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Introducing the BLN/Gavi Data Quality and Use (BLN DQU) Collaborative

Introduction

The BID Learning Network (BLN) is partnering with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to work with Gavi countries to improve data quality and use through peer learning and interaction, coupled with collective analysis and resolution of immunization data-related problems. The peer interaction and learning activities will be conducted virtually using different formats, including webinars, problem-solving sessions, panel discussions, debates and training, as appropriate. Continuous interaction between peers will be facilitated through WhatsApp groups and other social media channels. The countries will function as a collaborative, collectively setting desired performances and strategies to achieve these desired levels of performance. The BLN/Gavi Data Quality and Use (BLN DQU) Collaborative will work with partners, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), to identify opportunities for learning and capacity building among country personnel managing immunization data in their countries. A critical part of this work will include monitoring and documenting the experiences and lessons that arise out of this collaborative.

Objectives

The objectives of this data quality and use collaborative are to:

- Provide opportunities for country program and information and communications technology (ICT) leaders who implement immunization programs to connect with and learn from peers in other countries and, as appropriate, beyond Africa.

- Build upon the BLN as an established learning network to continue to address specific challenges in immunization information systems and data management.

- Build knowledge and skills among participants on strategies for improving their data quality and use, focusing on products, policies, and practices being developed by the global community and other countries.

- Identify common interventions for immunization programs that will be tested in select countries, and packaged for adaptation and adoption by members of the BLN DQU Collaborative.

- Catalyse a sustainable community of practice within countries in Africa that can motivate and support peers as they face similar challenges, as well as advocate for scaling up and sustaining viable and context-friendly solutions.

- Collaborate with other existing initiatives and networks that have the potential to support immunization information systems directly or indirectly.

- Document and broadly disseminate important lessons learned and best practices from the implementation and monitoring of in-country immunization activities.

Expected Outcomes

This collaborative anticipates the following primary outcomes:

- Strengthened country leadership and data management capacity to identify and address gaps in immunization service delivery.
- Greater access among country immunization program leaders and implementers to state-of-the-art information that enables them to support and advocate for interventions, tools, and promising practices to improve data quality, availability and use.

In the long run this effort is expected to contribute to increased equity and coverage for immunization services in Gavi countries participating in the BLN DQU Collaborative.

Approach/Next Steps

Countries will self-select to become part of this multi-country collaborative. It is critical that only countries that are interested in and/or committed to improving the quality and use of immunization data participate. Consequently, the multi-country collaborative will consist of the first 15 countries to express interest in this activity.

Expression of interest should be sent to:

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In responding, please ensure that you write through the office of your Permanent Secretary (or an equivalent authority) in the Ministry responsible for public health, as evidence of your government's endorsement and commitment to support your participation in the various activities of the collaborative.

Countries that do not wish to be part of the collaborative, but that would like to receive updates or participate in virtual webinars should express their interest, so they can receive event notifications.