

Presentation delivered during the Second Technical Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS/STI

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Working group: Critical Line of Action 5

Improving information and knowledge management, including surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, dissemination

Group tasks

Presentations:

1. Introduction (strategic orientation presentation)
2. Development partners presentation (DFID, CDC)
3. Country presentation (Dominican Republic)
4. Discussion and recommendations

Presentation 1: Introduction

- Importance of measurement system
- Strengthening surveillance systems within the health sector
- Identifying different stakeholders including vulnerable populations
- Strengthening partnerships
- Invisibility of the epidemic in LAC
 - strengthening data analysis
 - increasing resources for M&E

Presentation 1: Introduction

- Importance of work at different levels
- Creating a culture of M&E
- Harmonization of M&E systems at global and country levels
- Presentation of data for progress on impact
- Research

Presentation 2: Development partner perspective (DFID)

- *Simple consistency checks* – does this information look consistent with our other sources? Consistent with earlier reports? Any obvious likely errors or questions?
- *Feedback loops* – how can we find simple, low-cost ways of feeding back the report on the information to those who have been responsible for collecting it?

Presentation 2: Development partner perspective (DFID)

- *Agreeing only a modest number of essential indicators* – Leave out what is unnecessary and leave out what is “nice” to collect but not really essential!
Collaborate with others using a harmonised approach.

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- *Train first line supervisors and middle managers on how to conduct supportive supervision.*
- *Ensure your systems show respect for clients – collecting information can be intrusive, there are rights to confidentiality and rights to decide not to answer!*

Presentation 3: Development partner perspective (CDC)

- Subject: Brazilian experience: building a culture of M&E: A collaborative effort
- Top to bottom / bottom to top
- Sustainability
- Development of integrated, transparent information systems:

MonitorAIDS – A web-based AIDS monitoring system (100 indicators)

Presentation 3: Development partner perspective (CDC)

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Principles:

Relevancy

Utility

Ability to guide program

Equity

Presentation 3: Country perspective (Dominican Republic)

Subject: Integrated care information (SIAI) Sistemas de Atencion Integral

- Objective: To be (1) a tool that integrates all necessary clinical information and management (2) the principal source of information for decision making and planning
- 3 Purposes / Characteristics of SIAI:
 - Decentralization and facilitation of services for patients
 - Provides vital information for health care providers
 - Maintains privacy and confidentiality of patients

Presentation 3: Country perspective (Dominican Republic)

- Utility of SIAI (planning, management, & organization)
- Technological features (platform & security)
- Advantages of internet-based system
- Monitoring quality control and follow-up system

Overall Recommendations

- Assess M&E surveillance systems in countries
- Define M&E system including indicators
- Develop system gradually over time
- Decentralize information system based on level of development, geography, health system structure
- Allocation of adequate resources for M&E

Overall Recommendations

- Standardization of data collection methods
- Defined reporting system
- Encouraging culture of M&E
- Data base available and accessible
- Timely collection and dissemination
- Accuracy and representativeness of data
- Address HR training needs

Overall Recommendations

- Geographic coverage and representation of population
- Develop capacity for dissemination of data
- Multi-stage program based on level of health services development
- Opportunity to create synergy between global agenda and Regional Plan
- Multi-sectoral approach--partnerships