

IMPROVING AVAILABILITY AND USE OF IMMUNIZATION HBRS AND LINKAGES WITH INTEGRATED HBRS

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HBRs are one of the name-based and number-based tools used by EPI for individual child tracking/reporting and for data summarization



HBR Users

Public Health Administration

- Reporting tool for immunization indicators
- Survey reference document
- Use in supervision and data quality audits
- Surveillance and medical verification
- Training reference

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Parents/Caregivers

- Value as important document
- Record of child's vaccination and health status for history, travel, school entry, etc.
- Reference guide including key messages, actions, return date

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Health Worker & CHW/Mobilizer

- Recording tool for vaccinations and return date
- Counseling tool with parents and for mobilizers
- Link with registers and tallying

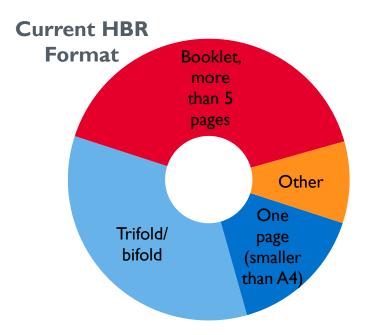
USE FOR IPC, COUNSELING, TO UPDATE DATA, AND TO VERIFY A CHILD'S STATUS

ACTION

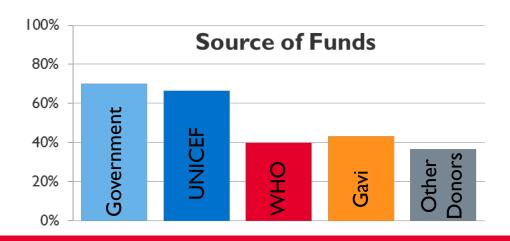
HBR Survey

Online survey sent to all EPI Managers and WHO and UNICEF immunization focal points in spring 2016.

32 responses received from 24 countries in Africa & Asia.



- > 80% said current HBR is integrated
- 78% of recent updates were for new vaccine introductions
- Almost 70% said revisions are sometimes delayed
- 93% believe additional advocacy needed with MOH/Gov't to ensure long-term funding for printing and distribution of HBRs
- Only 20% said there is an ongoing agreement to fund each time a batch of HBRs are printed



Design Challenges From the Field

- Insufficient space to write important information
- Missing due dates or not clearly linked with services
- Multi-colored and many pages resulting in increased cost for printing
- Many sections that are not filled in
- "Extra" information that is not necessary but time-consuming
- No ID# linking HBR to register

Nepal HBRs



2017 Format
- updated
immunization
schedule

2015 Format – return dates on front cover





2016 Formatreturn dateson imm page

Operations Challenges From the Field

- Poor visibility of HBR stock levels
 & no stock management system for HBRs
- Slow approval process involving multiple programs
- Financing often donor-dependent
- No sustainability plans for printing & distribution
- Multiple cards or versions used simultaneously
- Need to update frequently due to new vaccine introductions

Benin HBRs

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Retention Challenges

- Lack of communication about importance of HBR to HWs, mobilizers, and parents
- HBRs not emphasized during immunization sessions or other visits to HF resulting in missed opportunities
- Poor quality paper easily torn or destroyed

Lessons from the Field

- Design & implement with all users in mind
- Operational issues must be considered
- Many opportunities for integration but all programs need to contribute to HBR's success (i.e., funding, training, use of data)

Lessons from the Field



Case Study on Madagascar & Ethiopia redesign experiences

JSI currently supporting HBR work in Benin, DRC, Nepal and Zimbabwe

Tools and briefs will be available at: www.jsi.com/homebasedrecordsproject