidly once the municipality adopted one of the evidence-informed policy options presented by EVIPNet Brazil [1]. By joining EVIPNet and improving health policymaking, you will contribute to achieving the triple-billion targets.

EVIPNet is a supportive network that prepares teams to work within the time constraints faced by policymakers and deal with institutional barriers, interest group pressures, values and other factors that affect policymaking. By joining EVIPNet, your team will be equipped with the tools and methodology needed to effectively promote evidence-informed policy.

EVIPNet also supports capacity building activities and provides team members with the opportunity to share experiences and learn from other experts involved in evidence-informed policy making, thus fostering their professional development in this field. By joining EVIPNet, you will be empowered to confidently bring evidence to the policy front line.

If you're still not convinced of the benefits that EVIPNet will bring to you, your team, institution and health system, please visit our website and read EVIPNet's success stories.

Evidence > *Policy* > *Impact*

How do I get involved?

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[1] Chapman E. Report: evaluation of the Evidence-informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) Americas. Washington, DC: Pan American Health Organization; 2013.