# Future Analysis: what could be the focus to inform national RMNCAH priorities

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# Use of equity data in national plans and progress reviews

- 1. Equity in national strategies and plans
  - Health sector strategic plan
  - Specific plans for women's, children's and adolescents' health
- 2. Disaggregation / equity in monitoring & evaluation plan
  - Indicators, disaggregation

- 3. Equity data in the **Situation Analysis** for national plans
- 4. Equity data use in reports (annual) to **review progress** in the implementation of the national plans

### General picture based on 11 country document review

Equity principles, strategies in national health sector plans

Equity specifics in M&E plans

Equity data use in situation analyses

Equity data use in annual M&E

### Uganda situation

	Component	Equity data use in M&E											
		Health sector						RMNCAH+N					
		Comment	1	2	3	4	5	Comment	1	2	3	4	5
1	Main strategies	Focus on UHC, all ages, gender, human rights						Focus on geographic/district targeting and high burden populations					
2	M&E plan	41 aggregate level indicators, disaggregation mentioned, but no specifics on how this will be done						No specifics about disaggregation of the 81 indicators, except a focus on low, middle and high burden districts					
3	Use in situation analysis	Almost no equity data used						Limited use of equity data					
4	M&E practices	Annual reviews include districts; no other dimensions of equity; MTR equity trends assessment						No report produced since start of plan in 2016; only through main health sector M&E					

1= equity focus very poor 2= equity focus weak 3=equity focus moderately strong 4=strong 5= very strong

### RMNCAH indicators

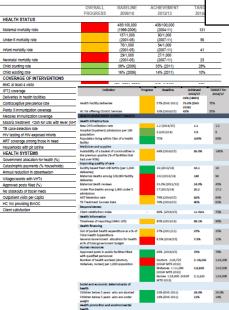
- HSDP 2010/11-2015/16: **15 / 26 indicators** RMNCAH+N
- HSDP 2015/16 2019/20: **22 / 41 indicators** RMNCAH+N, but many others are relevant as well (latrines, medicines availability, malaria case rate, ARV coverage etc.)

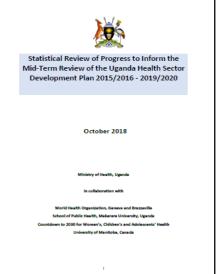
- Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Sharpened Plan for Uganda 2016/17 – 2019/20 (Apr 2016): 81 indicators, largely focused on aggregate progress
  - Except district classified as low, middle and high burden based on N of persons not receiving a specific intervention or burden





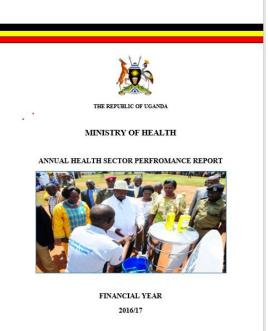
### HSSIP 2010/11 – 2014/15 indicators





#### Midterm reviews

- Overall progress review against targets
- Equity
- Comparative analysis
- Input outcome analyses



**Annual reviews** 

- Overall progress review against targets
- District league tables
- Hospital and HC IV performance

# Possible areas of work for RMNCAH+N monitoring and learning

- Maintain a strong link / embeddedness with overall HSDP reviews
- Set up a more continuous mechanism to conduct analytical work to inform regular reviews of progress and performance
- Conduct in-depth analyses to inform critical issues related to the program design and implementation
  - With survey, health facility and administrative data
- Link with research

# Analytical work to inform RMNCAH+N: surveys for key indicators

### Household surveys – UDHS 2021?, PMA2020, other surveys

- Needed for longer term trends, inequalities, mortality and fertility indicators, behavioural indicators
- Disaggregated statistics by regions, socioeconomic characteristics, place of residence; urban poor
- Also critical for verification/validation of facility-based coverage estimates and adjustments

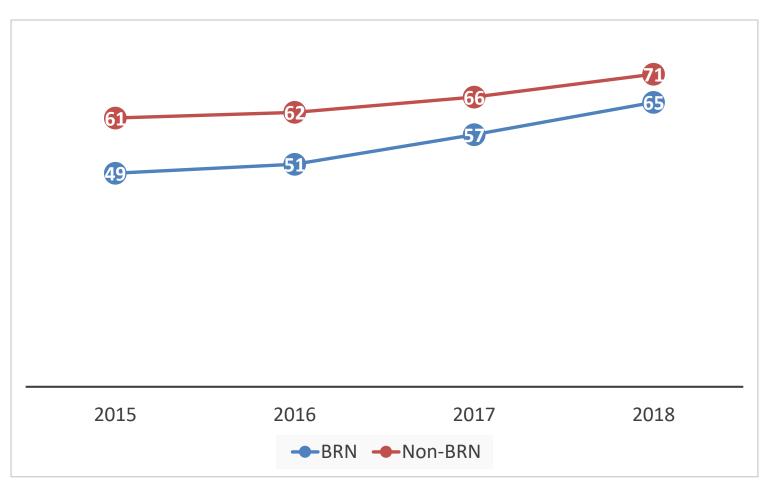
### Health facility surveys and facility censuses

- Needed for readiness and quality of care assessment, data quality review
- Conduct linked analysis to include quality of care in coverage indicators
- Geospatial analyses of access and coverage

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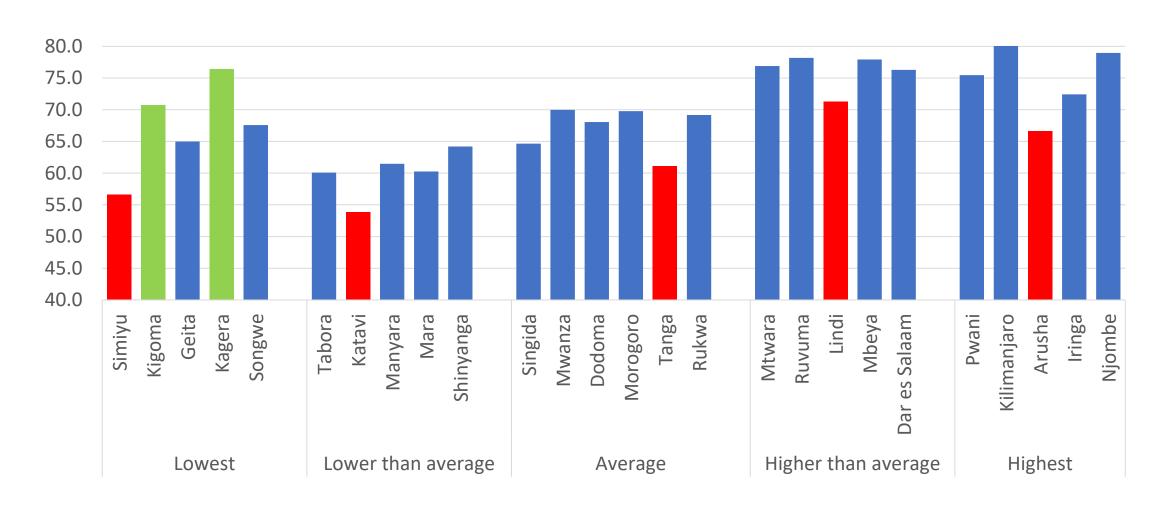
- Health facility and administrative data
  - Critical source of especially RMNCAH indicators
  - Coverage statistics, some indicators of quality of care, health and survival statistics for those utilizing health facilities (maternal and perinatal mortality, low birthweight)
  - Short-term trends, seasonality, inequalities, mortality indicators
  - Disaggregated by regions and district, some demographic characteristics; denominator methods
  - Improvements in assessment district performance (e.g. stratified by SES, health system inputs, special program efforts / prioritization (e.g. RBF), within region)
  - Assessment quality of score cards
- Vital statistics
  - Birth and death registration system strengthening: results
  - Health and demographic surveillance systems

### Trends in MCH coverage index in big results Now regions compared with non-BRN regions, 2015-2018



 Based on 11 MCH indicators computed with DHIS2 data for all regions

### MNCH coverage index by regions, grouped by health system inputs, with high and low performers highlighted



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# Analytical work to inform RMNCAH+N: Research

- Vital statistics:
  - birth and death registration system strengthening
  - health and demographic surveillance systems
- Embedded research
  - To answer research questions from MOH / implementers
  - To address issues that emerge from monitoring
- Modeling to compute lives saved and future challenges
  - E.g. LiST

### Country analytical mechanisms / capacity

- Ministry of Health: DHIS2 / analysis unit
- School of Public Health, Makerere University
- Other country institutions as relevant
- Links with other efforts in-country
- Generate evidence on a more regular basis to inform annual reviews and in-depth midterm reviews; situation analyses; conduct embedded research
- Efforts to support such a system: Countdown to 2030 for Women's Children's and Adolescents Health

### **Country Collaborations**

- 15 to 20 GFF-supported countries
- Country public health institution & Countdown global/regional institution
- Ministry of HealthDevelopment partners

#### Technical Working Group

- Equity, Coverage, Health Systems
- Subgroups: ECD, nutrition, conflict, financing, other

#### **Data & Analysis Centers**

DAC-1: Surveys (Pelotas)

DAC-2: Effective coverage (JHU)

DAC-3: Health services (APHRC)

DAC-4: Geospatial data (Southampton)

DAC-5: Resource tracking (LSHTM)

DAC-6: Governance and systems (UWC)

#### **Global Coordination & Collaboration**

- Steering committee
- WHO / UNICEF expert groups;
- GFF / World Bank;
- PMNCH, IAP and others

### Country

- Subnational statistics with use of all data sources
- Progress and performance assessment
- Analyses informing national reviews
- Dashboards, profiles; reports; scientific articles; policy and data briefs; in-depth analyses

### Regional

- Links with regional policy-making organizations
- Country comparative analyses and publications
- Collaborating countries' annual meeting platform
- Multi-country thematic analyses workshops
- Communication products for countries and regional

#### Global

- Framework on country engagement
- Tools and methods for analysis
- Tracking and measurement publications
- Country profiles; data repositories

#### Country

- Strengthened analytical capacity
- Improved progress and performance tracking
- Enhanced evidence on impact of country scale-up (GFF+)

#### Regional

- Established regional network for analyses and use
- Strengthened cross-country learning on MLE

#### Global

- Global and regional monitoring and measurement improved
- Improved efficiencies and investments in RMNCAH+N



### For discussion

- Is a continuous engagement of an analysis-focused collaboration useful)? How can it be done best? (also link with effective communication efforts)
- What monitoring areas are priorities?
- Should there be a regular (annual) review of progress and performance mechanism in addition to the overall health sector review?

 How can research be an integral part of the monitoring & learning agenda of the RMNCAH+N plans? How can it be funded?