

USDA Poultry Projects M&E Activity

M&E Working Group Meeting

Discussion Topic Four, Section II

**Developing Internal Mechanisms for Assuring Data
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What have you done to assure data quality?

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Outline

- Purpose of having a data quality assurance mechanism
- Elements of the mechanism
 - ✓ Data collection method
 - ✓ Documentation of process and protocols
 - ✓ Staff/Personnel
 - ✓ Data management
 - ✓ Data verification
 - ✓ Strategy to respond to data issues
 - ✓ Adequate financial and logistical resources

Purpose of Data quality assurance mechanism

- The purpose is to reduce;
 - ✓ Estimation errors
 - ✓ Measurement/Data collection errors
 - ✓ Data analysis errors

Data collection method

- Adopt an appropriate method for the data collection
- ✓ Design suitable data collection tools for each indicator
- ✓ Adopt the appropriate technique
- ✓ Adopt the appropriate analysis
- **Revise when necessary**
- Ensure that the method collects data of good integrity and is;
 - ✓ **Reliable**
 - ✓ **Valid**
 - ✓ **Timely**

Documentation of data collection process and management

- Document the procedures and methods employed in data collection specifying the;
 - ✓ The method used in collecting data for the various indicators
 - ✓ What tools used in collecting the data
 - ✓ Who is collecting the data
 - ✓ When the data is collected

Documentation of data collection and management

- ✓ How data is recorded
- ✓ How data is cleaned
- ✓ How data is analyzed
- Data storage
- ✓ How data is filed-**appropriately and safely**
- ✓ Do you have backups
- Communication
- ✓ How is data communicated to various audience.

Staffing and staff relationship

- Qualified staff in appropriate positions
- Availability of adequate number of all personnel required
- Staff job descriptions clearly stated
- Team work- **M&E team working closely with other project teams**
- Staff capacity building

Data management

- Data Storage
 - ✓ Data should be safely stored
 - ✓ **Originals should be properly filled**
 - ✓ **Have a back up for all data in a safe location**

Data management

- Develop a protocol to support data management process
- ✓ Explain database can be accessed

- Conduct data verification
- ✓ Supervisors/M&E officers visit at least 10% of sample (data Source)
- ✓ Constant review of completed data collection forms
- ✓ Technical staff should constantly review data entered
- ✓ Routinely compare values collected across time and location
- ✓ Constantly flag outliers (eg. Chicken lays an egg every 24 hours or 18 hours)

Data management cont.

- Data analysis
- Ethical considerations
 - ✓ Properly file all ethical documents for reference
 - ✓ Indicate how beneficiary data will be protected
- Data collections limitations identified

Financial and logistics support

- Finance and logistics available for;
 - ✓ Staff training when necessary
 - ✓ Procurement/production of required logistics
 - ✓ Traveling
 - ✓ Others

End of Presentation

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