NITAG PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

A tool for evaluators

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NITAGs and the value of evaluation

NITAG mission: Advise MoH decision making in immunization by gathering and analyzing the best available evidence

- Having a functional NITAG is one of the markers of a country’s ownership of immunization policies (GVAP)
- Evaluations can help improve NITAG performance
  - Show achievements
  - Formalize/agree on bottlenecks
  - Orient process reviews
  - Identify improvement tracks
NITAG performance: a balance of 3 dimensions

FUNCTIONING
Regular functioning and timely response

INTEGRATION
into decision making

QUALITY
Comprehensive and systematized approach to data

strong value-added to immunization policies
The NITAG evaluation tool

Developed by AMP/HPID Center in collaboration with WHO

- HPID Center is a WHO collaborating center for evidence-informed policy making

Comprehensive evaluation of NITAG performance

- Help operationalize evaluation even if NITAG lacks specific capacity
  - Section 1: Principles of the evaluation and instructions
  - Section 2: Data collection (specific questions related to each aspect)
  - Section 3: Guidance for analysis and report template

Each dimension links to 1 question that frames the analysis
Do the NITAG’s structure and operations foster the timely generation of recommendations?
- Structural viability
- Operational capacity
- Productivity

Has the NITAG developed, formalized and implemented appropriate processes to ensure quality recommendations?
- Human resource capacity
- Analytical process
- Quality of outputs

Is the NITAG fully integrated into the immunization decision-making system?
- Transparency
- Interactions
- Acknowledgement
Two types of data needed

**Formal (written) data**
- General information about the national immunization policy
- Information on the NITAG
  - Administrative documents
  - WP, meeting agendas and reports
  - Processes for making recommendations and for liaising with the MoH/other stakeholders
  - Recommendations and background documents
  - Communication strategies and sample media

**Interviews of NITAG stakeholders**
- Perceptions and opinions on the NITAG and its achievements
  - NITAG Secretariat (Chair, Executive Secretary, others)
  - NITAG core members
  - MoH immunization programs
  - Others (adapt to context)
    - Professional associations
    - Academia
    - Patient associations

Evaluation of NITAG performance
The evaluation tool is the initial framework
- Define specific objectives and adapt it to your country’s needs
- Agree upon the utilization of the results: improve NITAG performance
- Possibly conduct an internal review first

Identify the relevant resources before you start
- NITAG secretariat
- External evaluators: national governmental bodies, academia, regional partners, Global NITAG Network members, WHO, AMP-HPID, etc…
  - After the evaluation: follow-up on implementation of evaluation recommendations.
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