

DATA FOR IMPACT

D4IMonitor

This is the first issue of the D4I Monitor, formerly the Monitor newsletter published by the MEASURE Evaluation project. Data for Impact (D4I) is an associate award of the MEASURE Evaluation project that focuses on generating evidence—using existing data when possible—and building country capacity to generate and apply evidence on their own to improve health policies, programs, and outcomes.

This first issue focuses on D4I's work to strengthen capacity to generate and use data to inform programs and policies that focus on youth. In particular, we highlight recent work to address well-being for children living in adverse conditions. This is work that recently has moved from MEASURE Evaluation to D4I.

The focus of those programs is on children experiencing conditions of serious deprivation and danger, such as the most-vulnerable newborns and young children; children who are at risk of living outside of family care; and children who need protection because of conflict, violence, exploitation, abuse, and neglect.

MEASURE Evaluation established a framework for working in child protection. D4I is building on that foundation, working with governments and programs to foster positive impacts on these children. We present here that framework and some of the places and ways we are helping in child protection:



<u>Child Protection Case Management Information</u> <u>Systems: Promoting Appropriate Care for Children:</u> <u>A Framework for Engagement</u>

Successful implementation of child protection and social welfare services depends on the availability and effective use of high-quality data. MEASURE Evaluation convened experts from USAID and other stakeholders to develop this framework for case

management information systems (CMIS) centered on child protection and care.

<u>Enhancing Government Capacity to Assess, Address, and Monitor Child Protection and Care</u>

Overall, D4I's aim with these programs is to provide leadership



and care systems and strategies, using a standard framework or tool to support countries as they assess, address, and monitor the reform of national care systems and identify gaps and continuing needs in reforming child protection and care.





Harnessing the Power of Data for the Benefit of the Child

D4I works in Moldova to strengthen the capacity of the government and its partners to collect, analyze, and use data to support, manage, and finance their child protection and care systems, using the best available data for decision making.

Strengthening Collection, Management and Use of Quality Routine Data for the Provision of Child Protection and Care in Armenia

In Armenia, D4I works to strengthen collection and use of quality routine data for effective case management on the provision of child protection and care. Results will be better information systems, staff coordination, and resources to monitor progress.



Aside from work on child protection policies and systems, D4I also works to improve programs and outcomes for children and youth with special health needs. One such area of work is on programs designed to assist youth at risk of acquiring HIV. Some examples of that work follow here:

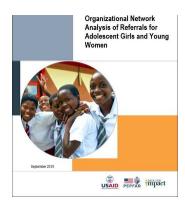


<u>Support Clubs for Children and Youth in Haiti Living with</u> <u>HIV: Technical Brief on a Case Study</u>

D4I recently has developed a suite of technical briefs to show how routine data can be used in evaluations. One brief in that set concerns a USAID youth-focused program, Project SOAR, and details how it used routine data to evaluate an activity aimed at retaining HIV-positive youth age nine and older in treatment and care through enrollment in "kids' clubs."

Botswana

Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) risk acquiring HIV from early sexual debut and gender-based violence. A program to help them asked D4I to study how referrals were working—or not—to link AGYW to HIV testing, condoms, family planning, post-violence care, and economic and educational opportunities.



Take advantage of an upcoming webinar on use of routine and existing data



Webinar

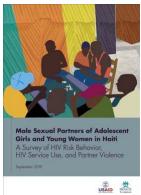
Routine data use in evaluation: practical guidance

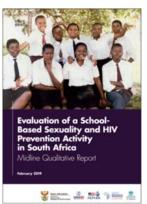
Significant investment in improving routine health information systems (RHIS) offers ever more reasons to consider their use in evaluations. This webinar will present a summary of best practices in the use of routine data and will share examples from evaluations in Kenya and Ukraine.

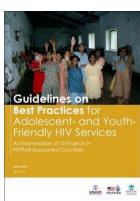
Presenters: Eva Silvestre, PhD, Tulane University; and Zola Allen, PhD, MPH, and Lyubov Teplitskaya, MS, Palladium

Spotlight on Publications









- Tool for Assessing and Monitoring National Alternative Care Systems
- Male Sexual Partners of Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Haiti
- <u>Evaluation of a School-Based Sexuality and HIV-Prevention Activity in South Africa:</u>
 Midline Qualitative Report
- Guidelines on Best Practices for Adolescent- and Youth-Friendly HIV Services An Examination of 13 Projects in PEPFAR-Supported Countries





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