



CAMEROON HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

Cameroon HDC Deep Dive: Notes for the Record (23 May 2018)

The Country Deep Dives are led by Ministries of Health and aim to provide a space for communication and discussion with in-country and global partners towards a more efficient support of country M&E/HIS needs. They are to occur quarterly.

Participants:

Cameroon: Gnigninanjouena Oumarou (Cameroon MoH and lead of the Cameroon HDC), Emily Kaine Dokubo (CDC), Serge Bataliack (WHO-Cameroon)

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The agenda included two main issues for discussion:

1. Updates from the Cameroon HDC (progress from Q1 2018; best practices and lessons learned)
2. Round of partners' updates

Cameroon HDC: progress from Q1 2018

Dr Oumarou, from the Cameroon HDC, provided an update of progress from Q1 2018:

- *Progress:* The Cameroon HDC (including MoH and development partners) is holding a retreat to review the implementation of the previous action plan, and to identify the priorities for 2018-2019. Each thematic group of the Cameroon HDC is identifying its priorities.
- *Good practices:*
 - Thematic working groups in place: (a) Harmonization and standardization of indicators and tools, (b) Data collection process and quality assurance, (c) Analysis, use and sharing of data, (d) Strengthening of HIS
 - Mapping of partners' areas of work in Health information Systems
 - Joint health facility surveys (SDI/SARA)
- *Lessons learned:*
 - More resources to coordinate the CHDC are needed
 - Some data producers are reluctant to integrate data collection

- *Priorities:* There is a two-fold process to define the priorities. The thematic groups are defining their own priorities. The upcoming “Health Data Conference” will also serve as a platform to discuss with a broad range of stakeholders the CHDC priorities and way forward. DHIS2 full implementation in Cameroon is a top priority: CDC, GIZ, UNFPA, GAVI, The Global Fund and WHO have started a discussion to align resources (joint action plan for DHIS2 support).

Next steps/actions:

- The CHDC will share the new action plan with global partners (*CHDC Secretariat*)
- The CHDC will share the ToRs for the “Health Data Conference” (*CHDC Secretariat*).
- To be considered: if partners can dial-in to the retreat and/or Health Data Conference (*CHDC Secretariat to provide dial-in information*)
- Lessons learned and good practices of the Cameroon HDC to be presented at the fifth Health Data Collaborative Steering Group meeting, 6 June, in Geneva

Updates from partners

- **GAVI** is supporting the EPI programme, but further effort needed to improve coordination with the HIS Unit and DHIS2. Issues such as connectivity, training, TA need to be properly resourced and linked with programme investments. GAVI is committed to supporting HIS and the upcoming HDC priorities/HIS strategy.
- **The Global Fund** is also committed to supporting mid-term investments (2-3 years) in DHIS2, including integration of HIV data into DHIS2 (through TA/consultant)
- **CDC** is supporting national priorities. On top of the short-term priorities identified by the CHDC, they suggest that a more mid/long-term HIS strategy should be in place to guide investments. This also includes an e-health strategy.
- **The GFF** highlighted that their focus will be to improve how financing of the health sector is monitored (i.e. expenditure tracking) and improve data quality- (supporting existing and on-going activities).
- **UNFPA** is also committed to continue supporting population-based surveys, facility surveys and DHIS2, if needed.

Wrap up:

- **The HIS strategic plan will be a great opportunity to identify the HIS/M&E priorities in the mid-term. Partners will be able to align with these priorities and use the strategic plan as a HIS/M&E common investment framework.**