

# Session 7

## Moving from Data to Action: What more needs to be done?



**PAHO**

# Information is key!



The **health sector has a critical role** in identifying, synthesizing and disseminating data and evidence on violence, including:

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- 1. Compile existing info on youth violence and its impact on health and wellbeing
  - 2. Collect new data on the impact and costs of youth violence, e.g. conducting/supporting population-based surveys
  - 3. Put violence and injury information systems in place
  - 4. Enhance capacity to evaluate existing prevention programs

# There are multiple sources of data

## Potential sources of data on youth violence

TYPE OF DATA	DATA SOURCES	EXAMPLES OF INFORMATION COLLECTED
Mortality	Death certificates, vital statistics registries, medical examiners', coroners' or mortuary reports	Characteristics of the decedent, cause of death, location, time, manner of death
Morbidity and other health data	Hospital, clinic or other medical records	Diseases, injuries, information on physical, mental or reproductive health,
Service data	Population records, local government records, other institutional records	Service availability, service use, referrals,
Self-reported	Surveys, special studies, focus groups, Media	Attitudes, beliefs, behaviours, cultural practices, victimization and perpetration, exposure to violence in the home or community
Community	Programme, institutional or agency records, special studies	Population counts and density, levels of income and education, unemployment rates, divorce rates
Crime	Government or legislative records	Type of offence, characteristics of offender, relationship between victim and offender, circumstances of event
Economic	Programme, institutional or agency records, special studies	Expenditures on health, housing or social services, costs of treating violence-related injuries, use of services
Policy or legislative	Government or legislative records	Laws, institutional policies and practices



**TIME  
FOR  
ACTION**

# However, gaps remain.....

- ❑ **6 out of 16 countries** had national action plans but were lacking data from national surveys on interpersonal violence, suggesting that much planning and policy-making is done in the absence of evidence

*(Regional status report, 2014)*

- ❑ **48% of country offices** requested support on strengthening administrative/service data

*(PAHO survey of 27 country offices, 2018-19)*



# GAPS

# What are the gaps?

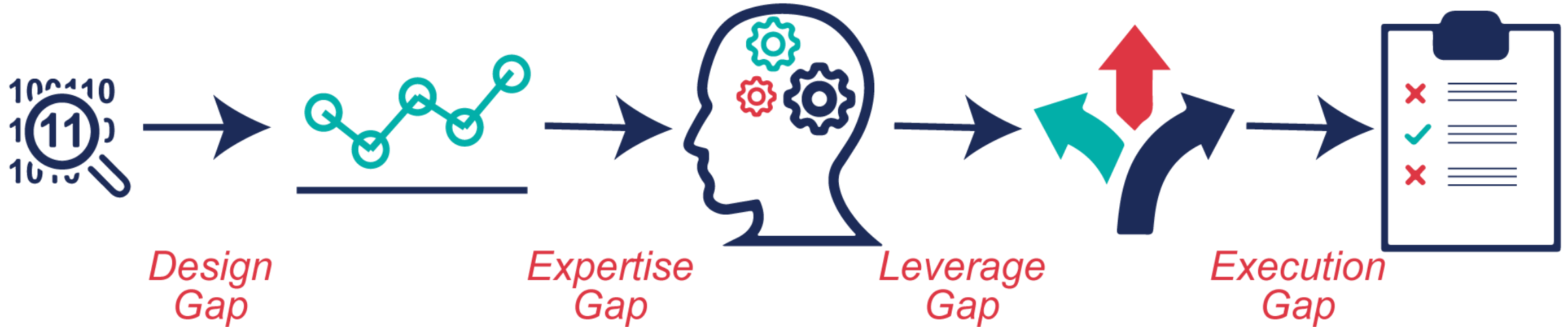
Data

Information

Knowledge

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How do we address the gaps?

# How to address gaps?



- Are there similar **EXAMPLES OF ACTION** in other settings or countries?
- Are there any **GAPS** or barriers that need to be urgently addressed?
- Are there any **OPPORTUNITIES** for strengthening this area of work in collaboration with PAHO?

KEY  
QUESTIONS

