COE "Workshop series for strengthening capacity to manage child and adolescent TB"

Session 4: South-to-South Sharing

Date: October 6, 2022

Moderator: John Paul Dongo







Session 4 Agenda (Cohort 1)



- 1) Quick round of introductions (All)
- 2) Session 3 recap (John Paul Dongo)
- 3) Session 4 outline (Brittany Moore)
- 4) Presentation on successful capacity-building strategies used in other countries and public health programs (FETP and AFENET)
- 5) Discussion (All)
- 5) Closing remarks (Riitta Dlodlo)





Remind ourselves - who is present for session 4!

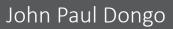
- Quick round of introductions (Name, Organisation/Country and position title)
- The Union
- CDC
- Member countries
 - Tanzania
 - Mozambique
- AFENET
- FETP





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FETP and AFENET

• Peter Thomas, Field Epidemiology Training Program, CDC Atlanta

• Kevin Mugenyi, Senior Epidemiologist, AFENET Uganda





Session 3 recap, session 4 outline, and workshop series running schedule

John Paul Dongo, Country Director, The Union Uganda office





3. Adapting/developing a national capacity building strategy for child and adolescent TB

Objectives

- Describe adult learning theory and effective training techniques for adult-learners
- 2. Use learner-centered
 ADDIE model (Assess,
 Design, Develop,
 Implement and Evaluate) to
 adapt and/or develop a
 national capacity building
 strategy for child and
 adolescent TB

Post-session work completed by country team

Assess:

- Conduct root cause analysis to determine root causes of challenges for successfully implementing child and adolescent TB activities in country
- Identify causes that are within the country's control to change/improve, and that can be improved through capacity building

Design:

- Brainstorm solutions/interventions for root causes that are identified as within the country's control to change/improve and can be improved through capacity building (root causes related to poor workforce skills, knowledge, and attitudes)
- Use impact resource matrix to start prioritizing solutions/interventions based on impact and resources needed





4. South-to-south experience sharing: Country experiences of implementing public health capacity-building strategies!

Objectives

1. Become familiar with successful capacity-building strategies used in other countries and public health programs

Post-session work completed by country team

- Begin shaping a document that links capacity building solutions and strategies with identified problems/barriers/performance issues
- Identify and integrate best practices/lessons learned from south-to-south learning into the country's national child and adolescent TB capacity building strategy
- Develop broad costing estimates for each intervention, including annual budgets for ongoing activities, if applicable.

Deliverable: Country team develops a presentation summarizing proposed components of national capacity building strategy for child and adolescent TB.





Session calendar

No	Session	Dates	Duration
1	Let's get started: What is the COE "Workshop series for strengthening capacity to manage child and adolescent TB" - Introduction.	March 30, 2022	1 hour 30 minutes
2	Sharing findings from countries' review of their national training strategy, training materials, and staff training needs for child and adolescent TB	May 19, 2022	1 hour 30 minutes
3	Adapting and/or developing a national capacity building strategy for child and adolescent TB, incorporating best practices for adult learning	June 14, 2022	1 hour 30 minutes
4	South-to-south experience sharing: Real-life country experiences of implementing public health capacity-building strategies!	October 06, 2022	1 hour 30 minutes
5	Sharing countries' national child and adolescent TB capacity-building strategies	TBD	1 hour 30 minutes





Presentations on implementing public health capacity-building strategies

FETP and AFENET

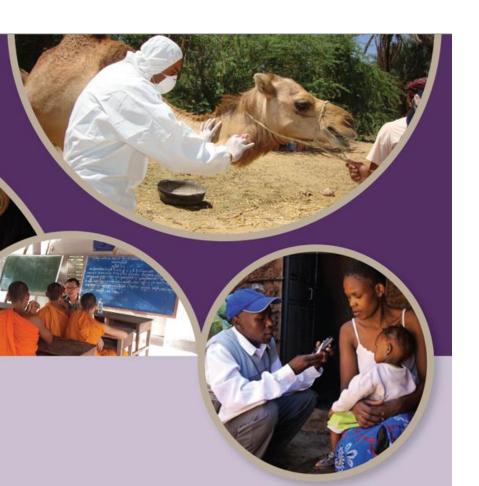




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Overview of Field Epidemiology Training Programs



6 October 2022

Peter Thomas PhD, MPH

Division of Global Health Protection Center for Global Health CDC, Atlanta, USA





"Field Epidemiology Training Programs – in the tradition of CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service – may be the single most important thing CDC does in global health."

Dr. Thomas Frieden, Former CDC Director

What is a Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP)?

- Mentored, on-the-job, competencybased training and service program
- Recruit health professionals to gain important skills while providing key services to their health system
- Curriculum centers on field projects with supporting didactics at all levels



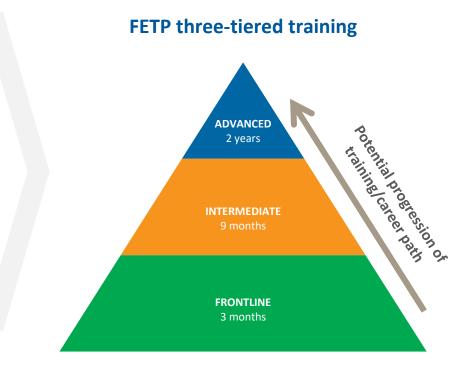
Sample collection conducted by members of the Malaysia Epidemic Intelligence Program. (Photo from TEPHINET)

FETP variations

- Variations in FETP levels
 - FETP-Frontline
 - FETP-Intermediate
 - FETP-Advanced
 - FELTP: Includes laboratory training
 - FETP-V: Includes training for veterinarians
- Variations in FETP structure
 - Some programs award a degree
 - Proportion of coursework vs. field work
 - Location of field placements
 - Country vs. regional program
 - Funding sources
 - Background, source, and number of trainees
 - Post-graduation job opportunity / requirement

CDC's FETP has a three-tiered training approach

	FRONTLINE	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
Target Audience	District, Regional, National	Regional, National	National
Duration	3 Months	9 Months	2 Years
Cohort Size	20 - 30	15 - 20	8 - 15
Part-time or Full-time	Part-time	Part-time	Full-time
Awarded on Completion	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate, MPH, or other Master's
Classroom Time / Field Time	2 Weeks+ / 10 - 12 Weeks	8 Weeks / 33 Weeks	10 - 26 Weeks / at least 68 Weeks



Tier 1: FETP Frontline

- Goal
 - Build epidemiologic capacity
 - Strengthen public health surveillance
 - Promote use of data for decision-making at local level
- Target audience
 - Governmental public health workers responsible for surveillance data collection, compilation, analysis, reporting and response at local level of health system
 - Staff at the intermediate and central level responsible for analysis of surveillance data
- Proposed program length: ~3 months
 - Classroom sessions: 2 weeks (divided)
 - Field work: 8–10 weeks

Tier 2: FETP Intermediate

- Goal: Build epidemiologic capacity (surveillance, outbreak investigation and response, data for decision-making) at the intermediate level
- Target audience: Public health workers responsible for surveillance data analysis, outbreak investigation and response, reporting at the intermediate (and national) level of the health system
- Proposed program length: ~9 months
 - Classroom sessions: 5–9 weeks (divided)
 - On the job (with assignments): 31–35 weeks

Tier 3: FETP Advanced

- Goal
 - Train public health personnel in applied (field) epidemiology by providing epidemiologic services to national and sub-national health authorities
 - Strengthen country's capacity to
 - Respond to public health emergencies
 - Build and evaluate surveillance systems
 - Lead research activities on priority public health problems
 - Improve communications and networking within the country and throughout the region
- Target audience: Public health workers at the national level of the health system
- Proposed program length: 2 years
 - Classroom sessions: 20–25% of 2 years
 - On the job (with assignments): 75–80% of 2 years

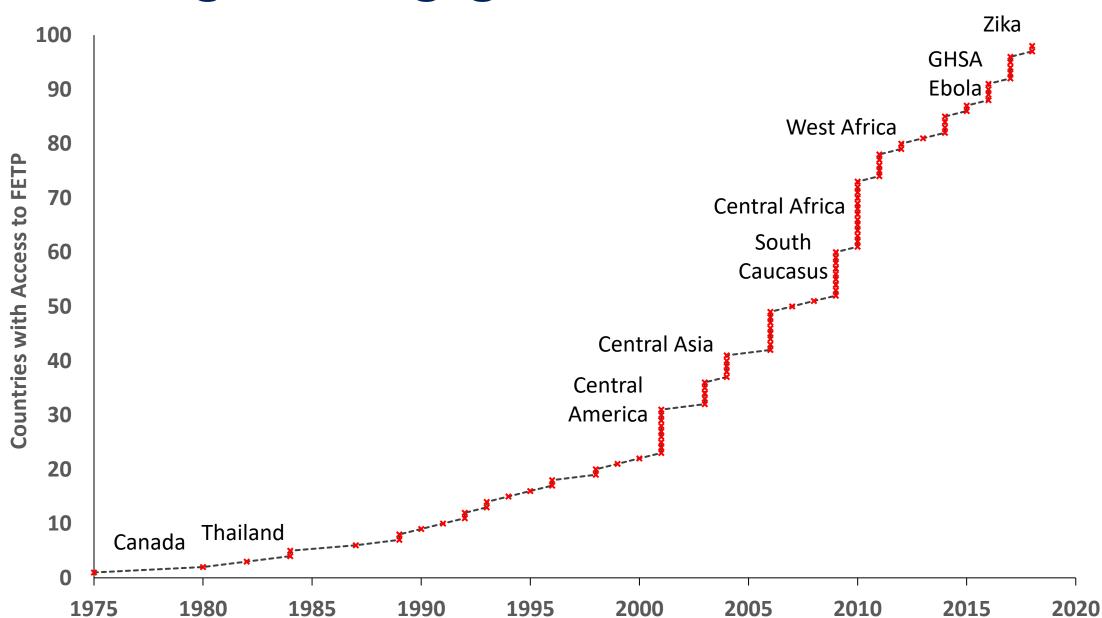
The Global Field Epidemiology Roadmap vision is shared by CDC's FETP

2030 FETP Vision

Every country in the world will have the applied epidemiology capacities needed to protect and promote the health of its own population, and to collaborate with others to promote global health [and health security].

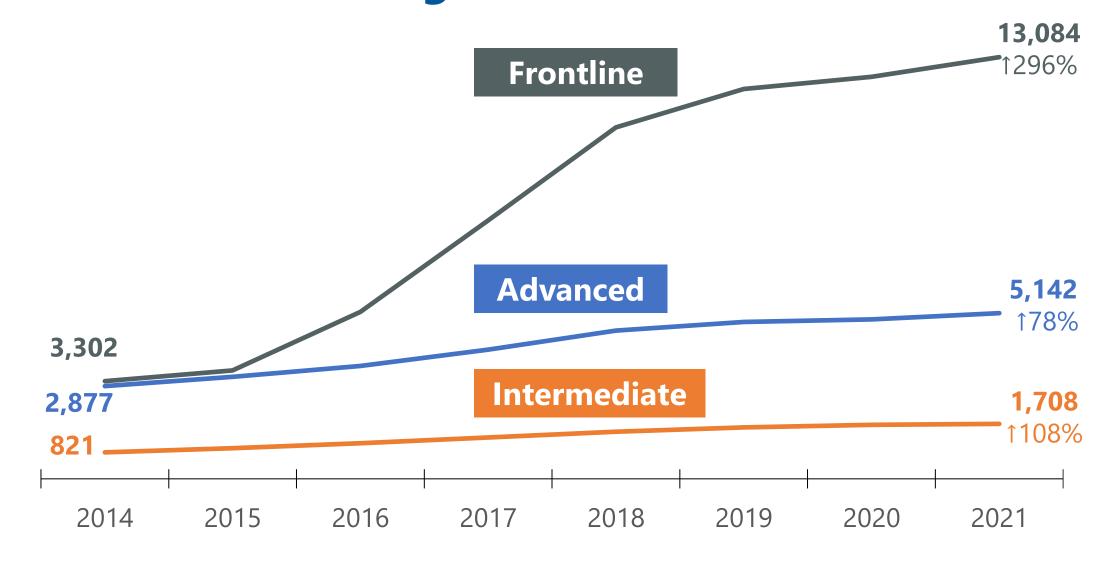


Growing CDC-engaged FETPs, 1975–2018

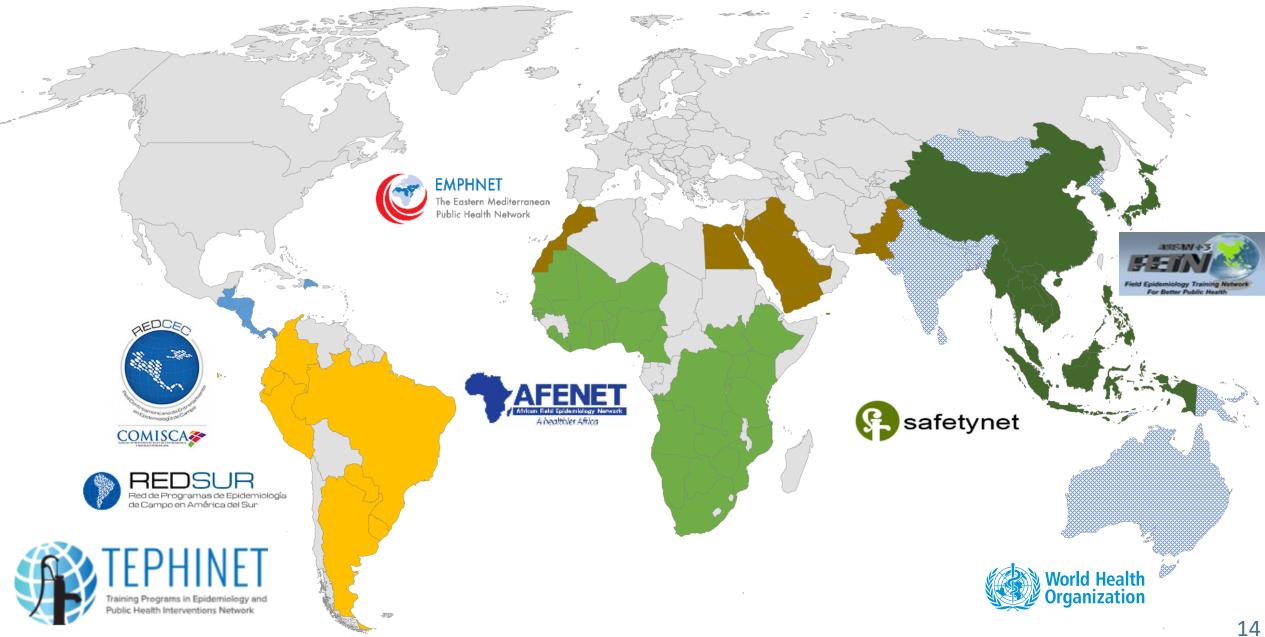




FETP programs, particularly Frontline, continue to grow



Key FETP Partners around the Globe



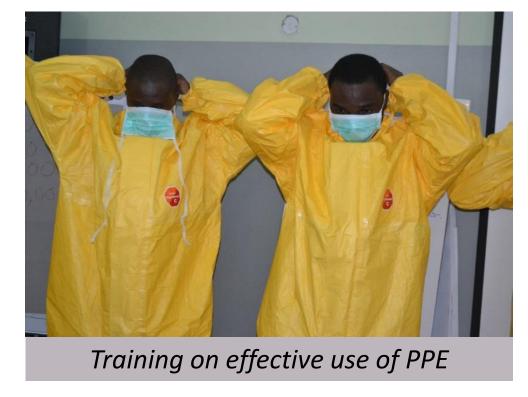
FETP key to Nigeria's Ebola response

July 2014: Traveler infected with Ebola arrive in Lagos,

Africa's largest city

FETP involvement:

- Helped identify and isolate cases
- Identified 894 contacts
- Completed nearly 19,000 contact tracing visits
- Implemented social mobilization strategy, reaching 26,000 households
- Established Ebola Treatment Unit in 2 weeks



Outbreak ended in October (19 cases total)

FETP-Frontline Impact — **Benin** On-time reporting: 37%

Percentage of facilities reporting on time, by district – Benin												
		Frontline Frontline Field Work 1 Workshop 1	Frontline Field Work 1						Front	line Field W	/ork 2	
Districts	W 25	W 26	W 27	W 28	W 29	W 30	W 31	W 32	W 33	W 34	W 35	W 36
1 NIKKI	94%											
2 SO-AVA	56%											
3 PEV d'Abomey-Calavi	25%											
4 Save	0%											
5 Zagnanado	25%											
6 Malanville	100%											
7 Allada	25%											
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9 Aguégués	0%											
10 Pobe	67%											
11 Abomey-Calavi	25%											
12 Ze	50%											
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14 Ifangni	9%											
15 Adja-Ouèrè	100%											
16 Adjarra	14%											
17 Tchaourou	31%											
18 Perere	0%											
19 Kalale	27%											
20 Cotonou V (Zone)	0%											
21 Segbana	100%											
22 Cotonou I & IV (Zone)												
Average by Week	37%											

FETP-Frontline Impact — **Benin** On-time reporting: 37% to 79%

Percentage of facilities reporting on time, by district – Benin												
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Districts	W 25	W 26	W 27	W 28	W 29	W 30	W 31	W 32	W 33	W 34	W 35	W 36
1 NIKKI	94%	94%	88%	56%	31%	31%	38%	38%				
2 SO-AVA	56%	56%	56%	78%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
3 PEV d'Abomey-Calavi	25%	25%	38%	50%	63%	75%	75%	88%				
4 Save	0%	0%	42%	83%	83%	92%	100%	100%				
5 Zagnanado	25%	0%	0%	50%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
6 Malanville	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
7 Allada	25%	25%	50%	75%	100%	100%	25%	50%				
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14 Ifangni	9%	27%	9%	9%	9%	36%	9%	9%				
15 Adja-Ouèrè	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
16 Adjarra	14%	29%	43%	43%	57%	57%	71%	57%				
17 Tchaourou	31%	54%	46%	46%	46%	62%	100%	100%				
18 Perere	0%	0%	27%	36%	36%	36%	45%	36%				
19 Kalale	27%	27%	40%	53%	87%	93%	67%	80%				
20 Cotonou V (Zone)	0%	0%	0%	0%	75%	75%	75%	75%				
21 Segbana	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
22 Cotonou I & IV (Zone)						No R	eport					
Average by Week	37%	40%	48%	55%	71%	76%	77%	79%				

FETP-Frontline Impact — **Benin** On-time reporting: 37% to 89% in 3 months

Percentage of facilities reporting on time, by district – Benin												
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How do FETPs support the COVID-19 response?

Conducting
Epidemiologic
Activities



Contact Tracing



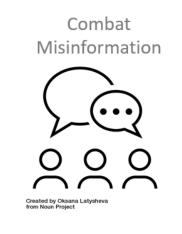






Leading Risk
Communication
Efforts









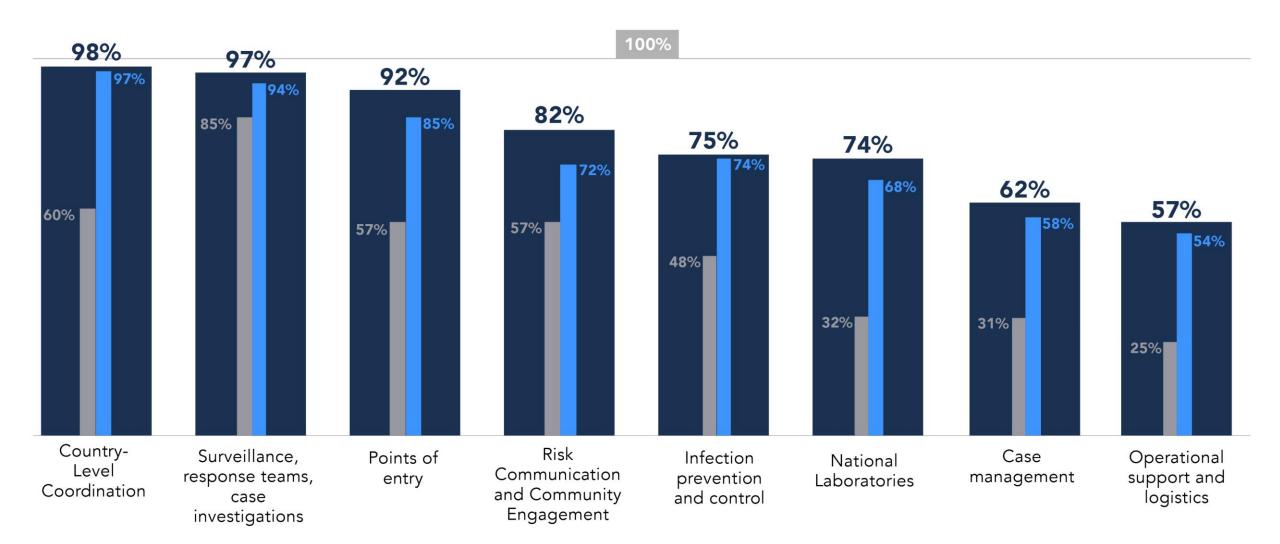
Call Centers

How do FETPs support the COVID-19 response?

% of programs supporting WHO pillars (N=65)

Trainees
Graduates

Trainees or Graduates



^{*}Hu AE, et al. Field Epidemiology Training Programs contribute to COVID-19 preparedness and response globally. BMC PubH. In Press.

FETP trainee, graduate, and staff engagement



^{*} one program not currently training, has not trainees to report

Impact and Effectiveness: Recent publications

- Impact of Kenya's Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program on Outbreak Detection and Surveillance Reporting: a Geographical Assessment, 2014-2017. Health Secur. 2021 May-Jun
- Field Epidemiology Training Programs contribute to COVID-19 preparedness and response globally. BMC Public Health 2022 Jan
- Strengthening the global one health workforce: Veterinarians in CDC-supported field epidemiology training programs. One Health 2022 Mar
- A Comparative cross-sectional evaluation of the Field Epidemiology Training Program Frontline in Ethiopia. BMC Public Health 2022 May
- Evaluation of the first two Frontline cohorts of the Field Epidemiology Training
 Program in Guinea, West Africa. Hum Resour Health 2022 May

FETP Challenges

- Program institutionalization within MOH or national public health institute
 - Organizational integration
 - Technical and administrative oversight
 - Stable financing
- Challenges for career path for FETP graduates
- Hard to network and innovate
 - Scientific conferences
 - Networking platforms
 - Accreditation
 - E-learning platforms

Thank you

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The African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) – Experience sharing on capacity-building

Dr. Kevin Mugenyi 6th October 2022



What is AFENET?

- A non-profit organization and networking alliance dedicated to helping Ministries of Health in Africa build strong, effective and sustainable programs and capacity to improve public health systems
- Network of Field
 Epidemiology and
 Laboratory Training
 Programs (FELTPs) in Africa

Vision

A healthier Africa



Mission

Committed to ensuring effective prevention and control of epidemics and other priority public health problems in Africa



Objective

 To strengthen field epidemiology and public health laboratory capacity and, effectively contribute to addressing epidemics and other major public health problems in Africa



AFENET's Strategic Priorities

Field Epidemiology
Capacity Development

Public Health
Laboratory
Capacity Development

Public Health Disease
Surveillance &
Effective Response

Public Health Program

Management &

Research

Development

Networking & Collaboration For Public Health Advancement

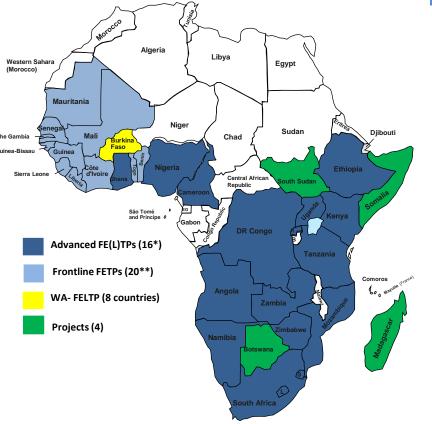
Documentation & Publication For Public Health

Promoting the 'One Health' Approach

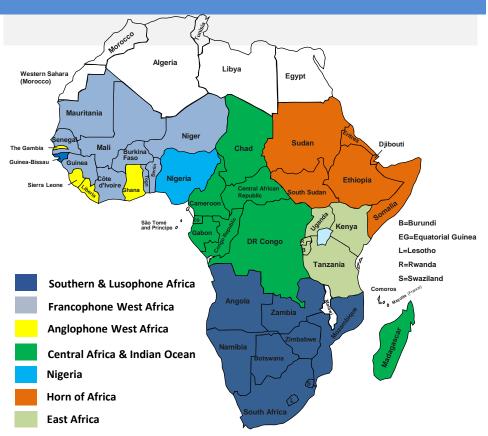
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Footprint in Sub-Saharan Africa



AFENET Regionalisation



*8 countries have Frontline FETP

** 6 Countries have Intermediate

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Polio Eradication and Immunization Systems Strengthening – Examples of Initiatives Supported

- NSTOP Nigeria
- Polio Outbreak response- Africa
 - 20 countries including Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Ghana, DRC, Liberia,
 Mali, Madagascar, Chad, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia
- NSTOP South Sudan
- Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Zambia
- Immunization Data Improvement Teams (DIT) Uganda
- START Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia
- 2YL-Ghana
- Data Quality project Kenya
- International STOP training with CDC, WHO



International STOP & Field work, Nigeria NSTOP



Capacity building - Improvement of EPI Data Quality in Uganda through the Data Improvement Teams (DIT) Strategy



Presentation outline

- Background
- DIT objectives
- Methodology
 - DIT strategic approach
 - Monitoring & evaluation
- Results from 2 rounds of DIT implementation to date
 - Knowledge and skills
 - Immunization data quality
- Best practices and lessons learned
- Discussion





Background

- Data Quality Self-Assessment (DQSA) conducted August 2013
- Data Improvement Team (DIT) strategy was developed to implement recommendations from the DQSA by the Uganda Ministry of Health (Resource Center and UNEPI) with support from partners – WHO, UNICEF, CDC and GAVI
- The DIT strategy was launched in 2014 using a cascading approach and rolled out one region at a time
 - National TOT, Regional trainings, Health Facility mentorship
 - Phase 1 from 2014-2016; Phase 2 from 2016-2020
 - Inception training materials developed with MOH, WHO, UNICEF,
 EPI partners. Stakeholder meetings to develop agreed strategy
 - Funding multi-partner WHO, UNICEF, CDC and GAVI
 - Standardized training package used across all regions, improvements made from first set of 'pilot' regions



Key DIT Objectives

- Develop capacity of district and health facility level staff to improve the quality and use of routine immunization data
 - Identify root causes of routine immunization data quality and use challenges
- Build sustainability, ownership and understanding of the importance of immunization data at all levels
- Develop specific, targeted recommendations that are actionable and result in sustainable improvement

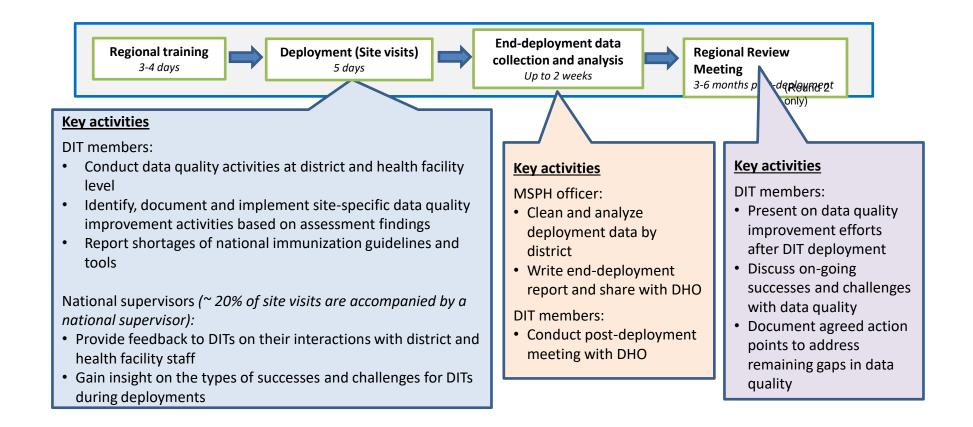


Methodology: DIT Team Composition

- Members of Data Improvement Teams are deployed in pairs and include district and sub-district staff
 - District Biostatistician, District Surveillance Officer, District EPI
 Focal Person, and in some districts also sub-district staff
- One officer from the Makerere University School of Public Health (MSPH) or Health Informatics (MSHI) is assigned as a member of the Data Improvement Team in each district



Methodology: DIT Strategic Approach





Regional Training – Jinja (I) Region





Regional Training – Gulu Region





Regional Training – Facility field practicum, Mubende Region





Field Deployment – Greater Kampala (II) Region





Field Deployment (II) – Greater Kampala Region





Field Deployment – Lobalangit HC II, Karenga district, Karamoja





Regional Review Meeting – Jinja Region







Methodology: DIT Monitoring and Evaluation

- Objectives
 - To continuously assess implementation quality and progress toward desired goals and objectives
 - Identify and document best practices, challenges and improvement strategies for DIT implementation
- Tools used to identify gaps in routine immunization data management practice and data quality:
 - District Level Checklist, Health Facility Checklist and Data Quality Improvement (DQI)
- Smart phones for data entry, LINKS app, reporting templates
- Health facility, district and regional level data analysis is conducted using Tableau to observe changes between Round 1 and 2



RESULTS FROM ROUND 1 AND 2 OF DIT IMPLEMENTATION

Round 1 and Round 2 implementation status

	Round 1 (2014-2016)	Round 2 (2016 to 2020)	
No. of regions	17	17	
No. of districts	112 districts + 5 Kampala divisions	123 districts + 5 Kampala divisions	
No. of health facilities	3443 (89% of all immunizing facilities) 3,882 (97% of all immunity facilities)		
No. of DITs trained and deployed	438	750	
Average time spend on data collection at HF	1 hour 5 minutes	1 hour 22 minutes	
Average time spend on mentorship at HF	1 hour 37 minutes	1 hour 40 minutes	



Standard Immunization Tools – Health facility level

For health facilities that are visited in both Round 1 and

Round 2 (N= 3221)

Indicator: Standardized

Immunization Tools

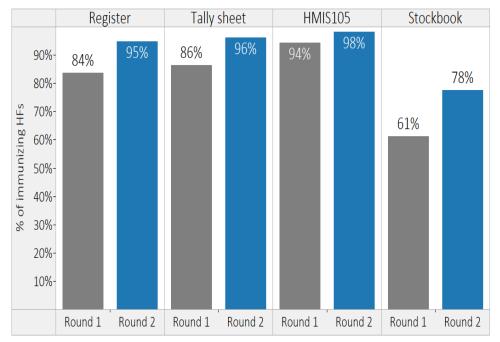
Definition:

Standard immunization tools refer to EPI tools that have been designed, developed and issued by the Ministry of Health, as described in the MoH HMIS health facility procedure manual, and include:

- Immunization Child Register (HMIS Form 073)
- Child Tally Sheet (HMIS Form 076)
- Health Unit Monthly Report (HMIS 105)

17 Regions

% HFs with standardized immunization tools





Archiving – District level

For districts in regions that are covered in both rounds of DIT implementation (17 regions to date)

Selected Key Indicator	Indicator definition
Archiving: Proportion of districts with paper copies of the HMIS105 forms archived and easily accessible	 The district must: Have monthly HMIS 105 forms safely filed e.g. in a box file, and the file must clearly be labeled HMIS 105 forms in the files should be arranged in chronological order, with the most recent month's form placed at the top HMIS 105 forms should stored in a safe place, e.g. a storage shelf or filing cabinet, and must be easy to retrieve when required

Round 1 (2014-2016)	Round 2 (2016 2020)	Potential reasons/factors contributing to the change/observation
87/116 (75%)	99/128 (77%)	 Inadequate resources to purchase files for storage of forms Inadequate attitude towards record keeping Lack of knowledge by newly recruited staff on standard archiving practices Inadequate external and internal supportive supervision and follow up at all levels Low motivation to routinely conduct standard data archiving practices



Example - Archiving finding at field visit – District level (Phase 1)





R.I. data use for action – District level

For districts in regions that are covered in both rounds of DIT implementation (17 regions to date)

Selected Key Indicator			Indicator definition
Proportion of districts with documented evidence that routine immunization data is used to inform EPI activities			 The district must: Have at lease ONE of the following examples of analyzed data: RED Categorization, immunization monitoring chart, catchment area maps completed following micro planning etc. Have at least ONE example of action taken based on analyzed
Round 1 (2014-2016)	Round 2 (2016-2020)	Potential reasons/factors contributing to the change/observation	
78/116 (67%)	101/128 (79%)	 Inadequate knowledge on EPI data analysis and use Inadequate attitude/apathy towards data analysis and use Insufficient feedback from supervisors on data submitted to the next reporting level Inadequate external and internal supportive supervision and follow up at all levels 	



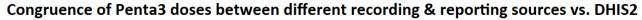
R.I. data use for action – HF level

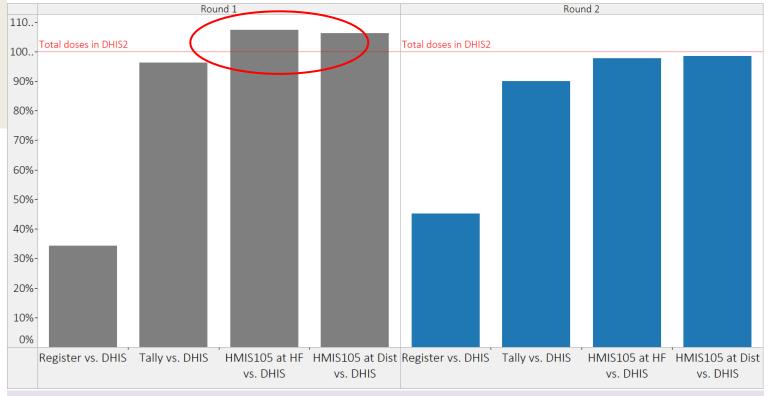
For health facilities that are visited in both Round 1 and 17 Regions Round 2 (N= 3221) **Overall** <u>By</u> % HFs using RI data for Region action 100% % of HF using RI data for action GKLA1 GKLA2 GKLA3 GKLA4 LIRA MASAKA MBALE MBARA.. MBEND MOROT... SOROTI 100% 90%-80%-70% 70%-67% 66% 63% 50% 50%-50%-40%of 30%-30%-20%-20%-10%-10%-Round 1 Round 2



Immunization Data Congruence – All 17 Regions, DPT3

17 Regions
Overall (for one assessment month)





Data agreement for Penta 3 doses in round 2 improved, especially between DHIS and the HMIS105 forms. However, the use of child register is still low.



Field deployment - Assessing records for data congruence, Otuke District





BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Best practices: District

Improved data archiving at the district level









Best practices: Health Facility Level

Before Visit After Visit









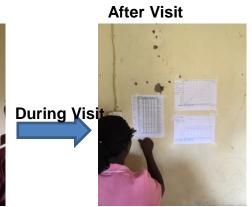
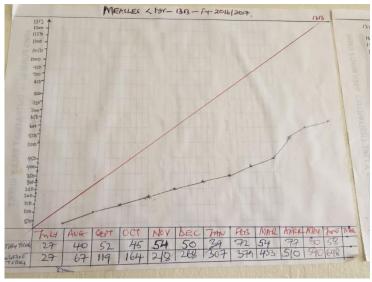


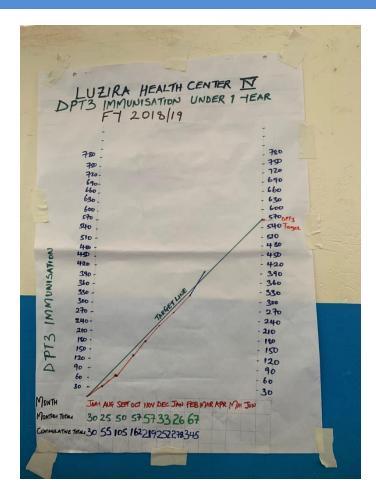
Photo from health facility in Jinja region, Nov 2017



Best practices: Health Facility Level









Best practices: Health Facility Level analysis

2016/2 017



2017/2 018



Challenges

- Competing national priorities
- Human resource gaps in health facilities workload
- Funding constraints
- Needed to increase number of days of trainings due to increasing training content
- High costs of field deployment, national supervision
- Sustainability long term

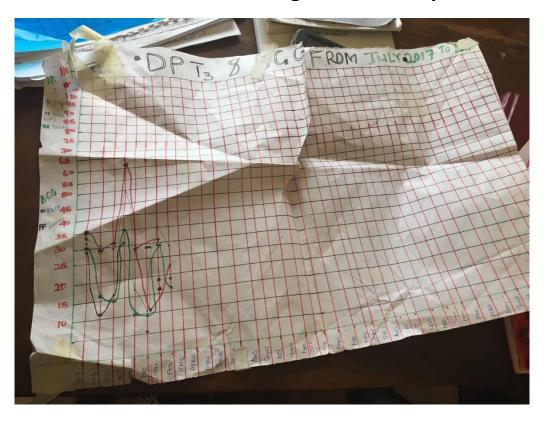
Lessons learned (1)

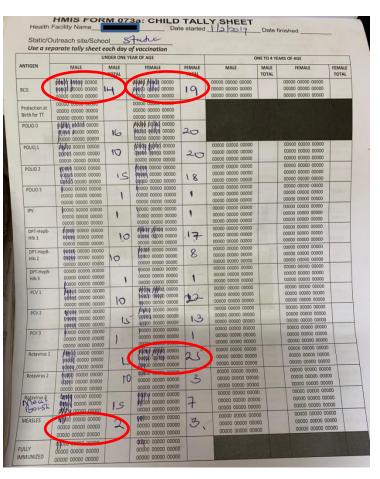
- During Round 2 DIT training, overall 70% district level staff were newly trained
- Key DIT roles:
 - 64% EPI Focal Persons are newly trained
 - 51% Biostatisticians are newly trained
 - 45% Surveillance Focal Persons are newly trained
- Infrequent supportive supervision on data management and data quality
- High workload at large facilities making it difficult to document all children – perceived need for technology – 'SPT' roll out
- Absence of guidance on how to document transit children in immunization registers
- Very few HFs monitor coverage and drop out
 - Immunization monitoring charts needs to be visible, correctly charted <u>and</u> up-to-date



Lessons learned (2)

Need for continuous training & mentorship.....







Conclusions

- System-level change is **not immediate** and happens over a period of time – pressure to achieve rapid impact
- Improvements in some districts have been observed in knowledge, skill, and practices between Round 1 and Round 2 time points
 - There is some improvement in data congruence across different immunization reporting and recording tools
- The use of child register was low across the 2 time points
- Reach of DIT was high all 128 districts and almost all immunizing health facilities (>90%) have been reached, presenting a great opportunity for capacity building
 - Sustainability discussions for subsequent phases



Recommendations

- Continuous mentorship and training are needed to improve data quality and use, given high staff turnover
- Routine supportive supervision including EPI data quality checks should be considered
- Guidelines/SOPs need to be provided to health workers on how to use child registers
- **Further studies** needed to better understand factors impacting immunization data quality
- Sustainability is key integrate activities in District Work Plans



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