Overview of M&E Data Quality Tools

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The M&E and Data Quality tools were developed to **strengthen national M&E systems for improved program management and decision making**. The goal is to:

- Better identify capacity gaps and guide investments in strengthening national M&E systems
- Avoid development of parallel reporting systems
- Ensure consistency in building systems (e.g., choice of standard indicators)
- Enable assessment of the reliability of reported data
- Improve the quality of reported data for local use and for reporting, including of the Global Fund to its partners
M&E and DQ tools in the Grant Management Framework

GRANT LIFECYCLE

Grant Negotiation

Phase 1

Phase 2

Y1

Y2

Y3

Y4

Y5

M&E Framework & Budget

On-Going Progress Reviews & Disbursements

Request for Cntd. Funding

RCC Application

Overall Performance Evaluation & Continued Funding Decision

Grant Agreement

Progress Updates 1

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M&E Systems Strengthening Tool

**OBJECTIVES:**
- Diagnosis of M&E Systems to help (1) identify capacity gaps; (2) develop a costed action plan to strengthen M&E; (3) harmonize systems with partners; and (4) align around national systems.

**DESCRIPTION:**
- Three Assessment Areas:
  1. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan;
  2. Program Management Unit (i.e., capacities to collect, analyze and report data related to Program implementation).
  3. Data-collection and Reporting Systems per Program Area (eg. ART, ITN, TB Treatment, …).

[web link](http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/performance/monitoring_evaluation)
OBJECTIVES:
- Help countries understand the Global Fund M&E Framework and select commonly agreed indicators for reporting.

DESCRIPTION:
- A resource guide on M&E of HIV, TB and Malaria Programs
  - Essential, agreed upon best M&E practices
  - Description of the major indicators & how they fit into general M&E
  - Common indicators for 9 partners
  - References to key materials and resources.
  - FAQs

**Performance Framework**

**OBJECTIVES:**
- Standard disease-specific template to capture Program Goals, Objectives, Indicators and Targets.

**DESCRIPTION:**
- Part of R7 Grant Agreement (former ‘Attachment A’)
- Standardized (disease-specific) listing of:
  - Goals
  - Objectives
  - Impact/Outcome measures & targets
  - Output measures & targets - By “Service Delivery Area” (interventions and systems).
- Targets are reviewed/agreed prior to Grant Signing
- Required for complete application
OBJECTIVES:

- Methodology to verify the quality of programmatic data reported by Programs and capacity strengthening of PR (through recommendations for strengthening measures)

DESCRIPTION:

- LFAs perform on-site data verifications at the service delivery points, re-aggregate data from primary records and compare re-counted numbers with results contained in summary reports up to the national level.

- Description of findings and recommendation of strengthening measures
Data Quality Audit Tool

OBJECTIVES:

- Methodology to verify the quality of programmatic data reported by Programs (i.e., in depth and independent auditing of reported results)

DESCRIPTION:

- The DQA Tool is comprised of two components:
  1. assessment of data management and reporting systems
  2. verification of reported data for key indicators at selected sites (trace and verify)
- Conclusion with identification of follow up action
Way Forward

- Use of M&E assessment and DQ Framework for thorough assessment of M&E capacity – enable
  - Systematic **identification of gaps** from different angles and levels
  - Timely support to **capacity strengthening**

- Increasingly engage technical partners in M&E systems strengthening – defining of M&E standards and support to implementation of strengthening measures