

Meeting local family planning objectives through regular review of the data

Why use this High Impact Approach?

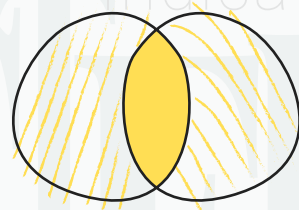
Evidence shows that the use of data for program management is a powerful, cost-effective means to assess performance of inputs, processes and outputs, which inform correct and timely decision making.



Step 1

Determine the indicators

Determine FP indicators based on the goals of the program or questions or issues that need to be addressed to strengthen the FP program of the city. For example, are we reaching clients in need of family planning services?

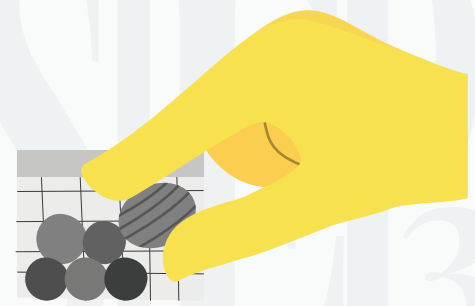


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Step 2

Make operational definitions of indicators

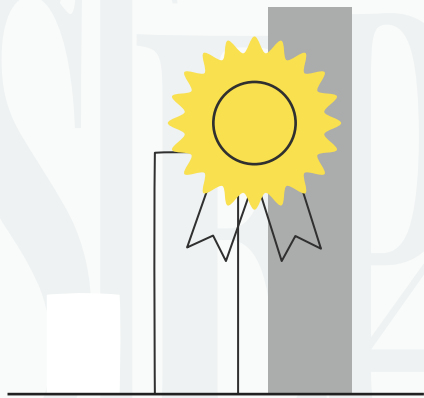
Define all indicators with a numerator and denominator and cite/quote examples.



Step 3

Finalize source & frequency of data collection

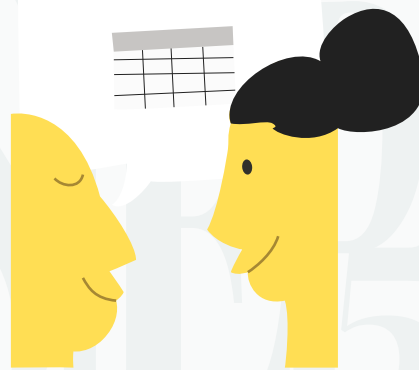
The indicators must be finalized together with their sources (points of data collection) and frequencies (timelines for collecting different sets of data). Monitor the data reporting date, as this help in streamlining timely reporting from different sources.



Step 4

Devise expected level of achievements (ELA)

Providing informed choice to eligible couple is most essential hence without giving any target for different FP methods ELA must be finalized. The ELAs can be collectively decided with stakeholders by considering data for previous years and unmet FP need of the people.



Step 5

Coaching staff on use of data

All the staff handling data should be coached on all the data forms, the definitions of key indicators and the basic analysis of the data and indicators. Through the Program Implementation Plan (PIP) make funds available for annual training/refresher training on data management.



Step 6

Validation & review of data

At the facility level, form data validation committee and prior to HMIS data reporting ensure committee conduct a meeting to validate data and rectify errors. At district level, FP indicators should be reviewed and discussed in monthly and key review meetings.

For more information, refer to:

<http://tciurbanhealth.org/lessons/utilizing-data-effectively/>