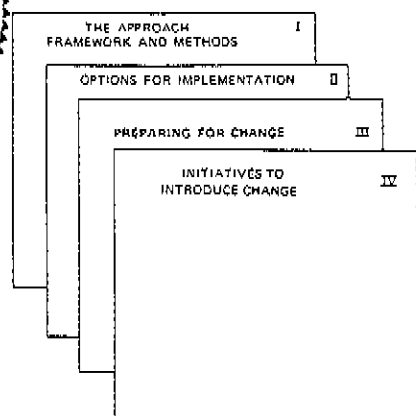
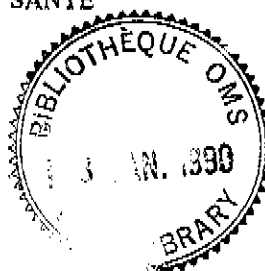




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THROUGH
DECISION-LINKED RESEARCH



APPLICATION IN
HEALTH SYSTEMS AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

PART I The approach, framework and methods

A discussion of the approach, its rationale, limitations and significance. Ways in which decision-linked research can contribute to the process of health systems and manpower development (HSMD) are explored.

PART II Options for implementation

A presentation of six options for implementing decision-linked research in HSMD. Each is discussed in terms of objectives, process, anticipated outcomes, pre-requisites, advantages and limitations. Examples are given. A guide to selecting among options is provided.

PART III Preparing for change

A description of steps which are being taken by Health Manpower Research, Division of Health Manpower Development (HMR/HMD) in collaboration with Health Systems Research, Division of Strengthening of Health Services (HSR/SHS) and Regional Offices of WHO in preparation for the introduction of the decision-linked research approach in HSMD. These include basic documentation and analysis, an interregional consultation, development of explanatory materials and training in research methodology.

PART IV Initiatives to introduce change

Several initiatives through which decision-linked research in HSMD may be introduced are described. These include operational initiatives for direct implementation of specific options and educational initiatives which precede and facilitate the implementation process. Examples are given.

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