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Strengthening Real Time Health Management Information System to Improve Program Monitoring and Response

Project Description:

The Lack of reliable mechanisms for transferring data from facility to regional office has led to incompleteness of data. The transfer of data is currently reliant on health facilities to bring the data to HMIS unit which is very unreliable.

To mitigate this major bottleneck the MoH has introduced the Client Management Information System (CMIS) a system that enters data electronically at the source, that is, at the health facility level and the system is currently being piloted in 4 facilities from the four regions.

Once data is entered at facility level it can be accessible or retrieved at both regional and national level in real time; addressing the issue of efficient data flow and loss of information. The roll-out of this system is dependent on availability of funding and with the current funding trends, it is envisaged that the roll out would take several years.

However, as an interim mitigation plan, the HMIS unit has requested support from UNICEF for real time data system that will be able to timely availability of data to guide decision making at health and regional levels. The interim plan will function parallel to the rolling out of the new CMIS and ensure that no data is lost during this transition

Duration:

2015 - 2016

Location:
Swaziland

Partners:

UNICEF

GKOS

IHM

Key Objectives:

IHM (including the CSO and UNICEF's contribution to the programme) envisage the results/outputs of the programme to address:

- Health, nutrition, HIV and WASH data available for use by health facility and regional management teams by 2016.

- HMIS officers, Health facility and Regional health managers' capacity to generate and utilize data for program monitoring strengthened by 2016.

- Enhance provision of essential services and timely program adjustments through evidence-based planning and decision making mechanisms.

- Provision of monitoring and timely program adjustments through evidence-based planning and decision-making mechanisms enhanced

- Conduct assessment on data utilization