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Foreword

EVIPNet was established by the World Health Organization in 2005 to promote the systematic and transparent use of health research evidence in policy-making (1). Today EVIPNet covers 36 low- and middle-income countries, promoting partnerships at country level between policy-makers, civil society and researchers to enable policy development and policy implementation using the best research evidence available. The network brings together country-level teams, supported regionally and globally by WHO regional offices, a Global Steering Group and various resource staff.

Since its inception, EVIPNet has pioneered an approach to placing evidence at the heart of policy-making that is fast becoming an accepted norm. Using **evidence briefs for policy** that draw on both local research and systematic reviews, and followed by **policy dialogues** to discuss them among health policy-makers and stakeholders, EVIPNet has triggered a sea-change in how policy-makers view evidence and how researchers engage with policy-makers. It has also engendered the setting up of **rapid response** services, providing urgently needed research evidence to policy-makers at short notice (within 28 days), and national clearing houses that act as repositories for local studies and policy-relevant documents about the health system they are supporting.

In addition, EVIPNet has built an impressive cadre of knowledge experts around the globe to support health authorities and other sectors in their decision-making.

This booklet marks 10 years of painstaking and determined efforts of EVIPNet throughout the world, and describes 10 examples of the significant impact EVIPNet has had on local or national health policy. The wealth of achievement and learning generated by EVIPNet's activities to date is being drawn on by policy-makers, researchers and civil society groups worldwide.

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