HEALTH POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WHO COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR EVIDENCE-INFORMED IMMUNIZATION POLICYMAKING

NITAG PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

A tool for evaluators

SIVAC
Supporting Independent Immunization and Vaccine Advisory Committees

This presentation was provided by
the Health Policy and Institutional Development Center at AMP

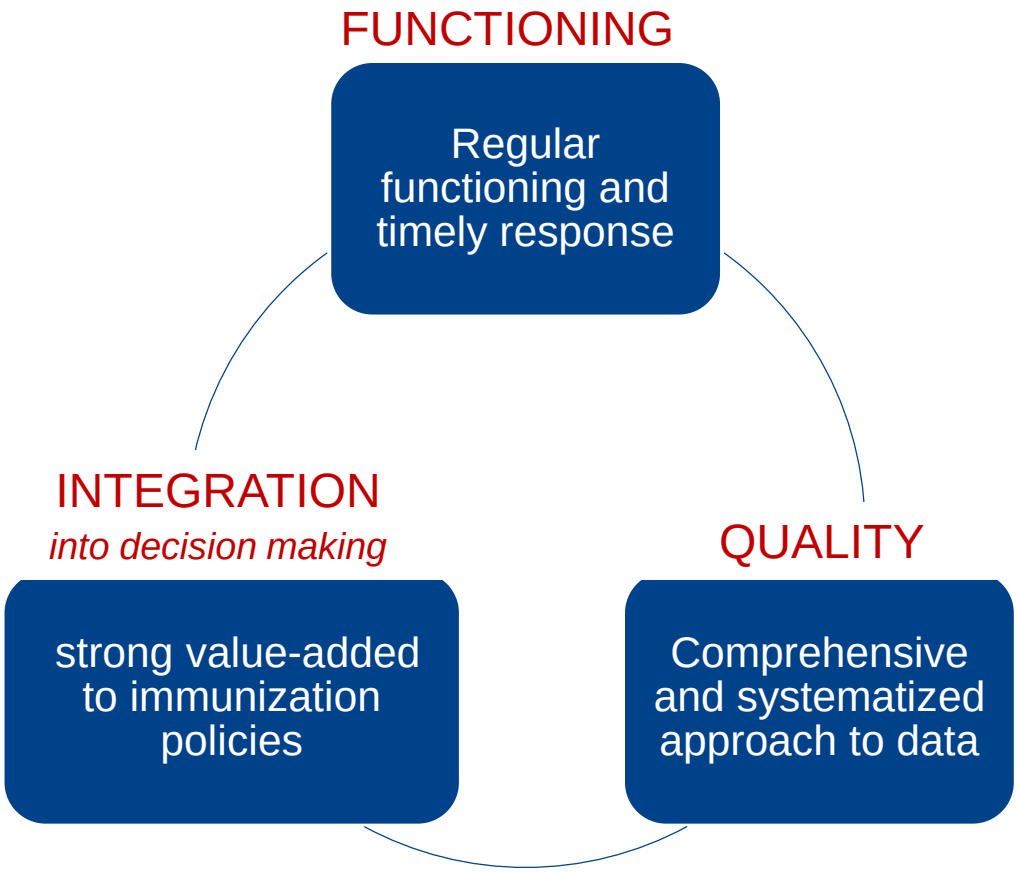
Updated May 2016

NITAGs and the value of evaluation

NITAG mission: Advise MoH decision making in immunization by gathering and analyzing the best available evidence

- Having a functional NITAG is one of the markers of a country's ownership of immunization policies (GVAP)
- Evaluations can help improve NITAG performance
  - Show achievements
  - Formalize/agree on bottlenecks
  - Orient process reviews
  - Identify improvement tracks

NITAG performance : a balance of 3 dimensions



The NITAG evaluation tool

- Developed by AMP/HPID Center in collaboration with WHO
  - HPID Center is a WHO collaborating center for evidence-informed policy making
- Comprehensive evaluation of NITAG performance
  - Help operationalize evaluation even if NITAG lacks specific capacity
    - Section 1 : Principles of the evaluation and instructions
    - Section 2 : Data collection (specific questions related to each aspect)
    - Section 3 : Guidance for analysis and report template
- Each dimension links to 1 question that frames the analysis

Scope of the evaluation

FUNCTIONING

Do the NITAG's structure and operations foster the timely generation of recommendations?

- Structural viability
- Operational capacity
- Productivity

QUALITY

Has the NITAG developed, formalized and implemented appropriate processes to ensure quality recommendations?

- Human resource capacity
- Analytical process
- Quality of outputs

INTEGRATION

Is the NITAG fully integrated into the immunization decision-making system?

- Transparency
- Interactions
- Acknowledgement

Two types of data needed

Formal (written) data

- General information about the national immunization policy
- Information on the NITAG
  - Administrative documents
  - WP, meeting agendas and reports
  - Processes for making recommendations and for liaising with the MoH/other stakeholders
  - Recommendations and background documents
  - Communication strategies and sample media

Interviews of NITAG stakeholders

- Perceptions and opinions on the NITAG and its achievements
  - NITAG Secretariat (Chair, Executive Secretary, others)
  - NITAG core members
  - MoH immunization programs
  - Others (adapt to context)
    - Professional associations
    - Academia
    - Patient associations

Recommendations for implementation

- The evaluation tool is the initial framework
  - Define specific objectives and adapt it to your country's needs
  - Agree upon the utilization of the results : improve NITAG performance
  - Possibly conduct an internal review first
- Identify the relevant resources before you start
  - NITAG secretariat
  - External evaluators : national governmental bodies, academia, regional partners, Global NITAG Network members, WHO, AMP-HPID, etc…
    - After the evaluation: follow-up on implementation of evaluation recommendations.

If you have questions, please contact:
nitag.evaluation@aamp.org

amphpid
HEALTH POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WHO COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR EVIDENCE-INFORMED IMMUNIZATION POLICYMAKING