

# Using data to improve programs: Work Group Feedback

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# Current status of data use

- We all need data, our needs differ
- However, we need to build capacity to use the data
  - Collection, Interpretation, Analysis, Presentation of data
  - Across all levels
- Advocate use of data to inform national policy, guidelines, planning

# Data Use needs and objectives for further work

- High quality of care for patient
- Access/continuity of care
- Integration between facilities, programs and provinces
- Quality of data
- Communication, advocacy, guideline compliance
- Demystify data – training, analysis

# Data Use Opportunities and available resources

- Variety of paper and electronic systems that WORK
- Build on foundation of solid, useful data
- Pooled expertise that exists in this room
- Inform curricula for data-driven training
- Use of “on the ground” personnel
- Adopt current data standards
- Draw on experience

# Next steps: 6-12 months

- Training and Education
- Evaluation of factors leading to data use in current systems
- Develop SOPs for data use
- Integration of data streams (i.e. HIV/TB, VCT and ARV)
- Output Data Sharing
  - Policy limited
  - Knowledge of what each is doing
  - Transparency of data warehouse
  - By program area
- Local use of information for action

# Next steps: 5 years

- Harmonize clinical records and strive for unified ID and demographics
- Continue to develop “culture” of data use
- Evaluation of data to determine financial impact

