

## Strengthening and Institutionalizing Health Resource Tracking : Harmonizing RMET and Health Accounts

### COUNTRY LEARNING EXCHANGE

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8:00 am-10:00 am (EST, USA & Canada) | 12:00-1:00 pm (GMT) | 2:00-3:00 pm (CAT) | 3:00-4:00 pm (EAT)

Resource mapping and expenditure tracking (RMET) are processes that include a range of activities focused on exploring resource levels and flows in the health sector and beyond, and using those data to inform policy dialogue. RMET data can be used to inform decision-making about health policies and plans (such as national health strategies) by providing data to improve prioritization and increase efficiencies through the alignment of both donor and government funding. With increased visibility from these data, governments can work to better coordinate planning for more predictable domestic and external resource mobilization, as well as improve equity, accountability and monitoring of policies and plans. However, country processes and methodologies for RMET differ, and oftentimes various resource tracking activities are implemented in parallel, with data from the exercises not able to be used for policy dialogue. Harmonizing these processes may help increase operational efficiencies and ensure use of the data.

RMET and the World Health Organization (WHO) National Health Accounts (NHA) share a common vision of capacity building and institutionalization of resource tracking and evidence-based policymaking. The GFF and the WHO have partnered to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and institutionalization of health budget and expenditure tracking in countries through the promotion of harmonizing the process of RMET and Health Accounts. The approach and roadmap to harmonization will vary depending on the plans and ultimate vision of each country.

This webinar provides an opportunity for cross-country sharing and learning on harmonization of resource tracking efforts as a step towards strengthening and institutionalizing country health resource tracking.

- Key contents** The webinar aims to provide space for cross-country learning to share challenges and experience, exploring the following questions:
- *Why* do countries conduct health resource tracking? What have been the key use cases and learnings from implementation and institutionalization?
  - *Why* do countries choose to harmonize RMET and HA exercises? *How* have countries used (or *how* do they intend to use) the results of these harmonized tracking efforts for decision-making in planning, budgeting, reporting, and aid coordination?
  - *What* are the implementation process learnings from those who have undertaken harmonization, and which stakeholders should be involved to ensure success?
  - *What* are the future directions of this work?

**Target group** This webinar targets ministry of health leadership of planning units working on resource and expenditure tracking and Health Accounts.

Countries: Burkina Faso, DRC, Ethiopia, Malawi, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

### Speakers

- Technical Framing: Meg McCarty- Senior Program Manager, Global Health Financing at CHAI
- Country Case Presenter: Ms. Pakwanja Twea, former Principal Economist, Department of Planning and Policy Development, Government of Malawi
- Country Case Presenter: Dr. Steven Banda, Director, Department of Planning and Policy Development, Government of Zimbabwe
- Facilitator: Ms. Aimee Mukunde, GFF
- Wrap-up: Ms. Cicely Thomas, GFF and Dr. Juliet Nabyonga, WHO AFRO

### Expected next steps (after the webinar)

- An information package is shared with participants, including a
  - Presentations in PDF format
  - All material referenced during the webinar

**Technical Info** This webinar will take place on Zoom.

Specific logistics details will follow shortly.