

Streamlining Public Health Crisis Response: A Framework for Inter-Agency Coordination and Resource Allocation

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Abstract. The increasing frequency of public health crises underscores the urgent need for effective inter-agency coordination. This study investigates the challenges faced by public management officials during such events, focusing on resource allocation and communication barriers. Utilizing qualitative methodologies, including case studies and interviews with key stakeholders, we identify critical bottlenecks and propose a structured framework to enhance collaborative efforts. Our findings reveal that integrated communication protocols and shared resource management systems significantly improve response times and outcomes. The implementation of this framework can lead to more resilient public health infrastructures, ultimately minimizing the adverse effects of future crises.

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Introduction

In recent years, the world has witnessed a surge in public health crises, from pandemics to environmental disasters, which have far-reaching implications for societal health and economic stability. As we venture into the years 2024 to 2026, the relevance of efficient public management in health crisis situations cannot be overstated. Traditional methods of crisis response often fail to meet the escalating demands placed on public health systems, primarily due to fragmented inter-agency collaboration and inadequate resource allocation. These shortcomings lead to delayed responses, ineffective communication, and ultimately, a heightened impact on public health outcomes. This paper articulates the pressing need for a cohesive framework that fosters enhanced collaboration among various public agencies

during health crises. Specifically, it aims to address the challenges surrounding inter-agency coordination and resource management, which have persistently hindered effective crisis response. Through a systematic investigation, we will analyze existing frameworks and identify key weaknesses that may perpetuate inefficiencies. The methodology section will outline the qualitative approach adopted for this study, including case studies and interviews with professionals actively involved in public health management. The results will detail the critical barriers identified and present a novel framework developed to streamline agency interactions and resource allocation. In the discussion section, we will explore the implications of our findings for public policy and practice. By providing actionable recommendations based on empirical evidence, this study aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on effective public management strategies in the face of health emergencies. This paper is structured as follows: first, we will review the pertinent literature to contextualize our findings, followed by a detailed exposition of the research methodology. Next, we will present the results and discuss their implications in light of existing public management theories. Finally, we will conclude with recommendations for future research and policy considerations.

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