MALAWI HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE MEETING

Thursday, 8ᵗʰ November 2018

Background

In July 2017 the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) published the Health Sector Strategic Plan II (HSSP II) covering the period 2017-2022 towards Universal Health Coverage.

The implementation of HSSP II is now under way and efforts are now geared towards ensuring effective tracking of related outcomes with the help of reliable information of good quality.

In that respect, the Central Monitoring and Evaluation Division (CMED) in collaboration with MoHP Departments and Health Development Partners finalized the list of national health indicators for monitoring health sector performance, after a long and rigorous process.

Furthermore, CMED developed the Monitoring & Evaluation and Health Information Systems Strategy 2017-2022 (MEHIS) of MoHP. The MEHIS strategy is pursuing a vision to maintain a sustainable, integrated National Health Information System capable of generating and managing quality health information for supporting evidence-based decision making by all stakeholders at all levels of the health system.

The MEHIS addresses two primary objectives:
- To ensure that HSSP II is adequately monitored with high-quality data that are routinely reported, analyzed, and disseminated.
- To strengthen the health sector´s capacity to use data for decision making.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are currently being finalized to help with the implementation of the MEHIS; and the eHealth strategy is currently being developed under the auspices of the Quality Management Department (QMD) that is tasked with the coordination of all eHealth activities in Malawi.

The Ministry of Health and Population adopted the Health Data Collaborative approach in November 2015, following its participation in the Summit on **Measurement and Accountability for Health in June 2015**. This resulted in CMED, under the leadership of the Secretary for Health and Population, creating the National Health Data Collaborative as a sub-Technical Working Group (sub-TWG) under the Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Working Group (M&E TWG) with the aim of aligning national and development

partner investments to one country-led M&E platform to generate reliable data for effectively monitoring health sector performance and status. CMED and the M&E TWG have coordinated partners and MoHP efforts to strengthen the health information system.

The next **annual Health Data Collaborative Meeting** has been scheduled for **Thursday 8th November 2018.**

Objectives of the meeting

The Ministry convenes this meeting to achieve the following objectives:

1. Take stock of progress made to date in the journey towards implementing a functional M&E and HIS system for monitoring HSSP II and beyond, particularly looking at:
   o Progress towards resolutions made during the last HDC of Nov 2017, which include the following:
      ▪ Finalization of the M&E/HIS Strategy (March 2018)
         • Costing of the strategy
         • Mapping of investments
         • Reframing of strategy to a results/outcomes approach
         • Governance and M&E capabilities issues addressed
         • Add strategy for data use at facility level
      ▪ Development of the e-health strategy (June 2018)
      ▪ Finalization of SOPs for data management/HIS policy implementation (June 2018)
      ▪ Finalization of the national list of health indicators (March 2018)
      ▪ Initiate the expansion/roll-out of integrated DHIS-2 to central hospitals (June 2018)
      ▪ Mechanism to rationalize data sources through the metadata navigator (June 2018)
      ▪ Initiate data use strengthening activities (systematic use of data by senior management)
      ▪ Agreement on a data quality review approach (June 2018)
   o Progress towards implementation of MEHIS for monitoring HSSP II.
   o Progress towards 2020 targets in the 5 Point Call to Action; that of alignment of systems around a single country platform, review of health performance based on high quality data and analyses led by country institutions, health information flows that include regular feedback and local use of data to improve services and programs, compliance with IHR national core functions for surveillance and response with effective real time surveillance systems, and civil society organizations in countries actively and meaningfully participating in country reviews of progress and performance at all levels.

2. Hold key strategic discussions with a focus on alignment of investments and high level review of funding gaps.
3. Share with participants developments at global level in the digital landscape to be taken into consideration in the local context of HIS development, including but not limited to digital principles, digital investment principles, and the role of M&E and HIS in the health sector in the SDG-era that calls for an inter-sectoral approach.

Outputs

- Key funding gaps identified to inform strategic investments in M&E and HIS.
- MEHIS products and tools launched as complete and ready for use and/or presented as work in progress by MoHP and actors.
- Pertinent key documents disseminated.
- Participant´ awareness of global initiatives relevant for local M&E and HIS context.
- Next steps (resolutions for the next one year of HDC, till November 2019)

Date : **Thursday, 8th November 2018**
Venue : **Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel**
Time : **8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Tentative Agenda

8:00	Registration	CMED
	Introductions	Master of Ceremony
8:30	Welcome remarks	Director, DPPD
8:40	Opening remarks	Secretary for Health
	Including a statement on progress towards 5 Point Call to Action key milestones to 2020	
SESSION 1: M&E/HIS Strategy 2017-2022, tools and products		
9:00	Update on implementation progress based on action points concretized during the previous HDC meeting	Deputy Director CMED
	Presentation of the Monitoring and Evaluation, and Health Information Systems Strategy (MEHIS) of MoHP for the period 2017- 2022, including the Common Investment Framework for MEHIS	
9:20	Presentation of M&E and HIS tools developed and commissioned into use by MoHP	CMED
	See list of tools and products in Annex.	
10:20	Launch of ready tools and products	Secretary for Health
10:30	***Tea break***	
SESSION 2: Strategic discussions around alignment of investments and initiatives		
11:00	Presentation on Data and Digitalization Governance	QMD & WHO
11:20	Open strategic discussions	QMD & CMED
12:30	***Lunch break***	

SESSION 3: Global trends, Health Situation Room, eHealth Strategy		
13:30	Global initiatives of relevance to local HIS context, including digital principles and digital investment principles	BMGF
13:45	A new HDC web platform – A preview on functions and capabilities based on the P4H web platform	P4H
14:00	Presentation of the Health Situation Room initiative and update on the eHealth Strategy	QMD & UNAIDS
SESSION 4: Display of tools in Kiosks (parallel presentations)		
14:30	• E-Register initiative – OpenSRP platform • Data use campaign tools – data visualization in DHIS2 and the EMR Portal • National Health Indicators Documentation Tool • BHT Electronic Medical Records • CMED Web Portal	CMED
	*Tea break - *to run during display of tools in kiosks*	
15:30	Way forward – resolutions to the next HDC due Nov 2019 Closing remarks	CMED & QMD
16.00	*Closure*	

Annex 1: Presentation of M&E and HIS tools, products, and reports – content outline

- Handbook of National Health Indicators, the Online Indicator Documentation Tool and the SOP for Revision of Indicators and Data Collection Tools
- HIS capacity building materials and progress with piloting and training
- The Master Health Facility List platform and update on progress with systems integration (Open HIE)
- Update on progress with roll out of the e-Register platform – OpenSRP
- Presentation of data use campaign tools (data visualization in DHIS2)
- Presentation of facility data analysis and use tools (global public goods integrated in the DHIS2 environment of MoHP with support from WHO)
- Presentation of the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) portal
- Update on SDI / SARA survey
- Presentation on CRVS
- CMED portal

Note: All presentations to be consolidated in one power point presentation with different sections.