



# HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE

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## Update on Global Public Goods

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Technical Working Groups

**Community Health Working group**

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## Community Data

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<b>Working Group Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhance alignment, coordination and collaboration across global and country stakeholders dedicated to improved generation and use of community data and systems for health.</li> <li>2. Optimize, harmonize, and/or promote standards, guidance and tools that support integration of routine community data and data systems into broader HMIS and information ecosystem.</li> <li>3. Learn from and build on country community data and systems efforts aimed at supporting frontline community health worker service delivery and enhancing population health.</li> </ol>
<b>Planned Deliverables</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community health programs operational guidance on data standards and tools for community data (indicators &amp; metadata, data visualization: scorecards/dashboards/alerts/feedback)</li> <li>2. DHIS2 configuration package of standardization and harmonization of CHIS indicators for health service provision to strengthen country community data including its linkages with the broader HMIS – this will include an implementation guideline and training materials to support DHIS2/CHIS academia</li> <li>3. Short guidance on how to streamline assessments tools and CHIS maturity models to inform country CHIS implementation</li> </ol>
<b>Narrative Overview of Progress (including successes, challenges and lessons learned)</b>	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>Over the course of the last two years, the Community Data Sub-Group has contributed to the increased availability of needed resources and tools for strengthening community data. This was done through an explicit approach of coordination and engagement across donors, partners, and other relevant working groups to execute on the development and finalization of technical products to meet the group’s objectives. Successes and lessons learned are presented below.</p> <p><b>Coordination and Engagement:</b></p> <p>The Community Data Subgroup established a standing monthly call led by the group’s co-chairs. During these monthly calls, members from the team provide updates, engage in technical discussions, and share relevant updates for the purpose of identifying synergies and potential collaborations. The consistency and focus of these meetings has been a key foundation in the group’s ability to move forward in finalizing deliverables. Having representation from the majority of group members each month is a challenge. In December 2018, the first in-person meeting was organized to take stock of progress and agree on the activities on key deliverables to be achieved for the current cycle.</p> <p><b>Key deliverables</b></p> <p>Key results in the last two years include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organization of the working group in-person meeting in Washington DC, December 2018</li> <li>• The organization of the Community Health Information System/DHIS2 system design Academy, In Dakar in 2018</li> <li>• The development of a conceptual <a href="#">framework</a> for measuring community health workforce performance within primary health care systems (PopCouncil)</li> <li>• The finalization of the Community Health Worker guidance on strategic information and system monitoring, which lays out a menu of indicators for community health program monitoring</li> <li>• The development of CHIS standard configuration package in DHIS2 (in progress)</li> </ul> <p>With regard to Covid-19 related work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Community-based health care, including outreach and campaigns, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, interim guidance, May 2020 (with contributions from some group members)</a></li> <li>• Monitoring health services during COVID-19 (with contributions from some group members)</li> </ul> <p>A <b>key challenge</b> that limited the extent to which the group was able to move forward and complete some of the work plan deliverables was different timing of the work plan development that was not</p>

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	<p>always aligned across donors and partners with the resource allocation processes. In addition, unclear country engagement strategy has limited the ability of the working group to fully test and contextualize some of the proposed solutions and global goods.</p> <p><b>Lessons learned</b> in the technical development and implementation of the work plan included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the importance of clear and consistent communication across the group in terms of roles and responsibilities</li> <li>the importance of engagement across HDC working groups</li> <li>the importance of understanding country contexts as products were defined and developed</li> </ol> <p>The group experienced a specific challenge moving forward with the deliverables: “Investment landscape for community health information systems in priority (Phase 1) HDC countries” and “Joint work plans for investment in and technical support for strengthening community health information systems in priority (Phase 1) HDC countries”. The recommendation from the group is that in order to move forward with these, broader engagement across HDC working groups and systematic HDC country engagement are essential.</p>
<b>Linkages with other working groups</b>	<p>The HDC Community Data Working Group includes active members and co-leads of the Facility Survey and DH&amp;I Working groups. This approach has ensured both close collaboration between these working groups and better alignment across closely related and inter-dependable objectives and deliverables. Substantive work as started with Digital Health and Interoperability working group to discuss how better to align different maturity models and how to help country manager better navigate across these tools.</p>
<b>Emerging/new priorities (if any)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foster country engagement by having country representation during the WG calls</li> <li>Identify priorities country needs the WG regard to community health data monitoring and refocus the WG priorities</li> <li>Engage in cross-HDC small working groups as appropriate to facilitate progress and alignment</li> </ul>
<b>Other comments/suggestions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disruption of some WG’s activities due to the Covid-19 pandemic and decreased availability of WG members to engage in HDC related tasks</li> <li>Define more explicit strategy for country engagement in terms of community and facility data solutions and relevant global goods produced using this platform.</li> </ul>



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