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SCORE

Global Report Launch

The SCORE global report on health data systems and capacity 2020, accompanying Assessment Instrument and Online Data Portal were released on 1 February 2021.

More information at this [link](#)
[World Health Organization](#)
Monday 1st February, 2021

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COUNTRY UPDATE

Malawi

Strengthening Digital Health in Malawi

The Ministry of Health of Malawi has approved and is preparing to disseminate a new Digital Health Strategy.

The Strategy has four key priority areas:

1. Supporting digital health infrastructure, making digital devices available to healthcare workers and ensuring internet connectivity
2. Improving interoperability
3. Continuous professional development and capacity-building
4. Deployment of digital tools to secondary and tertiary hospitals and integrating electronic health record systems in Hospital Information System blueprints

Based on the vision of the Ministry of Health, the Digital Health Strategy requires strengthened DHIS2 functionality as well as partner alignment for dissemination and implementation at national and subnational levels.

BLOOMBERG DATA 4 HEALTH INITIATIVE

NCD Surveillance

- Sri Lanka and Mumbai, India continue to pause their STEPS fieldwork activities due to new outbreaks of COVID in their communities. As a result, in-person survey data collection has been halted, pending improvements in the local situation.
- Tanzania and Uganda continue with protocol development, timeline planning, and other preparatory tasks, with fieldwork for STEPS surveys planned for 2021 if local COVID restrictions permit.
- Viet Nam: Fieldwork on their STEPS survey began in the last week of December.
- Discussions with CDC to identify and agree countries for the next phase of implementation.



Announcements

NEW WHO INTERIM GUIDANCE PUBLISHED

**Analysing and using routine data
to monitor the effects of COVID-19
on essential health services:
practical guide for national and
subnational decision-makers**

Short URL: <http://bit.ly/3oUC0Pe>

Hashtags and handles: #SRHR
#COVID19 @WHO

Working Group Updates >>>

COMMUNITY DATA

Guidance for community health worker strategic information and service monitoring

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The Rockefeller Foundation, GAVI, HDC.

Publication date: *Coming soon 2021*

About the document

This guidance outlines a set of standardized indicators collected by community health workers on their activities and on the communities they serve. The guidance responds to the 2019 World Health Assembly resolution WHA72.3 which calls for a) alignment of data and digital efforts to optimize Community Health Worker (CHW) programmes, and b) the generation of a stronger evidence base for the impact of CHWs. The information collected supports the monitoring of community actions, in line with promoting human rights-based approaches to equity focused data to *Leave No One Behind*. The guidance aims to reduce fragmentation and frontline reporting burdens by aligning partner and national reporting mechanisms and facilitating the harmonization and integration of CHW indicators into a broader country Health Information Systems (HIS).

Related links: UNICEF

<https://www.unicef.org/health/community-health>