

HEALTH METRICS NETWORK



Contributing to Managing for Development Results in Health: Better Information. Better Decisions. Better Health.

Statistics

- Sound statistics are an essential foundation for evidence-based decision-making in health
- The health sector is dependent on strong statistical systems for the generation and analysis of data
- HMN is a partnership that brings together health and statistical constituencies in a shared effort to improve data availability, quality and use

Monitoring and Evaluation

- More and more countries are introducing health sector reforms and need good information to monitor the impact of these reforms
- Performance-based funding mechanisms, such as GAVI and the Global Fund, increase demand for sound statistics
- HMN is working with countries to strengthen health information systems and reduce fragmentation and duplication



Partnerships

- Currently, health information systems are fragmented by conflicting demands of disease-based programmes and projects. Only a partnership can help deliver increased harmonisation and alignment
- HMN brings together users and producers of health data - countries, statistical and health experts, development partners, foundations, and global health initiatives - in a shared endeavour to increase the availability and use of timely, reliable health statistics through country-led plans to strengthen information systems

Leadership and Accountability

- Leaders need sound statistics to set priorities and make good decisions; civil society needs sound statistics to hold leaders accountable
- HMN is working with countries and partners to generate political will and commitment, which are essential for reforming and improving health information systems

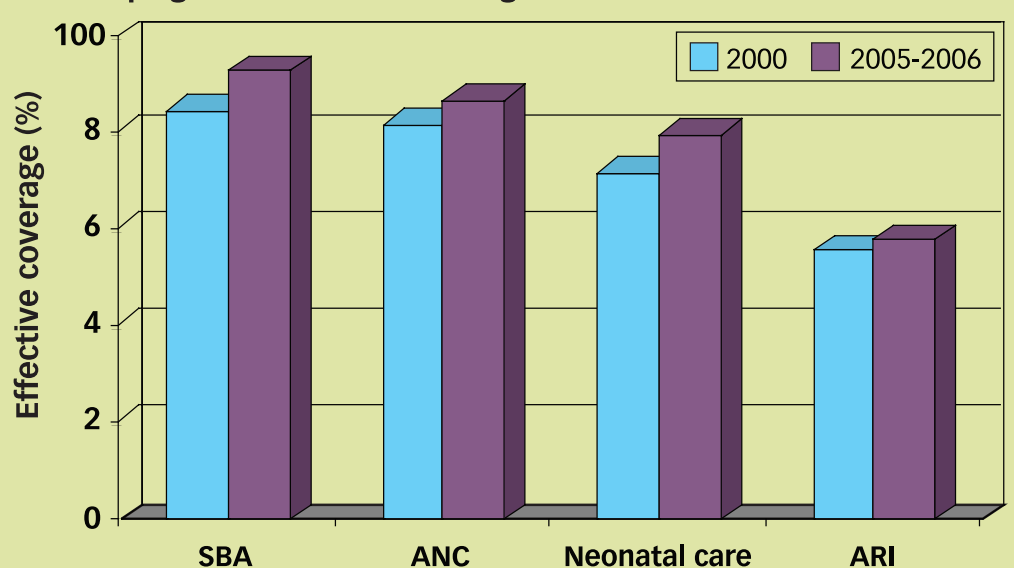
Planning and Budgeting

- A health information system must be able to link health outcomes to planning and budgeting
- HMN is supporting countries to implement comprehensive and regular district and national health accounts

Success Stories — Evidence for Improving Outcomes

- **Mexico** — Commitment to strengthening health information systems and establishing strong monitoring and evaluation systems parallel to designing, legislating and implementing health system reform makes it possible to monitor and evaluate the impact of health reforms effectively. *Source: Gakidou et al., Lancet 2006;368:1920-35*
- **Tanzania** — Essential Health Interventions Project (TEHIP) shows that evidence can guide decentralized planning for health *Source: www.idrc.ca/tehip*

In Mexico a strong information system enables tracking of progress in effective coverage of interventions.



Adapted from Gakidou et al., Lancet 2006; 368: 1920-35

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