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## E-Newsletter Quarter 1: January - March 2017



### Bringing policy-makers views to the HPSR community

To bring the views of policy-makers to the Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) community, the Alliance produced several video interviews. The videos feature policy-makers from Chile, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, India, Pakistan and South Africa. These policy-makers share their experiences on how they have used HPSR to strengthen their national health systems. They also provide advice on what low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) can do to entrench health systems research into national policy-making. [More](#)



### Strengthening health systems through embedded research

Engaging decision-makers to embed research in policy-making and implementation was the subject of an editorial featured in the February 2017 issue of the WHO Bulletin.

Traditionally, the philosophy has been that researchers should generate knowledge and practitioners and policy-makers should use it. But this does not take into account the realities of policy-making. The editorial notes that unless research is relevant to specific health systems, the evidence that it generates can be dismissed by policy-makers. [More](#)



### Winners of the first-ever Alliance essay competition

The Alliance is pleased to announce the winners of its first-ever essay competition on the future of health policy and systems research. In total 84 submissions were received. The winning paper will be presented as a background paper to stimulate discussions of a high-level conference on "Health policy and systems research: 20 years on," in Stockholm, Sweden from 25-26 April 2017. [More](#)

\*...to become more relevant to the health systems and communities that are their intended beneficiaries. Global health practice researchers gain and develop knowledge of geography, genomics and connectivity, some of which are rooted in imbalances of power and resources." (Shahar et al., 2016, p.2)

As global actors receive funding and health interventions around Agenda 2030, the field of Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) will play an important role in facilitating skills in present and practice to

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## Alliance releases its 2016 Annual Report

The Alliance recently published its 2016 Annual Report titled, "Partnership and Policy Engagement." In keeping with the theme, the Alliance focused on strengthening partnerships and deepening its engagement with policy-makers and programme implementers to achieve greater impact. [More](#)

## Opportunities

### Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI) Network: Call for expressions of interest for centres involved in evidence synthesis in low and middle- income countries (LMICs)

The Alliance, as a founding organization and active member of the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI), is sharing a Call for Expression of Interest for centres involved in Evidence Synthesis in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). [More](#)

## Upcoming Events

12-23 June 2017

Health Systems Summer Institute,  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of  
Public Health

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