

Implementing data management tools for logistics and service delivery: CommTrack, DHIS2, and OpenLMIS

Overview:

Public health supply chains need accurate, timely data to ensure information is available when and where needed for making decisions to ensure a continuous supply of lifesaving commodities. This workshop is structured to facilitate cross country sharing of experiences and lessons learned in designing, implementing, and rolling out data management systems. This workshop provides an overview of data management tools for logistics and service delivery data, focusing in on DHIS2, CommTrack and OpenLMIS. The session will include organizations and in-country partners describing their real world experience implementing and using these systems to improve supply chain decision making and performance. There will be an opportunity to try these tools in small groups to provide some hands-on experience with each one.

Workshop Objectives:

- Provide participants with an overview of data management resources that have or are being developed with support from UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities and those also being explored in Phase 2 (i.e. the integrated dashboard).
- Create forum for countries with experience implementing data management systems to share with those exploring/considering data options, including discussion of lessons learned during implementation process and value added from these systems.
- Provide opportunity for hands-on exposure to and learning about existing tools, with special attention to DHIS2, CommTrack, and OpenLMIS.
- Provide an update on the Supply and Local Markets Technical Reference Team work related to an integrated dashboard.

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe OpenLMIS, DHIS2, and CommTrack systems and describe the purpose of each, especially the type of data collected, business processes supported and reports the tools make available.
- Understand the resources needed to implement and maintain each system and decision process for choosing the appropriate data management tool for a given supply chain management problem.
- Discuss country specific experiences with implementation and use of data management systems including lessons learned in implementation and the value added by implementing each system.
- Access and navigate through at least one tool which they would consider using in their jobs and be able to explain the benefits to other stakeholders.

Who Should Attend?

The session is designed for up to 25 participants. This track is open to participants interested in learning more about open source data management options and experiences from actual country implementation. Ideal participants are ministry of health information/supply chain specialists, logistics managers and non-governmental organizations or advocacy groups who are interested in learning more about supply chain data management systems. Participants will gain the most from this session if they have a basic understanding of supply chain functions, data requirements for supply chain management, reporting system design (manual or automated), and supply chain indicators. We encourage all who are currently implementing data management systems (or interested in learning more about data management systems) to attend and share their experience.

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