

Strengthening Data Use in Family Planning Programs/Reproductive Health Management

Data use in implementation of quality family planning (FP) and adolescent and youth reproductive and sexual health (AYSRH) interventions is required at all levels for effective program management and strategic decision-making. Tupange Pamoja uses various tools and interventions to strengthen data use in implementing cities, e.g., capacity building and coaching on data sources, relevant FP indicators analysis and interpretation, routine data review, and result sharing forums.

Key Outcomes

- Increased capacity of health information officers to produce quality and accurate data for decision-making
- Increased capacity of data users to interpret indicators
- Accurate recording of quality service delivery data that informs planning and allocation of resources
- Effective program management ensures scope, timeliness, and adherence to budget
- Adequate resource allocation towards high-impact interventions
- Improved capacity of program team to use evidence to guide decisions



Steps

1

Identify all indicators

including their source and protocols for collection and use, based on the local government FP program and HMIS guidelines.

2

Review FP program data

and identify any data quality gaps. Other sources of program data should also be considered such as [RAISE](#) results.

- 3 Determine and clearly define indicators**
and align them to specific program outcomes.
- 4 Identify gaps within government structure that could hamper data use**
- 5 Schedule a coaching/refresher training for relevant staff based on gaps**
Share specifics of key indicators and the programmatic decisions they affect. Define data capture in the primary sources and reporting.
- 6 Conduct a data-flow process for reporting**
Allocate tasks and responsibilities with action items and time frames.
- 7 Follow up and strengthen data reporting processes**
- 8 Support local government staff to compile and analyze data**
Use simple language when summarizing results to build interest of various audiences.
- 9 Conduct routine data review meetings and quality checks**
to assess the accuracy, completeness, and quality of data reported.
- 10 Work with local government staff**
to review program decisions made using the data.
- 11 Share the review meeting findings**
with the local government staff and officers.

For more information, refer to <https://tciurbanhealth.org/courses/east-africa-self-reliance/lessons/strengthening-data-use-in-family-planning-programs-reproductive-health-management/>