

Aligning with NHIS goals and objectives: Work Group Feedback

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Current status/state of affairs

- No clear communication channels between NGOs and govt
- Some NGO systems don't talk to the Govt system.
- Lack of standardized tools (paper, registers, Indicators, etc)
- No standardized patient centered information system (for tracking patients across province /district) e.g. patient unique identifiers

Area needs and objectives for further work

- Communication channels between govt, donors and NGO services providers.
- HMIS policies and guidelines (Review, strengthen and compliance)
- Strategic framework for implementing NHIS (develop)
- Agree on common data definitions.
- Identification of weaknesses and strength of all systems for better alignment
- Leadership role (in guiding alignment process).

Opportunities and available resources

- Commitment amongst partners to align systems into a single integrated system
- District Health Services and DHIS
- Policies and guidelines (data flow policy, CCMT M&E framework)
- Data collection tools
- NSP

Next steps: 6-12 months

- Have regular meetings/workshops, involving all levels of management (NGO + govt) to discuss processes & (Govt to lead efforts).
- Champions and leadership are needed to drive the process of alignment
- Establish communication channels (2 way)
- Donors and NGOs to registers with the province including their information system.
- National will give any NGOs the PAAB or eKapa who does not have an electronic system.
- NGOs must report data to District Offices.
- NGO to comply with data user agreement with district/ province and national

Next steps: 5 years

- Province to develop a better system coordination mechanism
- National/provinces to review system guidelines to accommodate NGOs

We all have the same common goal to provide quality care to persons living with HIV so we should work together to achieve that