Knowledge to Policy Center (K2P)

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Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center draws on an unparalleled breadth of synthesized evidence and context-specific knowledge by producing briefs and conducting policy dialogues to impact policy agendas and action. K2P produces evidence synthesis products that provide high quality evidence and written in a way to help policymakers and stakeholders to have the clearest understanding of the most important messages, options, and recommendations to pressing health system problems.

K2P harnesses the best available evidence on pressing public health priorities; convenes concerned policy makers, stakeholders, thinkers, researchers and doers; and prepares leaders to meet pressing health issues by building their capacity in public health policy making.

K2P Functions and Activities:

• Develop capacity building in evidence synthesis and dissemination/ knowledge translation methods including the use of innovative knowledge translation (KT) and advocacy tools to influence policy, practice and action;
• Develop rapid response system to inform policy making in an objective manner using the best available evidence that can be prepared and packaged given time and resource constraints;
• Inform the production, packaging and sharing of evidence from research in an objective manner and based on current and emerging policy making priorities;
• Conduct evidence informed advocacy and support implementation in policy and practice;
• Conduct policy tracing research and develop models for knowledge translation that are culturally appropriate, relevant, and effective for the region;
• Support research networks, civil society, researchers, policy makers and the media including capacity of health policy making institutions


Collaborations

K2P collaborates with national and international partners including Center for Systematic Reviews on Health Policy and Systems Research (SPARK) at the American University of Beirut; Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI), McMaster Health Forum in Canada and the Evidence Informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva; WHO East Mediterranean Regional Office (WHO EMRO).