

Immunization Data: Evidence for Action Workshop

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Location	Washington, DC
Dates	16-17 May, 2018
Participants	Twenty-three participants including government representatives from four countries (Grenada, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia), BMGF, Brown Consulting, CDC, Gavi, IVAC, JSI, PATH, PAHO, SAGE Data Quality Working Group, Shifo, UNICEF, WHO
Purpose	The Immunization Data: Evidence for Action (IDEA) project was designed to collect, synthesize, frame and share evidence-informed learnings and best practices around the improvement of data quality and use to improve immunization outcomes. The workshop objectives were to discuss research evidence and lessons from promising projects on what works to improve immunization data quality and use, identify potential implementation considerations for the evidence, and distill the evidence into practical and usable learnings tailored to support target audiences in taking action to improve data quality and use.

Leading up to the workshop, PATH and PAHO reviewed over 370 unique documents from published and grey literature on what works to improve data quality and use to improve immunization outcomes. The review was guided by a theory of change that outlined the mechanisms that are considered key facilitators of data use in decision-making for immunization programs. Findings from research evidence and lessons from promising projects were summarized in a draft report and evidence gap map, and shared with workshop participants prior to the workshop.



The IDEA workshop gathered immunization experts in Washington, DC, May 16-17, 2018

The workshop included focused discussions on evidence-based practices that have been shown to improve immunization data quality and use. We received valuable feedback on how to prioritize findings, which findings are most important to specific audiences, and where gaps in the evidence base still exist. The workshop concluded with attendees making a commitment to further this work by providing direct feedback on the report, sharing learnings, and providing access to additional resources.

The research team is reviewing additional literature to inform the findings, then will finalize and publish the report. Meanwhile, outputs from the workshop are being used to develop a strategy to synthesize and disseminate the findings from the report through various communication channels.