- Define and articulate vision for a national health research system (HRS)
- Identify appropriate health research priorities and coordinate adherence to them
- Set and monitor ethical standards for health research and research partnerships
- Monitor and evaluate the HRS

- Produce scientifically valid research outputs
- Translate and communicate research to inform health policy, strategies, practices, and public opinion
- Promote the use of research to develop new tools (drugs, vaccines, devices, etc) to improve health

- Build, strengthen, and sustain the human and physical capacity to conduct, absorb, and utilize health research

- Secure research funds and allocate them accountably