Financing of NPHIs

Impact of funding sources on activities and programmes, on level of autonomy to develop the NPHI programme and to engage into partnerships

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This session

- Speaker: Quentin Sandifer – Panel: all parts of the world
- Funding, Independence, choices regarding engaging in partnerships
- Goal of this session: to learn from each other: finding creative solutions
- Setting the scene: Reflections from RIVM, the Netherlands
- Wrap up – Last five minutes

Let’s make this session as interactive as possible!
RIVM (the Netherlands): funding

- **RIVM** is a government agency, owned by MoH

- ‘Clients’ or ‘commissioners’ (i.e. funding sources)
  - Ministry of Health (two third of the budget)
  - Other Ministeries
  - Rest (ca. 10 %): EU programmes and tenders, local/regional authorities, research council, WHO, ...

- Yearly: a process of questions/ quotations and an agreement on what to do for next year/ multi years

- Funding from other stakeholders: through tenders or contractual agreements
Our main values: expertise, reliability, independence

Independence very important: enshrined in the law:
- Methodology for us to decide
- We can always publish our findings
- Independence requires attention continuously: be alert!

Engaging with other partners:
- Contractual arrangements
- Public-private partnerships – only with preconditions fulfilled:
  - Not a task for one single private party
  - Results and publication public
  - No ‘dual roles’

Avoid even any appearance of a conflict of interests!
Questions

● What is your main funding source? Is there diversity in the funding arrangements? Government/ NGO’s/ Donors/ Foundations/ Private parties?

● How do you ensure (scientific) independence in relation to your main funders? What is the amount of freedom in setting your agenda?

● Does the funders provide the NPHI with sufficient resources to achieve goals? If not what solutions are envisioned?

● What are the advantages and risks of obtaining funding of NGOs or private parties?

● Do you have some best and worse practices to share? Lessons learnt?

● Is there a role for IANPHI (e.g. regarding setting standards, sharing experiences and good practices)