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Identifying and characterising health policy and system-relevant documents in Uganda: a scoping review to develop a framework for the development of a one-stop shop

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Abstract

Background: Health policymakers in low- and middle-income countries continue to face difficulties in accessing and using research evidence for decision-making. This study aimed to identify and provide a refined categorisation of the policy documents necessary for building the content of a one-stop shop for documents relevant to health policy and systems in Uganda. The on-line resource is to facilitate timely access to well-packaged evidence for decision-making.

Methods: We conducted a scoping review of Uganda-specific, health policy, and systems-relevant documents produced between 2000 and 2014. Our methods borrowed heavily from the 2005 Arksey and O’Malley approach for scoping reviews and involved five steps, which include identification of the research question; identification of relevant documents; screening and selection of the documents; charting of the data; and collating, summarising and reporting results. We searched for the documents from websites of relevant government institutions, non-governmental organisations, health professional councils and associations, religious medical bureaus and research networks. We presented the review findings as numerical analyses of the volume and nature of documents and trends over time in the form of tables and charts.

Results: We identified a total of 265 documents including policies, strategies, plans, guidelines, rapid response summaries, evidence briefs for policy, and dialogue reports. The top three clusters of national priority areas addressed in the documents were governance, coordination, monitoring and evaluation (28%); disease prevention, mitigation, and control (23%); and health education, promotion, environmental health and nutrition (15%). The least addressed were curative, palliative care, rehabilitative services and health infrastructure, each addressed in three documents (1%), and early childhood development in one document. The volume of documents increased over the past 15 years; however, the distribution of the different document types over time has not been uniform.

Conclusion: The review findings are necessary for mobilising and packaging the local policy-relevant documents in Uganda in a one-stop shop; where policymakers could easily access them to address pressing questions about the health system and interventions. The different types of available documents and the national priority areas covered provide a good basis for building and organising the content in a meaningful way for the resource.

Keywords: Evidence-informed policy, Health policy and system documents, Framework, Clearinghouse, Uganda, Low- and middle-income countries

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Background
Linking health research evidence to action is one of the many important components of national and global responses to contemporary public health challenges [1, 2]. It is important for both making evidence-informed policies and decisions on health services and improving the health systems within which the interventions and services are provided [3]. When policies and decisions are made without considering the best available evidence, it may waste resources and opportunities, and possibly do more harm than good [4]. In the recent past, there has been a strong emphasis worldwide on reflecting the best available evidence in health policies and decisions [2, 5]. However, more evidence may not necessarily mean better policies [6, 7]. Greenhalgh et al. [7] notes that a better policy is what is appropriate in the circumstances in agreement with the overall desirable goal. Research evidence is one of the necessary inputs into policymaking, which may also be influenced by context and other factors [8].

Linking research to action in low- and middle-income countries has remained a challenge, despite the international attention and significant efforts to address it [3, 9]. Health policymakers and stakeholders continue to face difficulties in accessing and using research evidence for policy and decision-making [10]. They are often unable to rapidly identify decision-relevant information when pressing issues emerge, partly due to the lack of one-stop shops with optimally packaged evidence [11]. By making evidence available, a one-stop shop becomes one of the necessary inputs for increasing access to evidence. Although it may not be a sufficient factor, its absence creates a clear gap and thus a barrier to use of evidence by policy and decision-makers [11]. The one-stop shop may facilitate timely access to well-packaged evidence by policy and decision-makers when faced with questions about health systems and interventions [12]. In a systematic review on health policymakers’ perceptions of their use of evidence, Invaer et al. [10] identified timely access to evidence as one of the facilitators of use of evidence in policymaking. This is corroborated by Lavis et al. [11] and further supported by Oliver et al. [13] in an updated systematic review. The latter included perceptions of other stakeholder groups such as researchers, managers and research users other than policymakers [13].

In the recent past, there have been efforts to develop one-stop shops for both global research evidence and local policy-relevant documents to address questions about health interventions and health systems in high-income countries. Examples include The Cochrane Library, Health Systems Evidence, NHS Library and Knowledge Center and HTA Database Canada Search Interface [14–17]. On the other hand, resources focused on local policy-relevant documents are lacking in low- and middle-income countries and the feasibility of developing them has not been tested.

To address this challenge in Uganda, in 2011, the Supporting the Use of Research Evidence (SURE) in African health systems project [18] embarked on developing the Uganda Clearinghouse for Health Policy and Systems – a one-stop shop for health policy-relevant documents. The SURE project was a collaborative project that built on and supported Evidence-Informed Policy Networks (EVIPNets) in Africa and the Regional East Africa Community Health (REACH) Policy Initiative in Uganda specifically. EVIPNet Africa includes African partners such as Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Ethiopia, Mozambique, and Zambia [19].

This Clearinghouse is intended to facilitate timely access to decision-relevant information required by policymakers, stakeholders and researchers about the Ugandan health system and interventions. However, this resource could be limited by the adequacy of its content and the way it is organised. There is a lack of documented evidence on the available Uganda-specific health policy and systems-relevant documents that would inform whether most of the important documents have been included in the clearinghouse. Further, there is no clear framework to guide the organisation of the documents in the clearinghouse.

This paper provides a scoping review of Uganda-specific health policy and systems-relevant documents produced in the last 15 years, up to December 2014. It is a step forward towards the mobilisation of documents for improving the Uganda Clearinghouse for Health Policy and Systems. The paper also identifies and provides a refined categorisation of the policy-relevant documents necessary for building the content of the clearinghouse to facilitate easy search by the users. The purpose of this paper is not just to indicate the ideal content of the Clearinghouse but to demonstrate that it is doable in a low-income setting. It aims to provide a framework which one can follow explicitly to generate an inventory of policy-relevant documents.

Methods
We reviewed published documents relevant for health policy and decision-making about the Uganda health system and interventions produced from January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2014. The year 2000 marked the beginning of implementation of key health sector reforms in Uganda [20]. Of interest was to identify and characterise documents produced since then to the beginning of this study. Our methods borrowed heavily from the 2005 Arksey and O’Malley methodological framework for scoping reviews [21].

Step 1: Identification of the research question
Since the research question guides the subsequent steps, including the search strategy, the Arksey and O’Malley
methodological framework recommends considering all aspects of the research area to ensure a breadth of coverage and to define the relevant aspects of the research question [21]. In light of this, we developed our research questions as: What are the available types of documents relevant for health policy and systems that are specific to Uganda? What is the volume and nature (i.e., type, coverage of national priority areas, frequency of health-system topics) of these documents? From the onset, we were aware that such documents could be available as printed copies, published on websites of relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and national institutions or just in the form of soft copies on personal computers that are not yet uploaded on websites. We focused on identifying and characterising the available documents relevant for health policy and systems published on websites.

**Step 2: Identification of relevant documents**
We conducted the search for Uganda-specific health policy and systems-relevant documents in January 2015. We selected the websites of relevant government institutions, international and national NGOs, health professional councils and associations, religious medical bureaus and research networks (Table 1). We used the search engine Google to locate such websites, which we then navigated by the tabs and menus available on the homepage (such as policy documents and guidelines, e-library, resources, publications, legislation). The fact that different websites are organised differently, we developed specific search strategies for each website depending on its individual navigability. In addition, we searched Google Scholar using the following keywords in various combinations with Boolean operators (and, or) [22]: Uganda, health policy, health system, guidelines, strategies, plans, and reports. We checked the reference lists of the documents found to expand our list of included documents. Importantly, we used the websites as an entry point to other repositories for national policy documents (Tables 2 and 3).

**Step 3: Screening and selection of relevant documents**
To minimise selection bias, two independent reviewers (BM and RB) screened all websites and selected those that were appropriate for our research question. Our selection involved the use of a pre-determined inclusion and exclusion criteria. We included all Uganda-specific published documents relevant to health policy and systems produced between 2000 and 2014. We borrowed from the Hoffman et al. [23] model shown in Fig. 1, which depicts the boundaries of health policy and systems research, to determine if documents were relevant to health policy and systems in order for us to include them. We therefore included all documents that addressed (1) issues related to health systems (i.e. on governance, financial, and delivery arrangements and implementation strategies); (2) policy about clinical issues that include essential medicines, diagnostics and medical supplies; and (3) policy about public/population issues such as policies on immunisation and family planning.

We excluded documents that (1) did not have national coverage (such as NGO project reports that covered only a few districts), (2) were at the draft stage, (3) covered less than a year (such as quarterly or semi-annual reports), or (4) described primary studies and systematic reviews.

**Step 4: Charting of the data**
The two independent reviewers used a specially developed data-charting form (Table 4) to extract data from each document on the title/topic, document type, coverage of national priority areas, coverage of health system topics, year published and the source of the document. We developed a tailored index of health policy documents based on the national priority issues, types of documents emerging from the search results and health system topics borrowed from the Health System Evidence [15, 24, 25]. We specifically categorised the documents as policies, strategies, plans, guidelines, rapid response summaries, and evidence briefs for policy, dialogue reports and other reports. We also coded the documents for national health priority areas as identified in the Second National Development Plan (NDPII 2015/2019/20) [24] and Second Health Policy (NHPIII) [25]. The NDPII stipulates the Country’s medium term strategic direction, priorities (including health priorities) and implementation strategies up to the year 2020. The national health priority areas are disease prevention, mitigation and control; health education, promotion, environmental health and nutrition; governance, coordination, monitoring and evaluation; maternal and child health; reproductive health; human resources for health; health financing; health infrastructure; early childhood development; essential medicines and supplies; palliative care services; rehabilitation services; and curative services [24, 25].

We further classified these documents as governance, financial and delivery arrangements, and as implementation strategies within the health systems [15]. The governance arrangements category includes documents on centralisation/decentralisation of health services, registration and accreditation of the services, consumer and stakeholder involvement in service delivery, stewardship of the non-state actors in health financing and delivery, among other topics [15]. The financial arrangements category includes documents on financing systems, funding organisations, remunerating providers, purchasing products and services, and incentives targeted at consumers [15]. The delivery arrangements category...
| Institution/Organisation                                      | Website                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| **International Organisations**                             |                                                                          |
| 1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention               | http://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/countries/uganda/                       |
| 2. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  | http://www.fao.org/countryprofiles/index/en?iso3=UGA                     |
| 3. GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance                               | http://www.gavi.org/                                                    |
| 4. ICO Information Centre on HPV and Cancer                 | http://www.hpvcentre.net/                                               |
| 5. United Nations Children’s Fund                           | http://www.unicef.org/uganda/                                           |
| 6. United Nations Population Fund                           | http://countryoffice.unfpa.org/uganda/                                  |
| 7. United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS                     | http://www.unaids.org/en/regionscountries/countries/uganda              |
| 8. United States Agency for International Development        | https://www.usaid.gov/uganda                                            |
| 9. World Bank                                                | http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/uganda                             |
| 10. World Health Organization (WHO)                         | http://www.who.int/countries/uganda/en/                                 |
| **Uganda Government Institutions**                          |                                                                          |
| 1. Health Service Commission                                | http://www.hsc.go.ug/                                                   |
| 2. Ministry of Agriculture                                  | http://www.agriculture.go.ug/                                           |
| 3. Ministry of Education and Sports                         | http://www.education.go.ug/                                             |
| 4. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development    | http://www.finance.go.ug/                                               |
| 5. Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development        | http://www.mglsd.go.ug/                                                |
| 6. Ministry of Health                                       | http://www.health.go.ug/                                               |
| 7. National Council for Science and Technology              | http://www.uncst.go.ug/                                                |
| 8. National planning authority                              | http://npa.ug/                                                         |
| 9. Office of the Prime Minister                             | http://www.opm.go.ug/                                                  |
| 10. Parliament of Uganda                                    | http://www.parliament.go.ug/new/                                       |
| 11. Uganda AIDS Commission                                  | http://www.aidsuganda.org/                                             |
| 12. Uganda Bureau of Statistics                             | http://www.ubos.org/UNHS0910/home.html                                 |
| 13. Uganda Population Secretariat                           | http://popsec.org/                                                     |
| **Locally Registered Non-Governmental Organizations**       |                                                                          |
| 1. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation               | http://www.pedaids.org/countries/uganda                                 |
| 2. Family Health International                              | http://www.fhi360.org/countries/uganda                                 |
| 3. HEPS-Uganda                                              | http://www.heps.or.ug/                                                 |
| 4. Infectious Diseases Institute                            | http://www.idi-makerere.com/                                           |
| 5. Integrated Community Based Initiatives                  | http://www.icobi.or.ug/                                                |
| 6. Joint Clinical Research Center                           | http://www.jcrc.org.ug/                                                |
| 7. Plan International                                       | https://plan-international.org/uganda                                  |
| 8. Population Reference Bureau                              | http://www.prb.org/Countries/Uganda.aspx                               |
| 9. The AIDS Support Organization (TASO)                     | http://tasouganda.org/                                                 |
| 10. Uganda Community Based Health-Financing Association     | http://ucbhfa.org/                                                     |
| 11. Uganda Women’s Network                                  | http://uwnet.or.ug/                                                    |
| 12. Women’s International Cross Cultural Exchange            | http://www.isis.or.ug/                                                |
| **Health Professional Councils And Associations**           |                                                                          |
| 1. Allied Health Practitioners Council                     | http://www.ahpc.ug/                                                   |
| 2. Association of Surgeons and Association of Gynecologists and Obstetricians of Uganda | http://sogc.org/aogu/                                              |
| 3. Pharmaceutical society of Uganda                        | http://psuor.ug/new/                                                  |
| 4. Uganda Dental Association                                | http://www.ugadent.org/                                               |
| 5. Uganda Health Care Federation                            | http://ugandahealthcarefederation.blogspot.ug/                        |
| 6. Uganda Medical Association                               | http://www.uma.co.ug/                                                 |
covers documents on how care is designed to meet consumer needs, human resources for health, and support systems for the provision of care, plus where care is provided [15]. The implementation strategies category includes documents on consumer-, provider- and organisation-targeted strategies [15]. The third reviewer (EO) arbitrated areas that BM and RB disagreed on.

Step 5: Collating, summarising and reporting results
After charting the information from the evidence documents, we presented the review findings as numerical analyses of the volume of documents, their nature (i.e. type, coverage of national priority areas, the frequency of health system topics) and trends over time in the form of tables and charts. The data were summarised using descriptive statistics, including for the type of the documents included, the national health priority areas/ issues covered in the documents, the extent of coverage of the health priority for the different health policy and system domains, and the trends over time in the nature and distribution of the documents.

Results
The website hand-searches resulted in a total of 909 health policy and systems-relevant documents, including 10 duplicates. Of the remaining 899 documents, 265 met the selection criteria and were considered for analysis (Fig. 2).

Volume of the documents and trends over time
Most of the health policy and systems-relevant documents included in our review were rapid response summaries (18%) and guidelines (13%). The least were strategies (4%) and policy dialogue reports (3%) (Table 2). There was a consistent increase in the volume of the policy and system-relevant documents between 2000 and 2011 followed by a decline. The increase was from around six documents per year in 2000 to 49 per year in 2011 that later dropped to 27 in 2014 (Fig. 3).

Coverage of the national health priority areas by the documents
In Table 2, the top three national priority areas (clusters) addressed in the documents are governance, coordination, monitoring and evaluation (74, 28%), disease prevention, mitigation and control (63, 24%), and health education, promotion, environmental health and nutrition (41, 16%). The least addressed national health priorities were curative services, health infrastructure, palliative care services, rehabilitation services, each addressed in three documents (1%), and early childhood development (in only one document). The biggest percentage of policies (46%), guidelines (31%), policy dialogue reports (29%) and evidence briefs for policy (18%) addressed the cluster of disease prevention, mitigation and control, while most strategies (90%) and rapid response summaries (17%) covered the health education, promotion, environmental health and nutrition cluster, and plans (36%) addressed the governance, coordination, monitoring and evaluation cluster (Table 2).

Coverage of health systems topics by the documents
Generally, the highest number of documents (n = 101, 38%) addressed the delivery arrangements domain, followed by the governance arrangements (68, 26%), implementation strategies (56, 21%), and lastly the financial arrangements (16, 6%) (Table 3). Notably, the delivery arrangements domain was addressed by most of “other reports” (93%), evidence briefs for policy (33%) and rapid response summaries (25%). Nearly, two-thirds (63%) of guidelines, 49% of policies and 30% of rapid response summaries addressed the governance arrangements domain. A small percentage of evidence briefs for policy (12%), rapid response summaries (17%) and other reports (5%) addressed the financial arrangement domain; this was not at all covered by guidelines, plans, policies, policy dialogue reports and strategies. Most of the plans (96%) covered the implementation strategy; there was no single policy or other report that addressed it. Other documents that were about public or clinical issues

Table 1 Institutions/organisations whose websites were searched (Continued)

| Institutions/organisations                                      | Website                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 7. Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioner Health Council       | http://www.umdpc.com/                   |
| 8. Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council                          | http://unmc.ug/                         |
| Religious Medical Bureaus                                      |                                          |
| 1. Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau                              | http://www.ucmb.co.ug/                  |
| 2. Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau                            | http://upmb.co.ug/                      |
| Academic Institutions/Research Networks                        |                                          |
| 1. EVIPNet                                                      | http://global.evipnet.org/              |
| 2. Makerere University School of Public Health                 | http://www.musph.ac.ug/                 |
| 3. Uganda National Academy of Sciences                         | http://ugandanationalacademy.org/       |
| National health priority areas | Type of document | Policy (n = 33, 13%) | Strategy (n = 10, 4%) | Plan (n = 25, 9%) | Guidelines (n = 35, 13%) | Evidence brief for policy (n = 33, 13%) | Policy dialogue report (n = 7, 3%) | Rapid response summary (n = 47, 18%) | Other report (n = 75, 28%) | Total (N = 265) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Governance, coordination and monitoring and evaluation | 1 (3%) | 1 (10%) | 9 (36%) | 10 (29%) | 6 (18%) | 0 | 11 (23%) | 36 (48%) | 74 (28%) |
| Disease prevention, mitigation and control | 15 (46%) | 0 | 5 (20%) | 11 (31%) | 6 (18%) | 2 (29%) | 7 (15%) | 17 (23%) | 63 (24%) |
| Health education, promotion, environmental health and nutrition | 5 (15%) | 9 (90%) | 5 (20%) | 7 (20%) | 3 (9%) | 1 (14%) | 8 (17%) | 3 (4%) | 41 (16%) |
| Maternal and child health | 0 | 0 | 3 (12%) | 2 (6%) | 3 (9%) | 1 (14%) | 2 (4%) | 3 (4%) | 14 (5%) |
| Health financing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 (9%) | 0 | 6 (13%) | 4 (5%) | 13 (5%) |
| Health human resource | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 (6%) | 1 (3%) | 1 (14%) | 3 (6%) | 5 (7%) | 12 (5%) |
| Essential medicines and supplies | 2 (6.1%) | 0 | 1 (4%) | 0 | 3 (9.1%) | 0 | 3 (6.4%) | 2 (2.7%) | 11 (4%) |
| Reproductive health | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 (5.7%) | 3 (9%) | 0 | 1 (2%) | 0 | 6 (2%) |
| Early childhood development | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 (1%) | 1 (1%) |
| Curative services | 1 (3%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 (3%) | 0 | 1 (2%) | 0 | 3 (1%) |
| Health infrastructure | 1 (3%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (3%) | 0 | 0 | 1 (2%) | 0 | 3 (1%) |
| Palliative care services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 (3%) | 0 | 2 (4%) | 0 | 3 (1%) |
| Rehabilitation services | 1 (3%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 (2%) | 1 (1%) | 3 (1%) |
| Others | 7 (21%) | 0 | 2 (8%) | 0 | 3 (9%) | 2 (29%) | 1 (2%) | 3 (4%) | 18 (7%) |

*National health priority areas in the Second National Development Plan II (2015/16–2019/2020) & Second National Health Policy (18)*
| Health systems domains | Policy (n = 33, 13%) | Strategy (n = 10, 4%) | Plan (n = 25, 9%) | Guidelines (n = 35, 13%) | Evidence brief for policy (n = 33, 13%) | Policy dialogue report (n = 7, 3%) | Rapid response summary (n = 47, 18%) | Other report (n = 75, 28%) | Total (N = 265) |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Delivery arrangements  | 0                   | 0                   | 1 (4%)           | 5 (14%)                   | 11 (33%)                             | 2 (29%)                          | 12 (26%)                        | 70 (93%)       | 101 (38%)     |
| Governance arrangements| 16 (49%)            | 0                   | 0                | 22 (63%)                  | 13 (39%)                             | 2 (29%)                          | 14 (30%)                        | 1 (1%)          | 68 (26%)      |
| Implementation strategies | 0               | 10 (100%)         | 24 (96%)         | 5 (14%)                   | 5 (15%)                              | 1 (14%)                          | 11 (23%)                        | 0              | 56 (21%)      |
| Financial arrangements  | 0                   | 0                   | 0                | 4 (12%)                   | 0                                    | 0                                | 8 (17%)                         | 4 (5%)          | 16 (6%)       |
| Othersa                | 17 (52%)            | 0                   | 0                | 3 (9%)                    | 0                                    | 2 (29%)                          | 2 (4%)                          | 0              | 24 (9%)       |

*Others include documents about public or population issues and clinical issues*
included 51% of policies, 29% of policy dialogue reports, 9% of guidelines and 4% of rapid response summaries.

**Discussion**

In this paper, we conducted a scoping review of policy and systems-relevant documents in Uganda to support the identification and characterisation of policy and systems-relevant documents for the content of an on-line repository. The first step of our framework, which is identification of documents, borrows from the Arksey and O’Malley methodological framework for scoping reviews. The second step involves the development of the tailored index of health policy documents based on the national priority issues, types of documents emerging from the search results and health system topics [15, 24, 25].

A number of key findings emerged. First, the review demonstrates the availability of the policy and system-relevant documents in the country that include policies, guidelines, plans, strategies, rapid response summaries, evidence briefs for policy, and policy dialogue reports. The available documents address several national health priority issues identified in the Second Health Policy and National Development Plan (2015/2016–2019/2020). Further, the review findings show varying coverage of the national health issues and health system topics by the documents, which is an important indication of areas of interest. Finally, it demonstrates that there has, until recently, been a progressive increase in the number of documents produced although the distribution of different document types has not been uniform.

**Findings in relation to other studies**

Our findings especially, on the availability of the policy and system-relevant documents are supported by literature from previous studies in low- and middle-income countries [26, 27]. We found out that apart from “other reports”, rapid response summaries were by far the most dominant type of documents produced, although most of them were produced in a particular period, from 2008 to 2013. The fact that their production was majorly by research networks with a local presence [18, 19] is suggestive of increased local capacity to produce summaries. This may also reflect a growing interest by policymakers and stakeholders to use the summaries to address urgent policy questions in the country. This was corroborated in a study by Mijumbi, which showed that a rapid response mechanism service in Uganda has been widely used by national policymakers at the Ministry of Health and development partners and stakeholders from NGOs [26]. Although we utilised a multifaceted search strategy, relatively few plans, strategies and policy dialogue reports meeting the specified inclusion criteria were identified. The lack of these documents may indicate their scarcity in the country. This may instead point to the fact that these documents were not readily on governmental and NGOs’ websites: an indication for lack of one-stop shops for knowledge sharing in the country. This is supported by findings from a study by Murphy [27], which demonstrated that information on training and deployment policies for health workers for maternal, newborn and child health in rural Africa was not available on governmental websites; it was instead readily located on the sites of institutions with a greater capacity for knowledge sharing. Generally, there was a noted
Table 4 Documents reviewed

| S/N | Title                                                                 | Type of document | National health priority area                                                                 | Health systems domains                                                                 | Year  | Source of the document                  |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------|
| 1   | The Uganda Tuberculosis Communication Strategy                       | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2008  | Ministry of Health                     |
| 2   | National Couples HIV Counseling & Testing Communication Strategy     | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2009  | Ministry of Health                     |
| 3   | Nutrition in the National Child Survival Strategy                    | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2009  | Ministry of Health                     |
| 4   | Uganda National Communication Strategy for Promoting Rational Use of Medicines | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2009  | Ministry of Health                     |
| 5   | National Positive Living Communication Strategy                     | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2010  | Ministry of Health                     |
| 6   | Pediatric HIV Communication Campaign Strategy                        | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2010  | Ministry of Health                     |
| 7   | Integrating Population, Health and Environment in Uganda             | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2009  | Population Reference Bureau            |
| 8   | The National Advocacy Strategy 2013–2022                             | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2013  | Uganda Population Secretariat          |
| 9   | WHO Country Cooperation Strategy                                     | Strategy         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                               | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2009  | World Health Organization              |
| 10  | National Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage Strategies and Integrated Household Environmental Health Interventions | Strategy         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Implementation strategies                                                               | 2011  | World Health Organization              |
| 11  | Cost Effectiveness of Malaria Control Programmes in Uganda: The Case Study of Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLINs) and Indoor Residual Spraying | Report           | Health financing                                                                            | Financial arrangements                                                                  | 2011  | Economic Policy Research Centre – Makerere University Kampala |
| 12  | Situation Analysis to Determine the Acceptability and Feasibility of Male Circumcision Promotion in Uganda | Report           | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Delivery arrangements                                                                  | 2007  | Family Health International            |
| 13  | The Analysis of the Nutrition Situation in Uganda                    | Report           | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Delivery arrangements                                                                  | 2010  | FHI 360                                |
| 14  | Food and Nutrition Report                                            | Report           | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                                 | Delivery arrangements                                                                  | 2013  | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| 15  | GAVI Alliance Progress Report for Uganda, 2007                       | Report           | Disease prevention, mitigation & control                                                     | Delivery arrangements                                                                  | 2007  | GAVI Alliance                          |
| 16  | Annual Report on Work in Crises in Uganda                            | Report           | Human resources for health                                                                  | Delivery arrangements                                                                  | 2007  | Health Action in Crisis (HAC)          |
| 17  | Accessibility of Essential Medicines and Diagnostics in Uganda       | Report           | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                               | Delivery arrangements                                                                  | 2014  | HEPS Uganda                            |
| 18  | Health Reforms in Uganda                                            | Report           | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                               | Governance arrangements                                                                | 2006  | Institute of Public Health, Makerere University, Ministry of Health |
| 19  | Millennium Development Goals, Progress Report                        | Report           | Disease prevention, mitigation & control                                                     | Delivery arrangements                                                                  | 2013  | Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development |
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| The State of Uganda Population Report Governance, coordination & M&E Delivery  |               | 2013 Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Millennium Development Goals, Progress Report Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2010 Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| National Health Accounts Report Health financing Financial arrangements       |               | 2008 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Health Financing Review Health financing Financial arrangements               |               | 2010 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Final Report Essential Medicines and Health Supplies Tracking Study Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2009 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Report Malaria Indicator Survey Governance, coordination & M&E Delivery arrangements       |               | 2009 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Situation Analysis Village Health Teams Uganda 2009 Human resources for health Delivery arrangements |               | 2009 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Status of Antiretroviral Therapy Service Delivery in Uganda Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2010 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| HIV Sero Behavioral Survey in Fishing Communities of the Lake Victoria Basin of Uganda Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2011 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Uganda Malaria Country profile Governance, coordination & M&E Delivery arrangements |               | 2011 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Annual Health Sector Performance Report Governance, coordination & M&E Delivery arrangements |               | 2013 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| National Performance Report Governance, coordination & M&E Delivery arrangements |               | 2013 Ministry of Health                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Mid Term Review of the 2010–2015 Malaria Strategic Plan Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2014 National Malaria Control Programme                                      |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Gender Responsive Indicators for Sectors – Final Report Others Delivery arrangements |               | 2012 National Planning Authority                                               |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| HPV Vaccination in Africa: Lessons Learned from a Pilot Program in Uganda Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2000 PATH                                                                    |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| National Capacity Assessment of Public and Private Institutions Involved in HIV/AIDS Service Delivery Governance, coordination & M&E Delivery arrangements |               | 2009 Uganda AIDS Commission                                                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| PHIV Sigma Index Report – Uganda Country Assessment 2013–1 Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2013 Uganda AIDS Commission                                                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Uganda HIV Country Progress Report, 2013 Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2013 Uganda AIDS Commission                                                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| High PMTCT Program Uptake and Coverage of Mothers, Their Partners, and Babies in Northern Uganda: Achievements and Lessons Learned Over 10 Years of Implementation (2002–2011) Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2014 Uganda AIDS Commission                                                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Progress in the Fight Against HIV and AIDS, 2014 Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2014 Uganda AIDS Commission                                                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Children and HIV/AIDS Key Statistics Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2002 Uganda AIDS Commission                                                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Final Report for Midterm Evaluation of the Project Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Prevention Among Fishing Communities on Lakes George and Edward Project (CHAPFCO) Disease prevention, mitigation & control Delivery arrangements |               | 2002 Uganda AIDS Commission                                                   |                       |      |                                                                                         |
| Uganda Demographic and Health Survey 2000–2001 Governance, coordination & M&E Delivery arrangements |               | 2000 Uganda Bureau of Statistics                                              |                       |      |                                                                                         |
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| 43        | Uganda National Household Survey 2002/2003 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2002 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 44        | Uganda HIV/AIDS Sero-behavioural Survey | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Delivery arrangements | 2004 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 45        | Uganda National Household Survey 2005/2006 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2005 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 46        | A Demographic and Health Survey 2006 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2006 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 47        | Uganda Bureau of Statistics Annual Report 2008/2009 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2008 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 48        | Uganda – Gender Based Violence Survey, 2009 | Others | Delivery arrangements | 2009 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 49        | Uganda Bureau of Statistics Annual Report 2009/2010 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2009 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 50        | Uganda National Household Survey 2009/2010 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2009 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 51        | UNHS 2009/2010 Socio-Economic Report | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2009 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 52        | Uganda Bureau of Statistics Annual Report 2010/2011 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2010 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 53        | Uganda Bureau of Statistics Annual Report 2011/2012 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2011 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 54        | Uganda Demographic and Health Survey | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2011 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 55        | Statistical Abstract – A Summary on Various Socio-Economic Indicators in Uganda | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2012 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 56        | Uganda Bureau of Statistics Annual Report 2012/2013 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2012 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 57        | Statistical Abstract – A Summary on Various Socio-Economic Indicators in Uganda | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2013 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| 58        | Report on Community Health Financing in Uganda | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2009 | Uganda Community Based Health Financing Association |
| 59        | Health Service Commission Guidelines for the Recruitment of Health Workers in Districts and Urban Authorities 2005 | Human resources for health | Delivery arrangements | 2005 | Uganda Health Service Commission |
| 60        | Health Service Commission Annual Report 2008/2009 | Human resources for health | Delivery arrangements | 2008 | Uganda Health Service Commission |
| 61        | Health Service Commission Annual Report 2009–2010 | Human resources for health | Delivery arrangements | 2009 | Uganda Health Service Commission |
| 62        | Uganda Malaria Program review Report | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Delivery arrangements | 2001 | Uganda Malaria Control Programme |
| 63        | The Status of Implementation of the Education Sector Early Childhood Development Policy in Uganda | Early childhood development | Delivery arrangements | 2012 | Uganda Ministry of Education and Sports |
| 64        | State of Uganda Population Report 2006 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2006 | Uganda Population Secretariat |
| 65        | State of Uganda Population Report 2007 | Governance, coordination & M&E | Delivery arrangements | 2007 | Uganda Population Secretariat |
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| State of Uganda Population Report 2010                                         | Report                         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2010   | Uganda Population Secretariat |
| State of Uganda Population Report 2011                                         | Report                         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2011   | Uganda Population Secretariat |
| State of Uganda Population Report 2013                                         | Report                         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2013   | Uganda Population Secretariat |
| International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014 Review Uganda Country Report | Report                         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2014   | Uganda Population Secretariat |
| State of Uganda Population Report 2014                                         | Report                         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2014   | Uganda Population Secretariat |
| HIV Prevention Response and Modes of Transmission Analysis – Uganda             | Report                         | Disease prevention, mitigation & control                               | 2009   | UNAIDS                        |
| Uganda UNGASS Report for 2013                                                  | Report                         | Disease prevention, mitigation & control                               | 2013   | UNAIDS                        |
| State of Uganda Population report                                               | Report                         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2010   | UNFPA                         |
| UGANDA ANNUAL REPORT UNICEF                                                    | Report                         | Maternal and child health                                            | 2006   | UNICEF                        |
| UNICEF – Uganda 2012 Statement                                                  | Report                         | Maternal and child health                                            | 2012   | UNICEF                        |
| UNICEF Country Office Annual Report                                             | Report                         | Maternal and child health                                            | 2013   | UNICEF                        |
| Situational Analysis on the Rights if Children with Disabilities in Uganda      | Report                         | Rehabilitation services                                               | 2014   | UNICEF                        |
| Uganda Pharmaceutical Sector Report                                             | Report                         | Essential medicines & supplies                                       | 2010   | USAID                         |
| Working Paper                                                                  | Report                         | Health financing                                                      | 2010   | World bank                    |
| Uganda – Quantitative Service Delivery Survey in Health 2000                   | Report                         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2000   | World Bank                    |
| Well-Being of Older People Survey                                              | Report                         | Others                                                               | 2009   | World Health Organization     |
| Report on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparation                          | Report                         | Essential medicines & supplies                                       | 2014   | World Health Organization     |
| How Safe is the Practice of Reflexology?                                        | Rapid response summary         | Rehabilitation services                                               | 2010   | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| What are the Best Methods for Involving Patients in Health System Decision-Making in Uganda? | Rapid response summary         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2010   | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| What Does Policy Implementation Monitoring Entail?                             | Rapid response summary         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2010   | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| Are Herbal Photolarvicides Efficient and Safe to Use in Vector Management?      | Rapid response summary         | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition         | 2011   | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| Can Decentralization of Health Services Improve Health Service Delivery in Uganda? | Rapid response summary         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2011   | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| Does Introducing Deliveries at Health Center II Improve Maternal Outcomes?      | Rapid response summary         | Health infrastructure                                                | 2011   | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| Knowledge Management: How Can Policy Makers Improve the Use of Data in Policy Discussions and Development? | Rapid response summary         | Governance, coordination & M&E                                        | 2011   | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
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| 93     | Monitoring of Medicines in Health Systems                              | Rapid response summary      | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                      | 2011       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 94     | Stem Cell Policies and Regulations Globally – An Overview of the Content and Context | Rapid response summary      | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                      | 2011       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 95     | What Are the Options for Re-Centralization of the Health Sector in Uganda? | Rapid response summary      | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                      | 2011       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 96     | What is Involved in the Efficient Relationship between the Ministry of Health and Teaching Hospitals in Order for both Institutions to Effectively Meet their Objectives? | Rapid response summary      | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                      | 2011       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 97     | What Role Can Regional Tear Play in Facilitating Health Service Delivery | Rapid response summary      | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                      | 2011       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 98     | What Risks May Food Vendors in Urban Areas Expose the Ugandan Population To? | Rapid response summary      | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                      | 2012       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 99     | Uganda EPI Vertical vs Integrated Approach                              | Rapid response summary      | Governance, coordination & M&E                                                      | 2013       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 100    | Cost Analysis Tool for Fistula Repair                                  | Rapid response summary      | Health financing                                                                    | 2010       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 101    | Appropriate Health Financing Strategies for Uganda                     | Rapid response summary      | Health financing                                                                    | 2011       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 102    | Diagnosis Cost of a New Sputum Smear Positive TB Case in Children in Low Income Countries | Rapid response summary      | Health financing                                                                    | 2011       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 103    | Social Health Insurance & Improvement of Health Systems Organization and Utilization of Services | Rapid response summary      | Health financing                                                                    | 2011       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 104    | Management of (Expensive) Medical Equipment; Lessons from Other Countries | Rapid response summary      | Essential medicines & supplies                                                      | 2012       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 105    | Procurement of Medical Equipment Acquisition                           | Rapid response summary      | Essential medicines & supplies                                                      | 2012       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 106    | How Effective are Financial Incentives for Attracting (and Retaining) Health Workers to Rural Areas in Uganda? | Rapid response summary      | Health financing                                                                    | 2013       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 107    | What are the Effective Options to Finance Private Not For Profit Health Units in Uganda? | Rapid response summary      | Health financing                                                                    | 2013       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 108    | Are Hospital-Based Emergency Medical Services Effective and Efficient? | Rapid response summary      | Curative services                                                                   | 2010       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 109    | How Can Community Health Workers be used to Empower Communities?       | Rapid response summary      | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition                      | 2010       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 110    | What is the Appropriate Malaria Treatment for a Low-Income Endemic Country like Uganda? | Rapid response summary      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control                                            | 2010       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 111    | What Should Be Included in an Optimal Package of Interventions to Prevent the Spread of HIV and Manage HIV/AIDS? | Rapid response summary      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control                                            | 2010       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
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| 112             | Dual Employment of Health Workers: Reasons and its Impact and What    | Rapid response summary      | Human resources for health | Delivery arrangements | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
|                 | Steps the Govt Can Take?                                             |                             |                          |             |                                  |
| 113             | Health Worker Migration: What is its Impact in the Source Country?   | Rapid response summary      | Human resources for health | Delivery arrangements | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
|                 | What are the Different Strategies to Implement a Bilateral Government Agreement on Recruiting Professional Health Workers from Uganda? |                             |                          |             |                                  |
| 114             | Is there an Application of Herbal Medicines (esp. D. Erecta) in the Management of HIV/AIDS and Cancer? | Rapid response summary      | Palliative care services | Delivery arrangements | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 115             | What is the Role of Stem Cell Therapy in the Management of Non-Communicable Diseases? How Does it Work and What are its Implications on the Health System? | Rapid response summary      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Delivery arrangements | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 116             | Arrangement Options for Accreditation of Health Service Providers in LMICs | Rapid response summary      | Human resources for health | Delivery arrangements | 2012 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 117             | Pyrethroid Resistant Anopheles gambiae: Pyrethroid Impregnated or Synergistic LLINs? | Rapid response summary      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Delivery arrangements | 2012 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 118             | What are the Effects of Clinical Pathways in Cancer Management?       | Rapid response summary      | Palliative care services | Delivery arrangements | 2012 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 119             | What are the Effective Pharmaceutical Interventions for Increasing Medicines Availability in Uganda? | Rapid response summary      | Essential medicines & supplies | Delivery arrangements | 2013 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 120             | What are the Effects and Guidelines of Mass Immunization of Health Workers Against Hepatitis B? | Rapid response summary      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Implementation strategies | 2010 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 121             | How Applicable are the 2010 WHO Guidelines for Infant Feeding in the Context of HIV in LIC? | Rapid response summary      | Maternal and child health | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 122             | How Can the Sustainability of a Public Health (Food Fortification) Program be Ensured? | Rapid response summary      | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 123             | Is Mandatory Food Fortification an Efficient Strategy for the Alleviation of Micronutrient Deficiency? | Rapid response summary      | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 124             | National Policy Dialogue on the Transition and Sustainability of Public Health Nutrition Programs | Rapid response summary      | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 125             | What are the Different Strategies for Managing and Disposing of Medical Waste in Low-Income Countries? | Rapid response summary      | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 126             | What Guidelines are Present to Facilitate the Evaluation of a Natural Material Extract as a Larvicide? | Rapid response summary      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 127             | What Health System Strategies have Low and Middle Income Countries used to Improve their Maternal Outcomes? | Rapid response summary      | Maternal and child health | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 128             | What is the Effect of Counseling in Unwanted Pregnancy?               | Rapid response summary      | Reproductive health | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 129             | What is the Evidence for the Effectiveness, Safety and Acceptability of Ready-To-Use Feeds? | Rapid response summary      | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
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| 130             | What Strategies can Health Systems in Low-Income Settings Employ for Infection Control? | Rapid response summary      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Implementation strategies | 2012 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 131             | Research to Policy at the NTLP Uganda                                 | Rapid response summary      | Others                            | Other     | 2012 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 132             | What are the Health Effects (Benefits and Risks) of Steam Baths (Saunas)? | Rapid response summary      | Governance, coordination & M&E    | Other     | 2012 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 133             | Task Shifting for Health Workers in Maternal and Child Healthcare     | Policy dialogue report      | Human resources for health        | Delivery arrangements | 2010 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 134             | Improving Access to Skilled Attendance at Delivery                    | Policy dialogue report      | Maternal and child health         | Delivery arrangements | 2011 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 135             | National Framework for Sustainability of Health Knowledge Translation Initiatives in Uganda | Policy dialogue report      | Others                            | Other     | 2014 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 136             | Mainstreaming Nutrition with Agriculture in Uganda: Role of Agriculture in Improving the Nutritional Status of Women and Children | Policy dialogue report      | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Governance arrangements | 2011 | Uganda National Academy of Sciences |
| 137             | Establishing the Advisory Committee on Vaccines and Immunization      | Policy dialogue report      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements | 2012 | Uganda National Academy of Sciences |
| 138             | Preventing a Tobacco Epidemic in Africa. A Call For Effective Action to Support Health, Social, and Economic Development | Policy dialogue report      | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Implementation strategies | 2011 | Uganda National Academy of Sciences |
| 139             | The Role of Science Academies in Generating Evidence-Based Advice for Effective Policy Decision Making: The Case of Climate Change (Hosted By The Uganda National Academy Of Sciences (UNAS), Hotel African, Kampala-Uganda, 11th–12th October, 2010) | Policy dialogue report      | Others                            | Other     | 2010 | Uganda National Academy of Sciences |
| 140             | Policy and Strategy for Insecticide Treated Nets                     | Policy                       | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements | 2003 | Malaria Control Programme |
| 141             | National Policy on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work                    | Policy                       | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements | 2007 | Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development |
| 142             | The National Youth Policy                                            | Policy                       | Others                            | Governance arrangements | 2001 | Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development |
| 143             | National Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children Policy                | Policy                       | Others                            | Governance arrangements | 2004 | Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development |
| 144             | The Occupational Safety and Health Act, 2007                         | Policy                       | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Other     | 2007 | Ministry of Health |
| 145             | Antiretroviral Treatment Policy for Uganda                           | Policy                       | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements | 2003 | Ministry of Health |
| 146             | National Policy on Adolescent Health                                | Policy                       | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Governance arrangements | 2004 | Ministry of Health |
| 147             | National Environmental Health Policy                                 | Policy                       | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Governance arrangements | 2005 | Ministry of Health |
| 148             | National Oral Health Policy                                          | Policy                       | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements | 2007 | Ministry of Health |
| 149             | National Policy Public Private Partnership in Health                 | Policy                       | Others                            | Governance arrangements | 2012 | Ministry of Health |
| 150             | Uganda National Drug Policy                                          | Policy                       | Essential medicines & supplies    | Other     | 2002 | Ministry of Health |
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| National Anaemia Policy | Policy | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Other | 2002 | Ministry of Health |
| National Hospital Policy | Policy | Curative services | Other | 2004 | Ministry of Health |
| National Policy on Malaria Treatment | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Other | 2005 | Ministry of Health |
| National Policy on Public Health Sector Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) | Policy | Governance, coordination & M&E | Governance arrangements | 2013 | Office of the Prime Minister |
| Animal Diseases (Selective Importation of Livestock, Livestock Products, Co-Products and By-Products) Regulations, 2003 | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Other | 2003 | Parliament of Uganda |
| Electricity (Safety Code) Regulations, 2003 | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Other | 2003 | Parliament of Uganda |
| The National Environment (Control of Smoking in Public Places) Regulations, 2004 | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Other | 2004 | Parliament of Uganda |
| Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Regulations, 2005 | Policy | Others | Other | 2005 | Parliament of Uganda |
| Agricultural Chemicals (Control) Act, 2006 | Policy | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Other | 2006 | Parliament of Uganda |
| HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control Act, 2014 | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Other | 2014 | Parliament of Uganda |
| Population Policy for Social Transformation and Sustainable Development | Policy | Others | Other | 2009 | Population Secretariat |
| The Uganda Food and Nutrition Policy | Policy | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Other | 2003 | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| Uganda HIV Counseling and Testing 3rd Policy Edition | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Other | 2010 | Uganda AIDS Commission |
| Safe Male Circumcision Policy | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements | 2010 | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| Uganda National Health Laboratory Service Policy | Policy | Health infrastructure | Governance arrangements | 2009 | Uganda Community Based Health Financing Association |
| Uganda National HIV/AIDS Policy | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Other | 2011 | Uganda Community Based Health Financing Association |
| National Biotechnology and Biosafety Policy, 2008 | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements | 2008 | Uganda National Council for Science and Technology |
| National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, 2009 | Policy | Others | Governance arrangements | 2009 | Uganda National Council for Science and Technology |
| National Population Policy 2008 | Policy | Others | Other | 2008 | Uganda Population Secretariat |
| National Policy on Disability | Policy | Rehabilitation services | Governance arrangements | 2006 | World Health Organization |
| National Policy on Traditional Medicine and Regulation of Herbal Medicines | Policy | Essential medicines & supplies | Other | 2005 | World Health Organization |
| Policy for the Reduction of the Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission in Uganda (2003) | Policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements | 2003 | Ministry of Health |
| Uganda Food And Nutrition Strategy And Investment Plan | Plan | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies | 2004 | Ministry of Agriculture |
| National Action Plan | Plan | Governance, coordination & M&E | Implementation strategies | 2011 | Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development |
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| 175  | National Action Plan on Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Uganda | Plan Maternal and child health Implementation strategies | 2012 | Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development |
| 176  | Uganda Gender Action Plan                                             | Plan Others Implementation strategies | 2010 | Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development |
| 177  | M&E for HSSIP 2010/11–2014/2015                                       | Plan Governance, coordination & M&E Delivery arrangements | 2011 | Ministry of Health                     |
| 178  | National Malaria Action Plan                                          | Plan Disease prevention, mitigation & control Implementation strategies | 2006 | Ministry of Health                     |
| 179  | Roadmap for Accelerating the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality and Morbidity | Plan Maternal and child health Implementation strategies | 2007 | Ministry of Health                     |
| 180  | Nutrition HIV Communication Strategy                                  | Plan Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition Implementation strategies | 2009 | Ministry of Health                     |
| 181  | Nutrition in the Context of HIV and TB                                 | Plan Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition Implementation strategies | 2009 | Ministry of Health                     |
| 182  | Health Sector Strategic and Investment Plan                            | Plan Governance, coordination & M&E Implementation strategies | 2010 | Ministry of Health                     |
| 183  | Health Sector Quality Improvement Strategic Plan & Framework           | Plan Governance, coordination & M&E Implementation strategies | 2011 | Ministry of Health                     |
| 184  | Uganda Nutrition Action Plan                                          | Plan Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition Implementation strategies | 2011 | Ministry of Health                     |
| 185  | Uganda Malaria Control Strategic Plan 2005/06                           | Plan Disease prevention, mitigation & control Implementation strategies | 2005 | National Malaria Control Programme     |
| 186  | National Development Plan                                             | Plan Governance, coordination & M&E Implementation strategies | 2010 | National Planning Authority            |
| 187  | Uganda Vision 2040                                                    | Plan Governance, coordination & M&E Implementation strategies | 2013 | National Planning Authority            |
| 188  | Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda Strategic Plan                        | Plan Essential medicines & supplies Implementation strategies | 2013 | Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda       |
| 189  | The National Population Policy Action Plan                             | Plan Governance, coordination & M&E Implementation strategies | 2011 | Population Secretariat                 |
| 190  | National HIV & AIDS M&E Plan 2011/2–2014/15                           | Plan Governance, coordination & M&E Implementation strategies | 2011 | Uganda AIDS Commission                 |
| 191  | National Priority Action Plan                                         | Plan Disease prevention, mitigation & control Implementation strategies | 2011 | Uganda AIDS Commission                 |
| 192  | Uganda National Expanded Programme on Immunization Multi Year Plan 2010–2014 | Plan Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition Implementation strategies | 2010 | Uganda Expanded Programme on Immunisation |
| 193  | National Science, Technology and Innovation Plan 2012/2013–2017/2018   | Plan Others Implementation strategies | 2012 | Uganda National Council for Science and Technology |
| 194  | UNEPI on Immunization Multi-Year Plan 2012–2016                        | Plan Disease prevention, mitigation & control Implementation strategies | 2012 | Uganda National Expanded Programme on Immunisation |
| 195  | The Nation Population Policy Action Plan 2011–2015                     | Plan Governance, coordination & M&E Implementation strategies | 2011 | Uganda Population Secretariat          |
| 196  | The Uganda National Plan of Action on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation | Plan Maternal and child health Implementation strategies | 2008 | UNICEF                                  |
| 197  | Malaria Operational Plan FY 2015                                      | Plan Disease prevention, mitigation & control Implementation strategies | 2014 | USAID                                   |
| 198  | Guidelines on Recruitment of Health Workers in Districts and Urban Authorities | Guidelines Human resources for health Implementation strategies | 2005 | Health Service Commission               |
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| 199             | The Integrated National Guidelines on Antiretroviral Therapy Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV Infant & Young Child Feeding | Guidelines, Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements 2012 Infectious Diseases Institute |
| 200             | Education & Sports Sector National Policy Guidelines on HIV/AIDS     | Guidelines, Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Implementation strategies 2006 Ministry of Education |
| 201             | Guidelines on Hospital Management Committees for District Hospitals  | Guidelines, Governance, coordination & M&E | Governance arrangements 2000 Ministry of Health |
| 202             | Uganda National Guidelines and Service Standard for Reproductive Health Services | Guidelines, Reproductive health | Governance arrangements 2001 Ministry of Health |
| 203             | Guidelines on Health Unit Management Committees for Health Centre 3 | Guidelines, Governance, coordination & M&E | Governance arrangements 2003 Ministry of Health |
| 204             | Health Planning Guidelines – Supplement to the Local Government Planning Process | Guidelines, Governance, coordination & M&E | Governance arrangements 2007 Ministry of Health |
| 205             | National Guidelines                                                 | Guidelines, Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Governance arrangements 2008 Ministry of Health |
| 206             | Patients’ Charter                                                    | Guidelines, Governance, coordination & M&E | Governance arrangements 2009 Ministry of Health |
| 207             | National Clinical Guidelines                                         | Guidelines, Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements 2010 Ministry of Health |
| 208             | Policy Guidelines and Service Delivery Standards for Community Based Provision of Injectable Contraception in Uganda | Guidelines, Reproductive health | Governance arrangements 2010 Ministry of Health |
| 209             | Guidelines for Designation, Establishment and Upgrading of Health Units | Guidelines, Health infrastructure | Governance arrangements 2011 Ministry of Health |
| 210             | Implementation Guidelines for Integrated Community Case Management of Childhood Malaria, Pneumonia and Diarrhea | Guidelines, Maternal and child health | Delivery arrangements 2000 Ministry of Health |
| 211             | Guidelines on Nutrition Survey Methodology in Uganda                | Guidelines, Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Delivery arrangements 2009 Ministry of Health |
| 212             | Nutritional Care and Support for People Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda: Guidelines for Service Providers | Guidelines, Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Delivery arrangements 2012 Ministry of Health |
| 213             | National Guidelines for Establishment and Scaling Up of VHTs         | Guidelines, Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies 2009 Ministry of Health |
| 214             | Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Couple’s Clubs            | Guidelines, Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies 2011 Ministry of Health |
| 215             | National Guidelines                                                 | Guidelines, Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Implementation strategies 2013 Ministry of Health |
| 216             | Feeding Guidelines for People Living with HIV/AIDS: A Handbook for Field Extension Workers | Guidelines, Human resources for health | Governance arrangements 2002 Ministry of Health |
| 217             | Guide to Ideal Feeding Practices: For People with Increased Nutritional Needs, Care and Support | Guidelines, Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | Other 2002 Ministry of Health |
| 218             | The Local Government Development Planning Guidelines                | Guidelines, Governance, coordination & M&E | Governance arrangements 2014 National Planning Authority |
| 219             | Guidelines for Breast cancer                                         | Guidelines, Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements 2008 SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 220             | National Guidelines                                                 | Guidelines, Disease prevention, mitigation & control | Governance arrangements 2009 SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| ID   | Title                                                                 | Type                        | Subject                        | Date       | Source/Author                                                                 |
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| 221  | National Guidelines for Maternal and Child Health                    | Guidelines                  | Maternal and child health      | 2010       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences                  |
| 222  | National Implementation Guidelines for HIV Counseling and Testing in Uganda | Guidelines                  | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | 2010       | Uganda AIDS Commission                                                        |
| 223  | Uganda Guidelines for AIDS Vaccine Research. A Guide for Vaccine Research, Development and Evaluation | Guidelines                  | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | 2000       | Uganda AIDS Commission                                                        |
| 224  | Uganda National Expended Programme on Immunisation Standards         | Guidelines                  | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | 2003       | Uganda Expanded Programme on Immunisation                                      |
| 225  | Guidelines in Respect of Complaints against Medical and Dental Practitioners | Guidelines                  | Governance, coordination & M&E | 2002       | Uganda Medical Practitioners Council                                            |
| 226  | Guidelines and Standards for Accreditation of Continuing Professional Development for Health Workers | Guidelines                  | Governance, coordination & M&E | 2008       | Uganda Medical Practitioners Council                                            |
| 227  | National Guidelines on Bio-ethics                                    | Guidelines                  | Governance, coordination & M&E | 2007       | Uganda National Council for Science and Technology                             |
| 228  | National Guidelines for Field Trials of Genetically Engineered Plants | Guidelines                  | Governance, coordination & M&E | 2011       | Uganda National Council for Science and Technology                             |
| 229  | Guidelines for Accreditation of Research Ethics Committees           | Guidelines                  | Governance, coordination & M&E | 2014       | Uganda National Council for Science and Technology                             |
| 230  | Treatment of Tuberculosis: Guidelines for National Programmes – 3rd Edition | Guidelines                  | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | 2003       | World Health Organization                                                     |
| 231  | Guidelines on Malaria Treatment                                      | Guidelines                  | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | 2010       | World Health Organization                                                     |
| 232  | Policy Guidelines on Feeding of Infants and Young Children in the Context of HIV/AIDS (2001) | Guidelines                  | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | 2001       | Ministry of Health                                                            |
| 233  | Battling Water-Borne Disease amongst Children: An Assessment of Policy Option from Uganda | Evidence brief for policy | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition | 2010       | Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa (CEEPA)               |
| 234  | Medicines for Life: Clients and Providers in Uganda                  | Evidence brief for policy   | Essential medicines & supplies  | 2014       | Child Health and Development Centre                                            |
| 235  | Financing of Reproductive Health Services in Uganda                  | Evidence brief for policy   | Health financing                | 2012       | Ahead for World Bank Advocacy Coalition                                         |
| 236  | Eliminating Congenital Syphilis in Uganda                            | Evidence brief for policy   | Disease prevention, mitigation & control | 2011       | Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation                                    |
| 237  | Gender and Health Policy Brief for Uganda                            | Evidence brief for policy   | Others                         | 2014       | Forum for Women in Democracy                                                   |
| 238  | Youth Reproductive Health Policy                                     | Evidence brief for policy   | Reproductive health             | 2005       | HEPS Uganda                                                                   |
| 239  | Global Fund: Making Uganda’s CCM Work Through Full Engagement of Civil Society | Evidence brief for policy | Governance, coordination & M&E | 2008       | HEPS Uganda                                                                   |
| 240  | The Industrial Property Bill 2007 – Balancing Inventors Rights with Public Health Interests in Uganda’s IP Legislation | Evidence brief for policy | Governance, coordination & M&E | 2008       | HEPS Uganda                                                                   |
| 241  | Making UNSCR 1325, 1820 and the Goma Declaration a Reality for Women and Girls in Uganda | Evidence brief for policy | Maternal and child health       | 2010       | HEPS Uganda                                                                   |
| 242  | CSOs Position on National Pharmaceutical Plan                        | Evidence brief for policy   | Governance, coordination & M&E | 2014       | HEPS Uganda                                                                   |
| Document Number | Title                                                                 | Evidence Brief for Policy | Category and Implementation Strategies                                                                 | Date       | Organization/Project                                             |
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| 243             | Improving the Availability and Management of Essential AIDS and TB Medicines and Diagnostics in Uganda | Evidence brief for policy | Essential medicines & supplies, Delivery arrangements                                               | 2008       | HEPS Uganda                                                   |
| 244             | A National Framework for Sustainability of Health Knowledge Translation Initiatives in Uganda | Evidence brief for policy | Others, Delivery arrangements                                                                       | 2014       | HEPS Uganda                                                   |
| 245             | Community Involvement in HIV Prevention Research Successes and Failures | Evidence brief for policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control, Implementation strategies                                 | 2010       | HEPS Uganda                                                   |
| 246             | National Strategy for Girls’ Education in Uganda                      | Evidence brief for policy | Maternal and child health, Implementation strategies                                              | 2014       | HEPS Uganda                                                   |
| 247             | Gaps in the Implementation of Reproductive Health Policies in Uganda  | Evidence brief for policy | Reproductive health, Implementation strategies                                                       | 2012       | Isis-WICCE                                                    |
| 248             | Sustainable Coverage of LLINs in Uganda                               | Evidence brief for policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control, Implementation strategies                                 | 2014       | Malaria Consortium                                             |
| 249             | Mental Health Law Reforms in Uganda                                   | Evidence brief for policy | Governance, coordination & M&E, Governance arrangements                                              | 2014       | Mental Health and Poverty Project                              |
| 250             | Integration of Mental Health into Primary Healthcare in Uganda: Success and Challenges | Evidence brief for policy | Curative services, Delivery arrangements                                                             | 2014       | Mental Health and Poverty Project                              |
| 251             | Community Case Management of Malaria                                  | Evidence brief for policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control, Delivery arrangements                                       | 2014       | Ministry of Health                                             |
| 252             | Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the Post-2015 Agenda | Evidence brief for policy | Reproductive health, Governance arrangements                                                          | 2014       | Plan International                                             |
| 253             | Child Protection in the Post-2015 Agenda                              | Evidence brief for policy | Others, Governance arrangements                                                                     | 2014       | Plan International                                             |
| 254             | Advancing the Integration of Palliative Care in the National Health System | Evidence brief for policy | Palliative care services, Governance arrangements                                                    | 2013       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 255             | Policy Brief on Improving Access to Artemisinin-Based Combination Therapies for Malaria in the East African Community | Evidence brief for policy | Essential medicines & supplies, Delivery arrangements                                                 | 2010       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 256             | Task Shifting to Optimize the Roles of Health Workers to Improve the Delivery of Maternal and Child Healthcare | Evidence brief for policy | Human resources for health, Delivery arrangements                                                    | 2010       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 257             | Improving Access to Skilled Attendance at Delivery                    | Evidence brief for policy | Maternal and child health, Delivery arrangements                                                      | 2012       | SURE Project – Makerere University College of Health Sciences |
| 258             | From Commitment to Action: The RAPID Application in Uganda            | Evidence brief for policy | Governance, coordination & M&E, Governance arrangements                                              | 2012       | Uganda National Academy of Sciences                            |
| 259             | Integrating Nutrition and Agriculture: Use of Extension Workers and Community Models in Uganda | Evidence brief for policy | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition, Financial arrangements               | 2011       | Uganda National Academy of Sciences                            |
| 260             | Improving Vaccine and Immunization Coverage in Uganda                 | Evidence brief for policy | Disease prevention, mitigation & control, Delivery arrangements                                       | 2014       | Uganda National Academy of Sciences                            |
| 261             | Observing our Commitment to Addressing Gender Based Violence and Reproductive Rights in Uganda | Evidence brief for policy | Health education, promotion, environmental health & nutrition, Governance arrangements            | 2014       | Uganda Women’s Network                                           |
increase in the number of documents from 6 documents per year in 2000 to 49 per year in 2011, dropping in the following years. The lack of documents in the earlier years may not be surprising because, the older they are the harder it is to find such documents online. However, it could also be due to the delay in posting the documents on the website. The increase in the volume of documents over time may reflect an increase in funding for health policy and systems in the country.

The national health priority areas were not equally tackled by the documents, some were more addressed than others. For example, the clusters of disease prevention, mitigation and control and that of governance, coordination, monitoring and evaluation were each covered by almost a quarter of the documents. The breadth of topics and types of documents available reflects what is considered most important by the government of Uganda or may be what the major funding sources perceive to be the most important health issues in Uganda. Besides funding and politics, the sector decision-making process is guided by a sector-wide approach, the compact and International Health Partnerships Plus frameworks involving all key stakeholders, including donors, private sector, civil society and the Government of Uganda. However, these findings may be an indication of the lack of a clear priority-setting mechanism for health policy and systems and of sufficient funding to address important areas.

The delivery arrangement was the most popular health system domain covered by the documents, followed by governance and implementation strategies. A paucity of documents on the financial arrangements domain and the crosscutting issues was noted. This is similar to findings from other studies in low- and middle-income countries [26, 28]. For example, a review by Rao et al. [28] on health systems research in the time of health system reform in India indicated that service delivery was the health system domain most covered by the publications reviewed in comparison to other domains. The neglect of the finance arrangements domains was also noted in Mijumbi’s study on the feasibility of a rapid response mechanism to meet policymakers’ urgent needs for research evidence about health systems in a low-income country [26]. The lack of documents in some health system domains, such as financial arrangements, may reflect many reasons such as lack of interest in the area by the authorities.

**Strengths and limitations**

To our knowledge, this is the first scoping review of local policy-relevant documents that address questions about health systems and interventions in the eastern African region; previous papers have focused on developed countries in general [14–17]. Our study utilised a

**Table 4 Documents reviewed (Continued)**

| Document Title                                                                 | Domain(s)                                           | Date  | Source                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 262 What is Needed to Eliminate Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS in Uganda? | Evidence brief for policy, Disease prevention, mitigation & control | 2014  | Uganda's HIV/AIDS Knowledge Management and Communication Capacity (KMCC) Initiative |
| 263 Expanding Private Health Insurance Coverage for HIV and AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa | Evidence brief for policy, Health financing          | 2013  | USAID                                                                 |
| 264 Tracking Contraceptive Financing – Lessons from Uganda                   | Evidence brief for policy, Health financing          | 2013  | USAID                                                                 |
| 265 Accreditation of Institutions for Health Professional Education           | Evidence brief for policy, Governance, coordination & M&E | 2013  | World Health Organization                                              |

Fig. 2 Results of the document search process and screening
rigorous methodological approach for scoping reviews that ensured the validity of the results [21]. We tried to identify all published documents by searching different websites of relevant NGOs and national institutions. The combination of heterogeneous sources of data adds value to the results. However, the review is not exhaustive because we were not able to include hard copies of the documents that were not yet uploaded on the websites. Further, given the wide range of terminology used to describe policy and systems-relevant documents, the study could have missed identifying some documents. We did not consider hard copies due to the limited resource setting. However, we used the website documents as tracers. We recommend future research to consider documents not on websites. Looking at national documents is just one of the inputs in decision-making. International learning can inform local policies. However, our study focused on the Uganda-specific documents as just one of the many inputs.

**Implications for policy and research**

Our study provides novel insights into the creation of one-stop shops for research evidence and policy-relevant documents. Specifically, it demonstrates the feasibility of identifying the content of the clearinghouse in a low- and middle-income country, provides an explicit mechanism for categorising the content, and shows that it is possible to adapt the index of health policy documents. Our approach provides academic and other research institutions involved in knowledge brokerage in low- and middle-income countries with a framework for identifying and organising the content of the on-line repositories for health policy and system information. To our knowledge, this is the first scoping review of local policy-relevant documents that address questions about health systems and interventions in the African region. Previous research has focused on developed countries in general.

It is anticipated that this framework may add to the ongoing research efforts in high-income countries that have focused on developing one-stop shops for both global research evidence and local policy-relevant documents. Such efforts include a study by Lavis et al. [15] on health system evidence that focused on developing and refining the methods for a 'one-stop shop' for synthesised research evidence about health systems. In this study, they developed a taxonomy of health system topics for categorising systematic reviews and systematic review protocols. This study demonstrated that policymakers and stakeholders could easily access and use a wide variety of types of research evidence about health systems to inform decision-making and advocacy. Rosenbaum et al. [14] also studied the user experiences of The Cochrane Library, providing a basis for building and improving on-line resources for evidence-based practices. In another study, Faith et al. [17] developed and tested a search tool for HTA Database Canadian Search interface for supporting the use of health technology assessments by decision-makers.

In particular, our findings can inform re-designing of the Uganda Clearinghouse for Health Policy and Systems. The documents reviewed tackle issues identified by the Second Health Policy and National Development Plan, which feed into the Vision 2040 and subsequently contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 3 (i.e. ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all
ages) [24, 25, 29, 30]. Thus, categorising content of the on-line repository according to the national health priority issues may increase the chances of using the resource by health policy and decision-makers. The study findings can also inform government and funders to support the production of policy and systems documents to address the coverage gaps in the national priority issues and health systems domains. In this study, it was not feasible to hold consultations with consumers and stakeholders, future scoping work should consider this for prioritisation, additional sources of information and perspective.

Conclusion
A one-stop shop for health policy-relevant information may increase the likelihood of using the resource to inform decisions about health systems and interventions if it consists of a wide variety of relevant document types. Thus, the demonstrated availability of health policy and systems documents that address a number of national priority health issues is important for facilitating efforts towards mobilising, building and organising the content of a one-stop shop for Uganda-specific documents. With the resource in place, policymakers, decision-makers and stakeholders will now easily access and use well-packaged policy-relevant documents for decision-making.

Endnotes
1A policy is a course or principle of action adopted by the government or executive of a state, intended to guide decisions and achieve rational outcome.
2A decision is the most logical and suitable course of action about a particular situation selected by the government or executive of a state to achieve the desirable outcome.
3A policymaker whose action and opinion strongly influences the course of events at an international, national, regional, or local level such as legislators and commissioners at Ministry of Health.
4A stakeholder is a person (or an interest group) with a powerful bearing on the outcome of policymaking process.

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