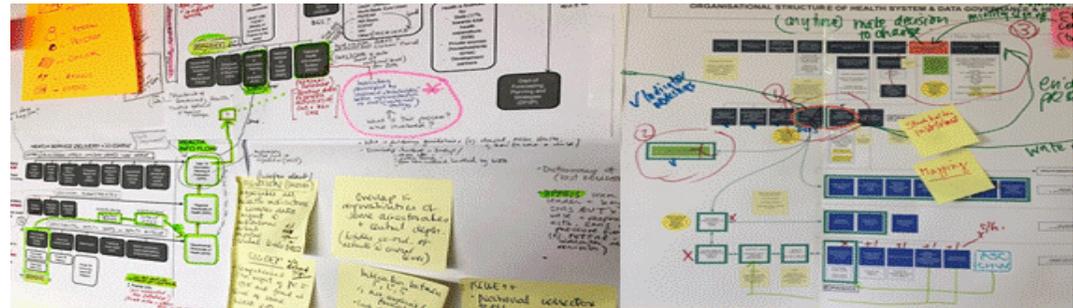




Workstream 6 (WS6)

Engagement



WHAT IS WS6 ABOUT?

The overarching aim of WS6 is to ensure that the research is relevant and responsive to the needs of partner countries. To this end, from the very conception of the project, we have actively engaged with the Governmental Health Sector, Research Partners, and other important stakeholders to facilitate their inputs. In parallel, we are building the profile of PHISICC through a series of communication and advocacy activities to ensure that the project is well perceived regarding relevance and positive change in paper-based health information systems for primary health care. As with the other PHISICC workstreams, WS6 advocates co-creative processes and shared responsibilities, to optimise engagement and ensure that stakeholders are kept up to date as well as supported as active collaborators.

WHICH METHODS ARE USED IN WS6?

Several complementary strategies are used to promote engagement with stakeholders. In the first instance, a desk review of policy documents and stakeholder analyses were conducted. These informed the creation of visual representations of the HIS in each country, detailing

organisational arrangements, the flow of information, decision making pathways and primary influencers. Key actors have continually contributed to and validated these pieces through 1:1 communication and consensus building workshops. Central to this engagement are the national PHISICC coordinators who promote and monitor perceptions of PHISICC in their respective countries and arrange frequent formal and informal exchanges with key influencers. Additional dissemination of activities and related materials to wider stakeholders are supported by the PHISICC website, e-newsletter, peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations.

WHAT ARE THE (EXPECTED) FINDINGS OF WS6?

As PHISICC progresses, it is expected that the implementation and communication efforts will be informed by, and responsive to, the needs of the partner countries. The project would also like to be experienced as a learning space in terms of developing in-country research skills (e.g., manuscript writing, international collaboration) and building and presenting evidence in a way that is most useful to policy makers.

WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF WS6 FOR PHISICC?

The emphasis for WS6 is very much about knowledge transparency, shared decision making and care for personal relationships. It is hoped that this approach will ensure that stakeholder needs are recognised, understood and reflected in the management of the research project and that those involved see the purpose and efforts behind PHISICC as their own.

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