

Table 2. Main steps in developing the policy brief (22)

Steps	
1	Selection of a priority topic in waterpipe tobacco economics.
2	Developing an outline for the policy brief; particularly framing of the problem and the viable options.
3	Refining the outline, framing of the problem, the underlying factors, and the viable options/elements.
4	Testing by conducting interviews with stakeholders to frame the problem and ensure its coverage of all aspects.
5	Identifying, appraising and synthesizing research evidence about the problem, options and implementation considerations.
6	Drafting the full policy brief to present concisely global and local evidence in accessible language.
7	Merit review of the policy brief by 2 independent reviewers using a standard checklist provided to them by the K2P Center.
8	Finalizing the policy brief based on the input of merit reviewers, translating into Arabic, and disseminating through policy dialogues and other mechanisms.