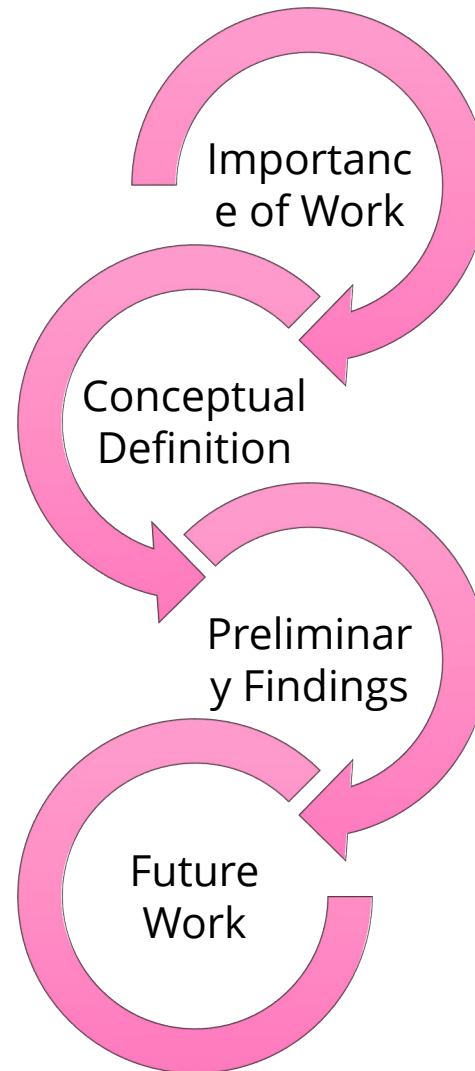


ALIGNMENT OF PARTNERS' TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS FOR STRONG DATA SYSTEMS

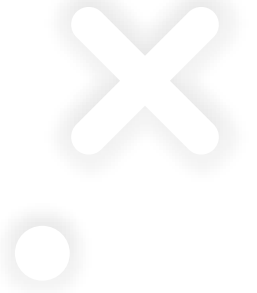


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Structure of Presentation



Problem Statement, Objective & Goal



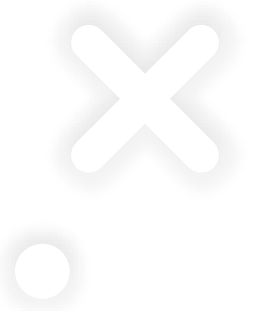
Misalignment of investments for data systems means:

- Waste of resources
- Inability to coherently create, capture, analyse and use data for health improvements
- Overburdened health care workers
- Unethical behaviour

Objective of this HDC consultancy is to assess level of alignment of partners' technical and financial investments in AFRO (Kenya, Cameroon & Zambia) & South Asia regions (Nepal and Bangladesh)

Goal is to support partners and countries to improve alignment for stronger and sustainable health information systems

Conceptual Definition of Alignment



Policy and Regulatory Alignment

Partners' activities linked to:

- National HIS plan or strategy
- National M&E plan
- National Coordination, Legal or Regulatory Authority

Systems Alignment

Partners' integrate and synergise their:

- HR capacity building approaches & remunerations
- Finances for strengthening all aspects of HIS: CRVS; HMIS; Digital health; Community HIS; Population Surveys etc.
- Data collection tools, standards, indicators and typology

Operational Alignment

Partners' coordinate activities within:

- Geographical /spatial coverage (regions/district/ village)
- Set Timeframe and duration levels- Short, medium & long term

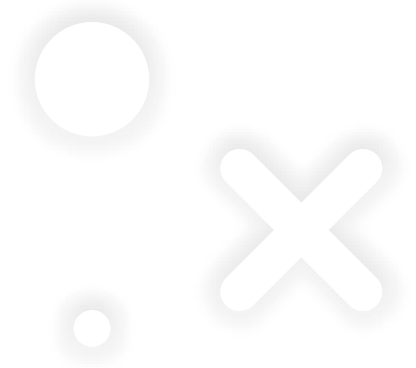
Preliminary Findings Nepal

NEPAL	Policy and regulatory alignment	Systems alignment	Operational alignment
Strengths	Strong HIS systems and policies, especially at federal level.	<p>Pooled funding approach.</p> <p>Federal government-led management and oversight of development partners.</p> <p>Strong national M&E framework, supported by a national TWG.</p>	Mechanisms for sharing information are strong at federal level and encourage information flow.
Gaps	<p>Provincial and local-level alignment and reporting is less clear.</p> <p>Lack of policies to promote data sharing and use.</p>	Existence of multiple parallel reporting and recording systems for the same programmes.	<p>Subnational coordination mechanisms need strengthening.</p> <p>Unclear how civil society and local organisations are integrated/included.</p>

Preliminary Findings AFRO

	Policy Alignment	Systems Alignment	Operational Alignment
Good practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existence of guiding policy documents (although multiple) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perception of technical alignment in HIS sub-components-DHIS2, CHIS Broad components of HIS supported 	
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do partners' fund specific activities or align to country priorities? "counties have different plans based on partners' supporting them" No clear (well known) national coordinating instance for HIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal piece-meal and programmatic approach to HIS financing "support is all over" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perception of poor operational alignment "Lack of cumulative gains"; "Need to re-group, hands-on team approach"
Enabling Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presence of existing structures that can be used/ supported for HIS coordination purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity assessment gaps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration between partners

Future Work?



Nepal:

- Support stronger subnational coordination mechanisms.
- Support a review of how data is used, and whether policies are based on evidence/data.
- Support review of health sector indicators so that donors and partners are reporting on a harmonised set of indicators

Broad & Specific (AFRO region) Reflections:

- Deeper and detailed understanding of how various partners' internal structures of work constrain or facilitate alignment.
- Development of standardized plan/tool to measure and strengthen the ability of partners' to align with each other and with national HIS priorities
- Development of an operational plan to support in-country HIS coordinating mechanisms and potentially HDC structure-to be a day-to-day problem solving instance