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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

RIVM (Netherlands): NPHI tasks and autonomy

- 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)