



POLICY BRIEF

Regional health data is infrastructure

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ABSTRACT

The case for treating regional health data as core public infrastructure rather than as a by-product of individual programmes.

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Surveillance, emergency response, vaccination, and health financing depend on evidence that can be compared across institutions and borders.

Regional health data should therefore be treated as core public infrastructure, funded and maintained as such rather than rebuilt inside each programme.

WHAT THIS DOES NOT ESTABLISH

The note argues from the published WHO AFRO catalogue; it does not evaluate any national health information system directly.

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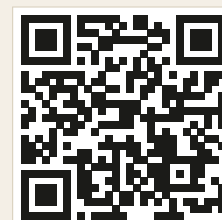
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