

IHP+ Monitoring Round 2014



All IHP+ signatories are invited to participate in the next round of monitoring in 2014. Participation is voluntary but encouraged as it is a key commitment in the IHP+ Global Compact.

Q. Why should we participate in IHP+ monitoring?

Commitment: Participation will demonstrate your commitment to transparency and accountability for results, and help track important changes taking place at global and national levels.

Engagement: For governments and development partners alike, participation is an opportunity to systematically engage on principles of country ownership, harmonisation and alignment, inclusiveness, transparency and accountability specifically in the health sector.

Sharing learning: This is an opportunity to track progress, share lessons and knowledge with peers, and find solutions through dialogue. Such sharing between different stakeholders encourages mutual learning and strengthens partnerships.

Driving change: Past experience shows that a sound evidence base is vital for sustaining momentum and driving progress. Regular stock-takes help to identify challenges and boost efforts. Some developing countries have said that global indicators and targets are a helpful reference point for negotiating more detailed and relevant country-level accountability frameworks.

Q. What is the IHP+ monitoring framework?

The 2014 IHP+ monitoring framework has a strong focus on country-based reporting and on changes in behaviour in aid provided to the health sector. In [Nairobi, December 2012](#), IHP+ signatories agreed the framework would consist of a smaller set of issues than in previous monitoring rounds:

1. Health development co-operation is focused on results that meet developing countries' priorities
2. Civil society operates in an environment, which maximizes its engagement in and contribution to development
3. Health development co-operation is more predictable
4. Health aid is on budget
5. Mutual accountability among health development co-operation actors is strengthened through inclusive reviews
6. Effective institutions: developing countries' systems are strengthened and used.

These six key issues will be measured by complementary indicators and targets for governments and development partners.

Background to IHP+ Monitoring 2014

In 2012, at the fourth Country Health Teams meeting in Nairobi, IHP+ signatories agreed that IHP+ monitoring should continue with a fourth round. IHP+ signatories then worked through the IHP+ Mutual Accountability Working Group to develop the new framework. This round of monitoring aims to:

1. Reduce the burden of reporting, by drawing on existing country data and systems
2. Move towards greater sustainability of development effectiveness reporting by incorporating relevant indicators in country systems where appropriate and feasible
3. Promote the use of data at country level for stronger mutual accountability for results.

Q: What does it mean to participate in IHP+ monitoring?

What do we need to contribute?

If a country participates, the Ministry of Health and its development partners are committing to provide data against a core set of indicators, or appropriate alternatives agreed with RED+, the consortium managing the monitoring process. The monitoring framework includes only seven indicators for governments and seven for development partners.

What are the key milestones in the process?

The first step is for the Ministry of Health and development partners to agree locally on participation in this exercise, and the MOH to send a response by email to the IHP+ Core Team (see below). The consortium will begin the process of data collation in May using an MS Excel based survey tool. Participants will be supported with detailed guidance and a helpdesk function. Countries will have six weeks to submit data. Here is an overview of the process and timeframe.



What are the outputs and how can we use them?

The IHP+ 2014 monitoring framework has a strong emphasis on using findings to support accountability for results. The outputs will be:

- A **global report** that presents performance data and findings with analysis of progress against targets and trends.
- A **scorecard for each participating country**, including both government and development partner performance against each indicator.
- **Development partner scorecards** showing, as a minimum, performance in participating countries where the development partner supports the health sector.

The scorecards and reporting are intended as inputs to on-going discussions about health sector development effectiveness. They can be used in existing health sector mutual accountability mechanisms, such as Joint Annual Reviews.

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