

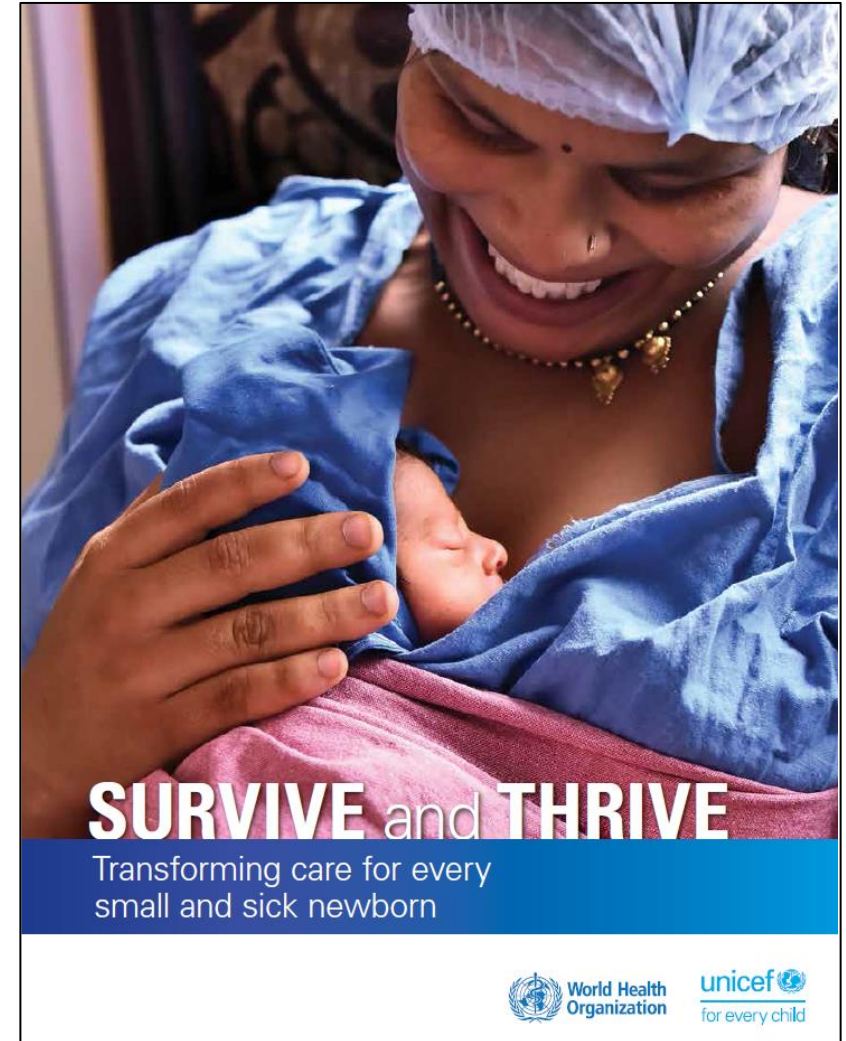
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IMProving qUaLity and uSE of newborn indicators

VALIDATION AND DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP

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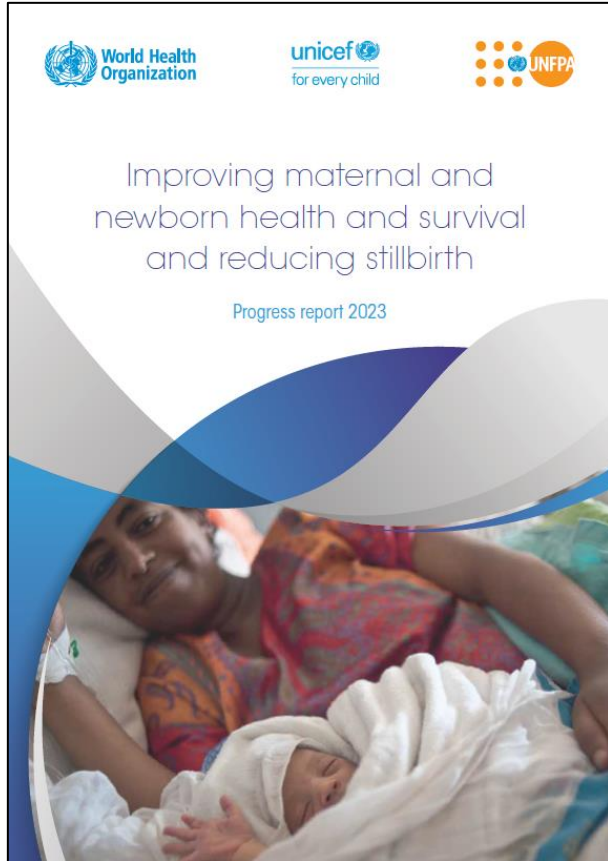


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“Preventable stillbirths and newborn deaths remain extraordinarily high”



Priority actions to reduce maternal deaths, stillbirths and newborn deaths

Healthy women and children are the backbone of a healthy and productive society. MNH is critical for achieving universal health coverage (UHC) using a primary health care approach.

Yet an estimated 4.5 million maternal deaths, newborn deaths and stillbirths still occur globally each year - the vast majority of which are completely preventable. Interventions and technologies exist which, if made available to all pregnant women, new mothers and newborns, would significantly reduce needless suffering and tragedy across the world. However, as we reach the mid-point of the SDG era, mortality has plateaued or is progressing too slowly and the world is off track to achieve the global targets for maternal deaths, newborn deaths and stillbirths. This is inexcusable and unnecessary.

There are positive indications that coverage of lifesaving maternal and newborn interventions is increasing in many countries, but inequities endure, and coverage does not include adequate quality or content. An evidence-based, equity-focused approach must guide future efforts to roll out these interventions, including, at the global and regional levels, prioritization of slow progressing countries and high burden areas within countries, linking with attaining UHC.

At country level, MNH programmes and interventions must be prioritized within health budgets and re-designed to ensure that high quality care is available to all women and newborns in need. To address maternal health complications, functional facilities providing quality care must be accessible for everyone in need. And there is strong evidence that SSNC units can save lives. Ensuring that women and babies have access to the quality care they need will require significant and aligned investments in infrastructure and training.

Further, stillbirth remains neglected on the agenda of the maternal and newborn communities at all levels. There is a critical need to invest in routine ANC and quality care around the time of birth, and not simply the management of complications. Stillbirth prevention must become a routine part of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) continuum of care.

Finally, across all three priorities, we need more data - including on financing and costs of provision of quality MNH care, better quality data and use of data for action at all levels within a primary health care/UHC framework.

The data and evidence presented in *Together for Change: For Every Pregnant Woman, Every Mother, Every Newborn* suggest several priority actions are required to accelerate progress towards the global targets. These actions include:

Commitment and investment	Ambition and investments must match the ENAP-EPMM targets. Political commitment to the targets along with necessary investments must be mobilized to achieve universal health coverage. Improved synergies in planning, tracking of financial investments and accountability measures are needed to achieve targets for women and newborns.
Planning and implementation for equity	Local implementation is crucial for national progress to reach all women and newborns. A focus on implementation at subnational levels is crucial to ensure equitable progress, including in fragile and humanitarian settings. Planning must be backed up with local action to achieve targets at global, national and subnational levels.
Service delivery for quality	Systems should be adapted to deliver quality care for women and newborns. Health care systems that are synergistic, efficient, and integrated are necessary to support quality and respectful care for pregnant women and newborns. This requires strengthening infrastructure, health worker capacities and competencies, commodity and device availability and supply chains, referrals and networks of health facilities.
Accountability and partnerships	Women, families and communities should be partners in planning, monitoring and supporting services for accountability. The role of the private sector in supporting improved coverage and equity of maternal and newborn interventions should be explored. Synergies with other ongoing initiatives and programmes such as family planning, polio, reaching zero dose communities for immunization, and community and child health are needed for accelerated progress.
Data improvement and use	Data systems need intentional shifts to track and address coverage, equity and quality gaps. This will require synergies in maternal and newborn datasets, prioritising key data points and ensuring national and subnational data, including in fragile and humanitarian settings, to drive quality, equity and accountability.

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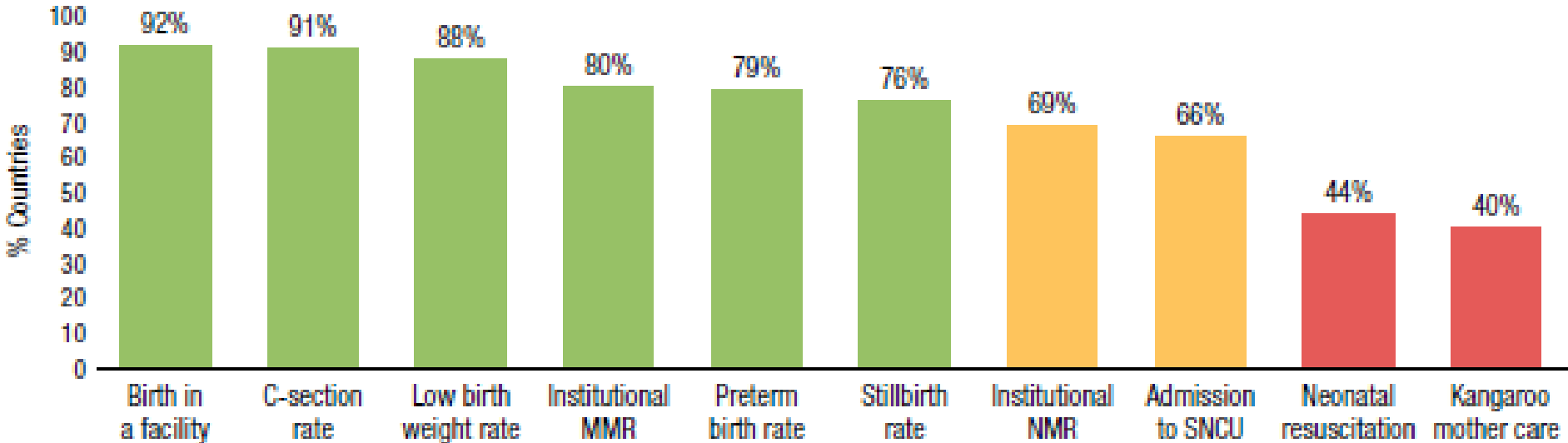
Data and information systems for MNH indicators

Data and information systems

Data and information are a core component of the provision of quality MNH care because they allow for measurement, programme tracking, informed decision-making, evidence-based implementation and accountability. Many countries are routinely tracking, collecting and using data on maternal and newborn

Reports into the joint *Tracking Tool* from 106 countries across all SDG regions reveal mixed progress towards the ENAP-EPMM targets and milestones. While there is broadly strong political commitment towards achieving the ENAP-EPMM targets across the globe, the necessary investments have not yet been made to support these in many countries. Further, in many cases where national plans and policies are in place.

Figure 13: Countries with an RHIS that includes key MNH indicators (n=105)



Source: ENAP-EPMM Joint Tracking Tool analysis, 2023.

birth in a facility C-section rate Low birth weight rate institutional MMR Preterm birth rate Stillbirth rate institutional NMR Admission to SNCU neonatal resuscitation kangaroo mother care

Every Newborn Measurement Improvement Research

2030
End
Preventable
Maternal
and
Newborn
Deaths and
Stillbirths

2025
Effective use
of data in
national
health
information
systems

Data use in countries
for programme improvement
and accountability

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Improving Quality and Use of Newborn Indicators (IMPULSE)
In Central Africa Republic, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda)
(funded Chiesi Foundation) 2021-2024

EN-BIRTH STUDY 2

Every Newborn – Measurement Improvement for
Newborn and Stillbirth Indicators (EN-MINI) Tools
in Bangladesh, Tanzania – funded by USAID 2019-2022

EN-MINI
tools

EN-BIRTH STUDY 1

Every Newborn - Birth Indicators Research Tracking in Hospitals
Assessment of validity of newborn indicator measurement
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Data for action - Every Newborn Action Plan





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Website

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Improving quality and use of newborn indicators (IMPULSE study)

The **IM**Proving **qUaL**ity and **uSE** of newborn indicators (IMPULSE) study aims to improve newborn routine data quality and use in high mortality settings for Every Newborn to survive and thrive.



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The **IM**Proving **qUaL**ity and **uSE** of newborn indicators (IMPULSE) two-phase project aiming to describe and improve the quality of facility-level newborn indicators in four African countries: **Cen**tral **R**epublic, **E**thiopia, **U**nited **R**epublic of **T**anzania and **U**ganda

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Today at 1pm BST!



Collaborating partners



IMPULSE study aims and objectives

Aim: To improve newborn routine data quality and use in low- and middle-income countries and specifically in Africa for Every Newborn to survive and thrive.

IMPULSE Phase 1 Objectives

In four African countries (Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda) focusing on health facilities caring for small or sick newborns, to:

1. Map newborn indicator data availability in existing routine health information systems (RHIS)
2. Assess newborn key indicator data quality in existing RHIS.
3. Understand newborn indicator data use by different stakeholders in existing RHIS.
4. Analyze technical, organizational and behavioural enabling factors in RHIS to improve newborn indicator data quality and use
5. Measure the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on newborn RHIS data



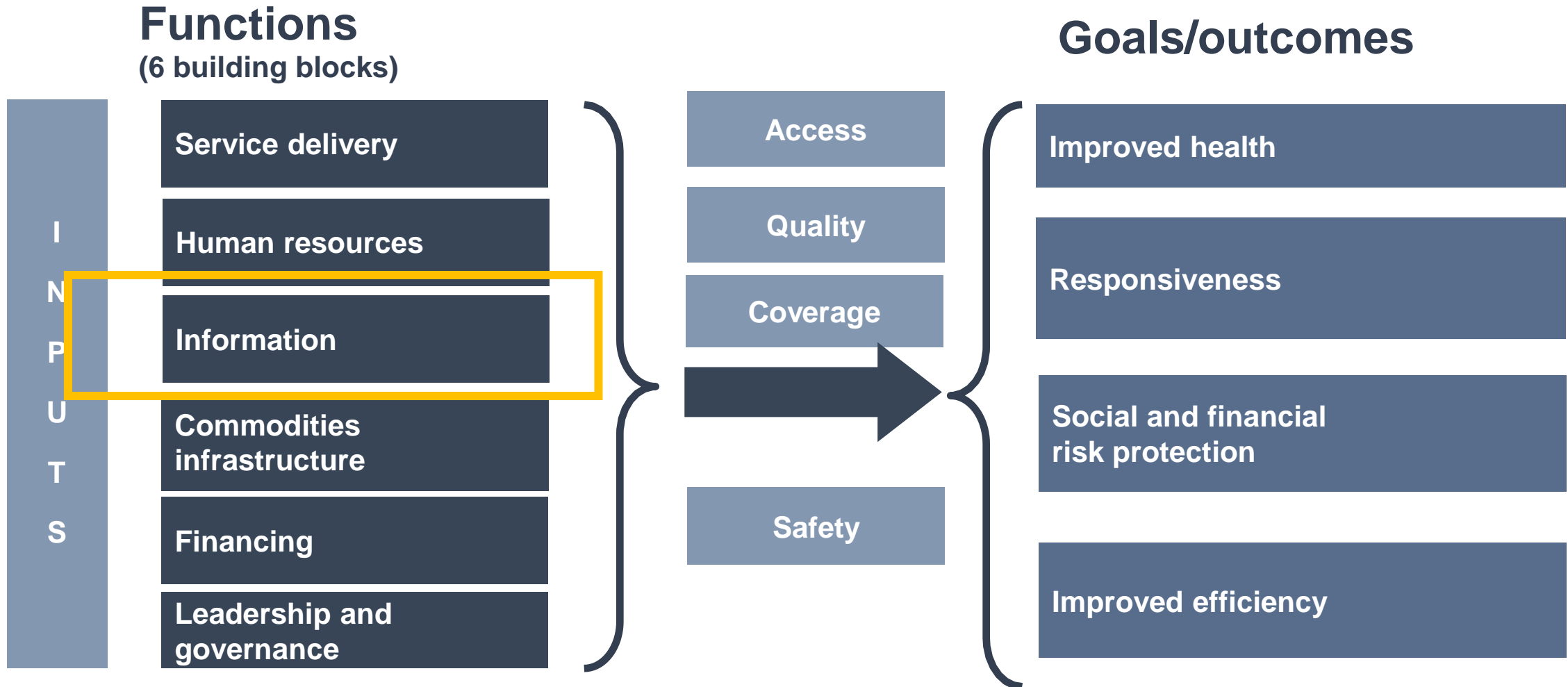
IMPULSE Phase 2 protocol

Developed using evidence generated in phase 1 and a theory of change with focus on high quality care in health facilities caring for small and sick newborns in LMIC and specifically Africa, to:

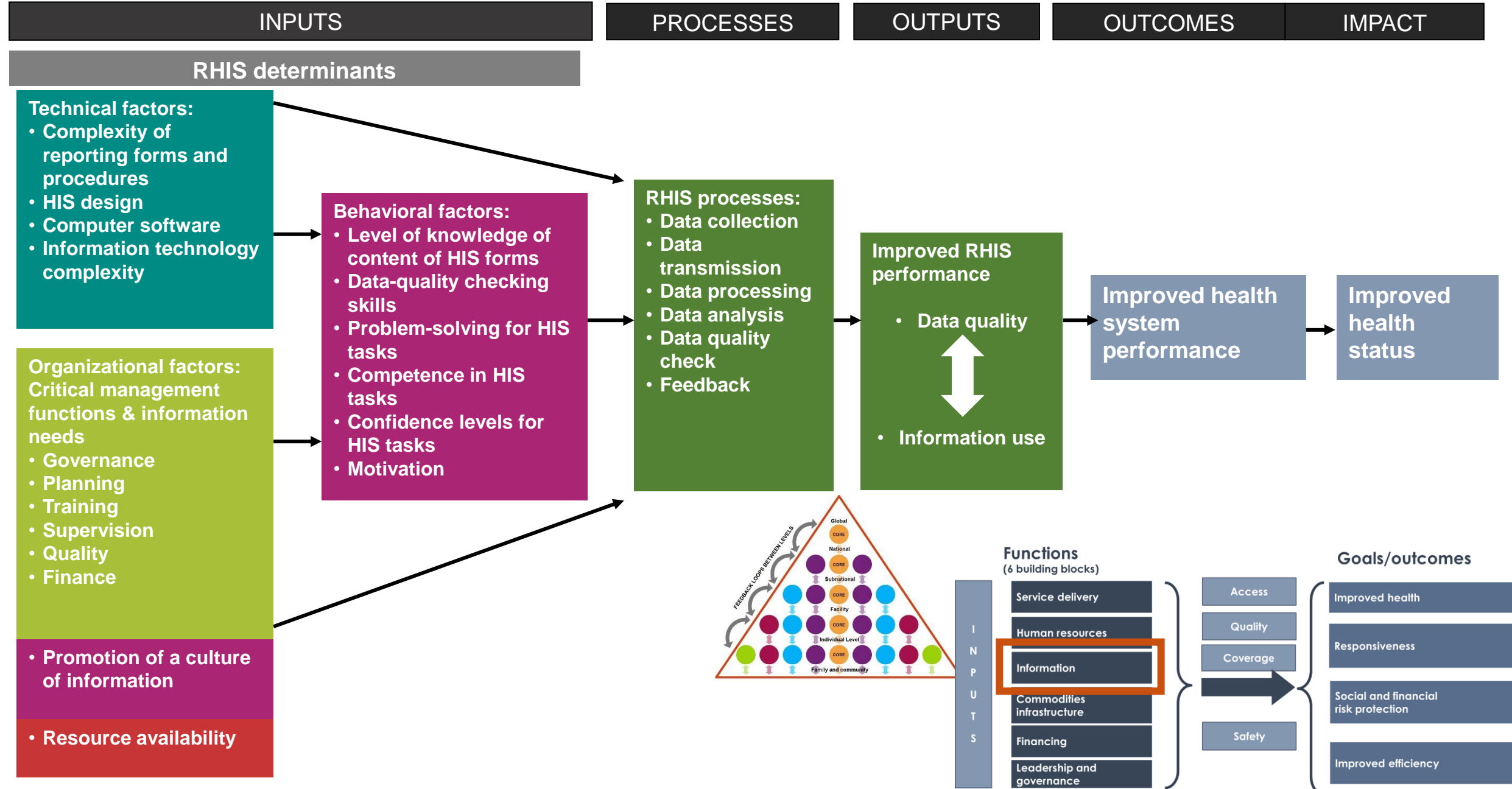
- Co-create practical sustainable intervention(s) to improve routine newborn data availability, quality and use of data for action to improve newborn health and wellbeing.
- To test effectiveness and cost of the co-created intervention
- Specific research questions will be described during the design of the phase 2 protocol.



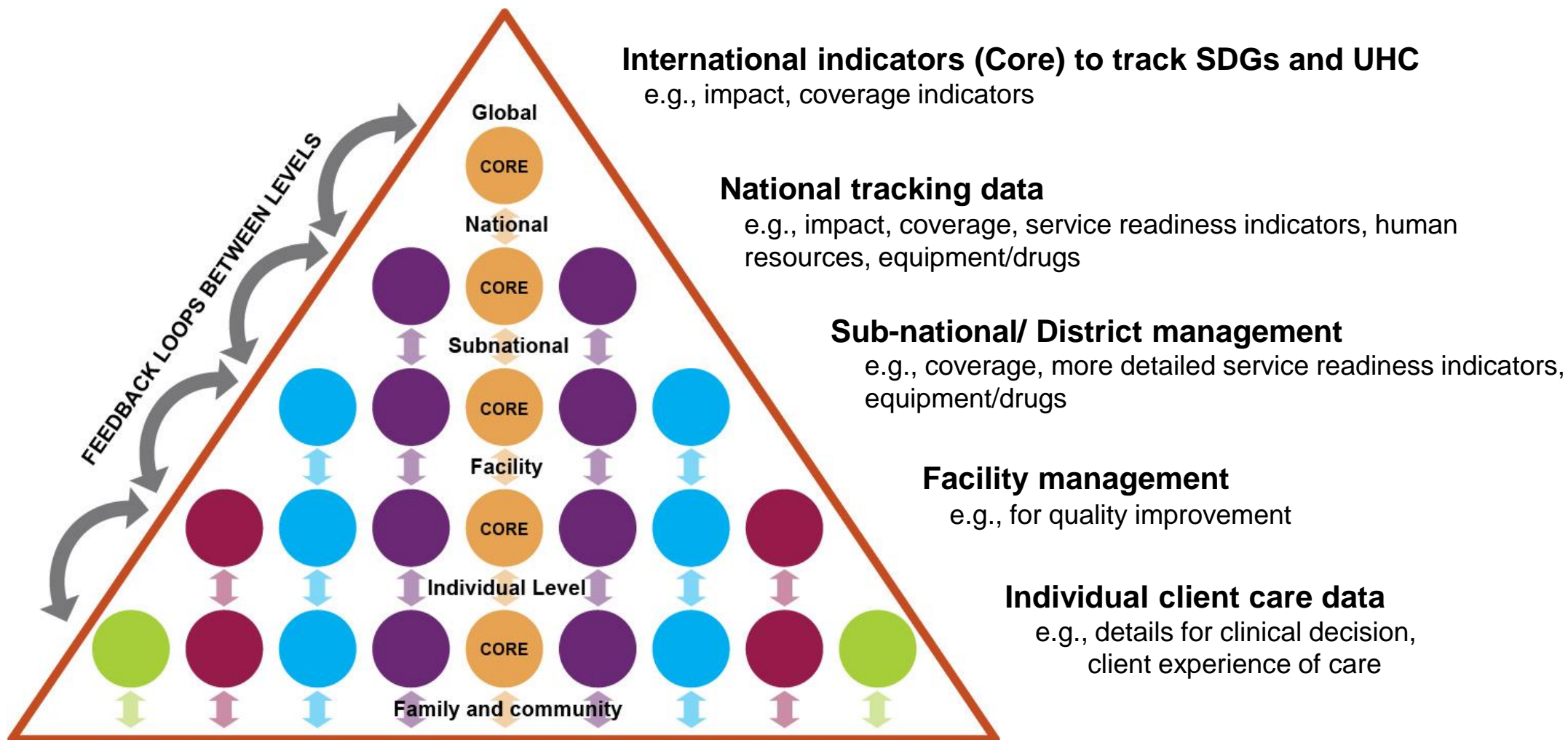
Functions and goals of a health system



The Performance of Routine Information System Management (PRISM) -Framework



Routine data collection and use by system level



Well-functioning information systems



RHIS determinants

Technical factors:

- Complexity of reporting forms and procedures
- HIS design
- Computer software
- Information technology complexity

Behavioral factors:

- Level of knowledge of content of HIS forms
- Data-quality checking skills
- Problem-solving for HIS

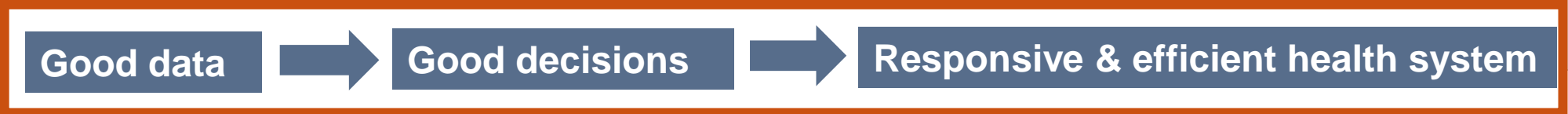
RHIS processes:

- Data collection
- Data transmission
- Data processing
- Data analysis

Improved RHIS performance

Improved health system

Improved health



Organizational factors: Critical management functions & information needs

- Governance
- Planning
- Training
- Supervision
- Quality
- Finance

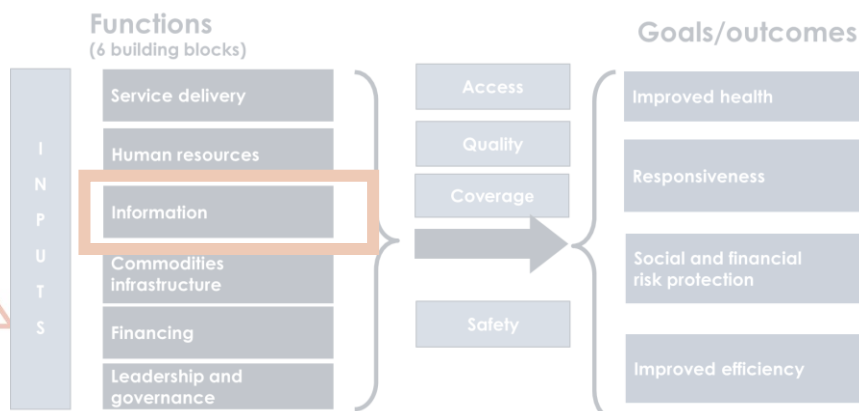
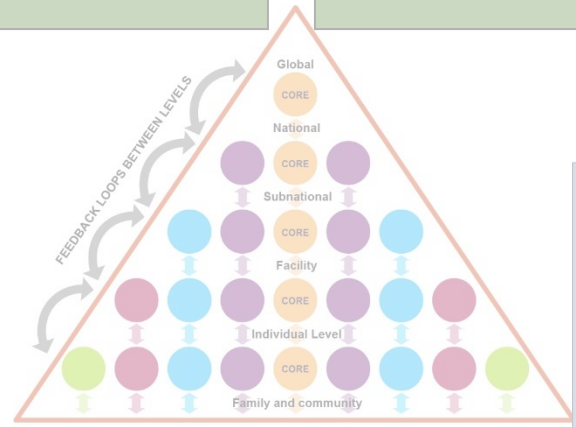
Behavioral factors:

- Confidence levels for HIS tasks
- Motivation

Information use

Information use

- Promotion of a culture of information
- Resource availability





Analyzing a data problem and its causes: an example

Problem: Data are not being transmitted on time

Causes:

Technical	Reporting form is complex and requires review of multiple register books
Organizational	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No incentive to submit reports on time• No standard operating procedure (SOP) on reporting communicated formally
Behavioral	Staff do not have sufficient skill to prepare reports using data from different register books and health cards.

Definitions of the PRISM Determinants: Technical Factors

INPUTS

PROCESSES

OUTPUTS

OUTCOMES

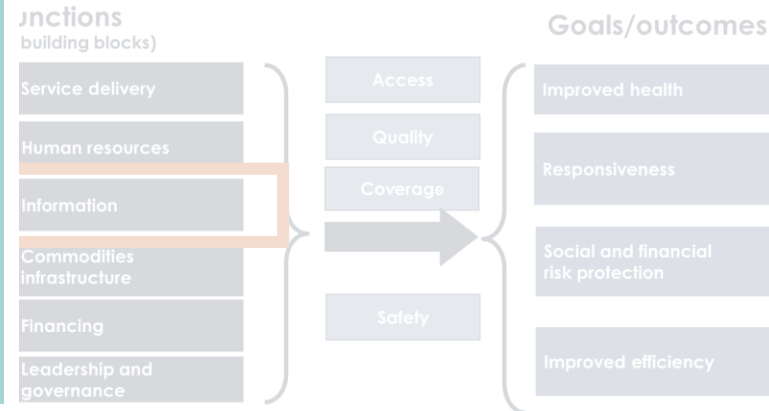
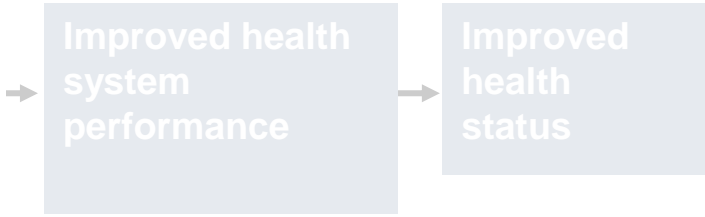
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RHIS determinants

Technical factors:

- Complexity of reporting forms and procedures
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- Standard indicators
- Trained staff
- Well-designed data collection forms
- Systems
- User-friendly reporting forms
- Processes and methods



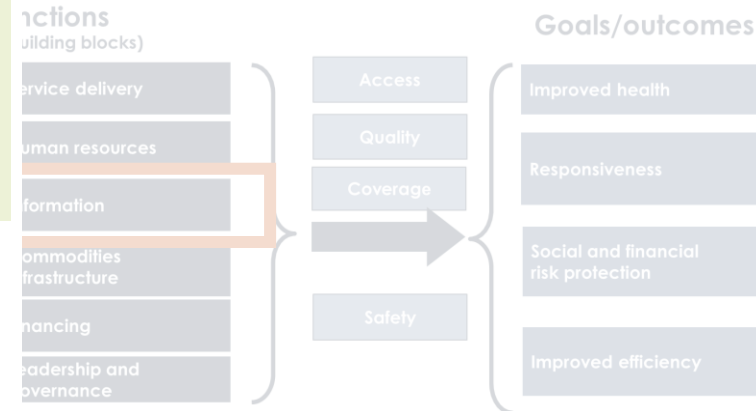
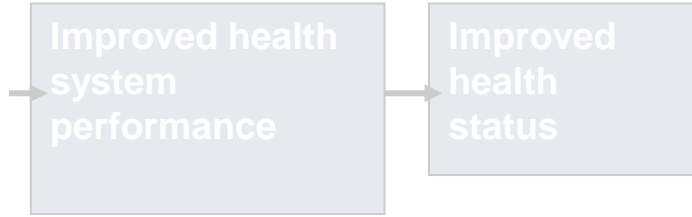
Definitions of the PRISM Determinants: Organizational Factors



- Promotion of an information culture
- Infrastructure
- Resource availability
- Roles and responsibilities
- Training
- Supportive supervision

Organizational factors:
 Critical management functions & information needs

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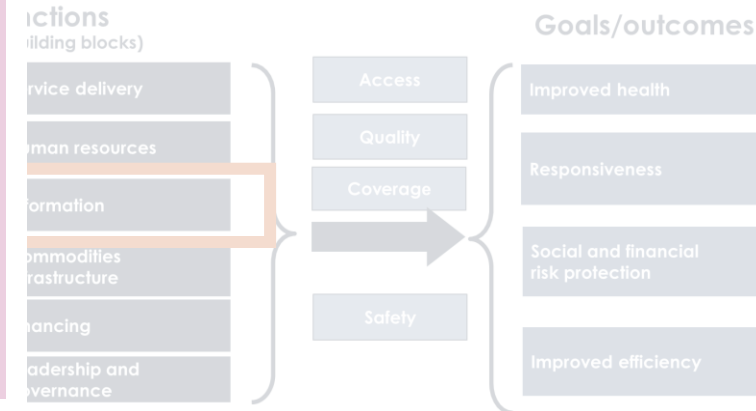
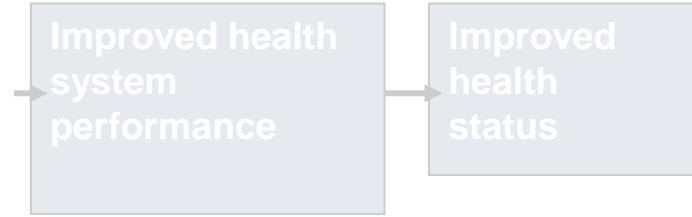
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- Attitudes and values
- Skills
- Confidence
- Sense of responsibility
- Empowerment and accountability

- Promotion of a culture of information



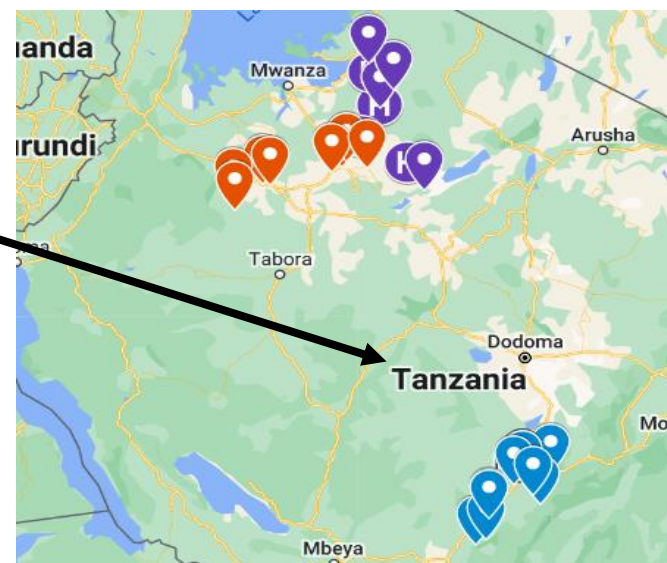
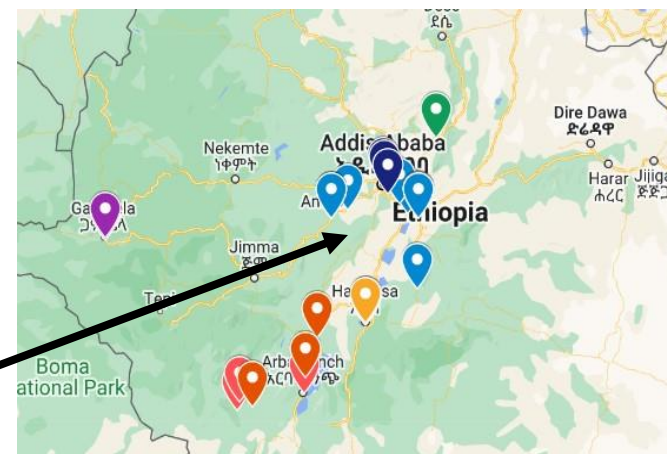
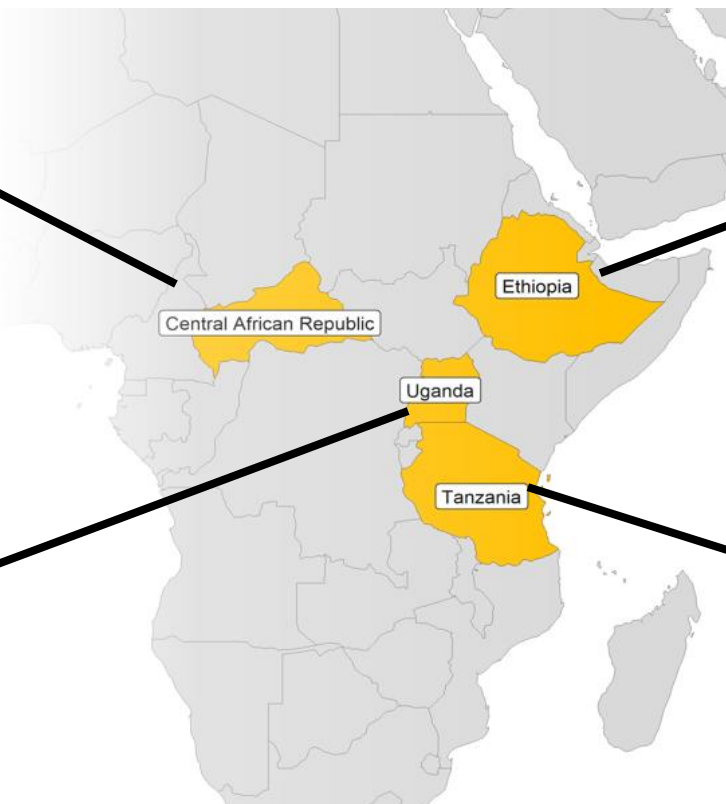
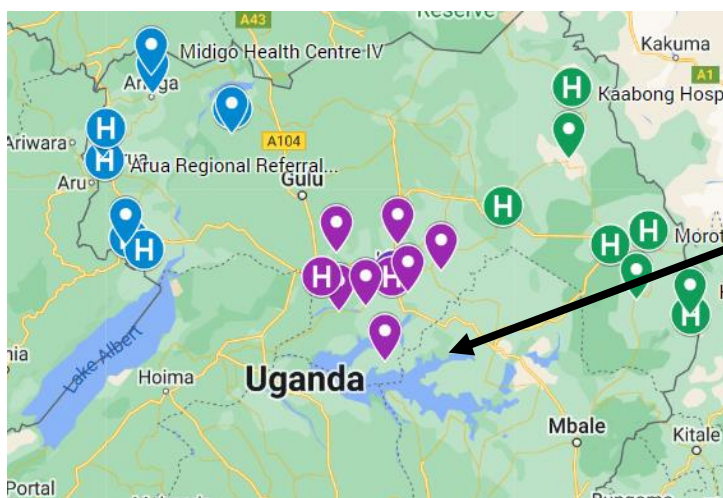
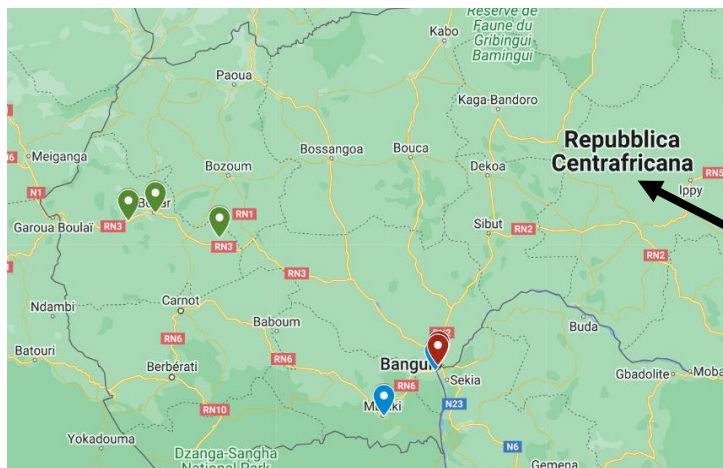


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✓ **4 Countries:** Central African Republic, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia

✓ **15 Regions/City administration:** including fragile settings, difficult to reach

✓ **150 sites** across 4 countries



In TANZANIA: 47 sites

IMPULSE Phase 1 Methods

- ✓ **Study design:** Observational (cross sectional)
- ✓ **Ethics:** Clearance all countries + London School Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
(GDPR compliant, aggregate data, written consent, password protected devices, encrypted data transfer)
- ✓ **Duration:**
 - ✓ **Phase 1:** August 2021 to May2024
 - ✓ **Phase 2:** June 2024 to 2026
- ✓ **In Tanzania:** 4 regions: Iringa, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Dar es Salaam/ Dodoma
- ✓ **Funded by:** Chiesi Foundation

Tanzania sample - criterion based

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	Type	Iringa	Shinyanga	Simiyu	Dar es Salaam	TOTAL
Health Facilities	3 rd level of referral health facility (National Hospital)				2	2
	3 rd level of referral hospital (Regional Hospital)	1	1	1		3
	2 nd level of referral (District Hospital) Public	3	3	2		8
	2 nd level of referral (District Hospital) not-for-profit	1	1	2		4
	2 nd level of referral (District Hospital) Private	2	1			3
	1 st level of referral (Primary Hospital / Health Centre) Public with CEmONC - except CAR BEmONC	3	3	3		9
	1 st level of referral (Primary Hospital / Health Centre) not-for-profit with CEmONC - except CAR BEmONC					0
	1 st level of referral (Primary Hospital / Health Centre) Private with CEmONC - except CAR BEmONC					0
	Facilities Total	10	9	8	2	29
Data Offices	District /Subnational health data Office	5	4	5	1 (Dar es Salaam)	14
	Regional health data office	1	1	1		3
	Central Ministry of Health (MOH)				1 (Dodoma)	1
	Data offices Total	6	5	6	1	18
	Total sites	16	14	14	3	47

Data were collected : 2023

Using EN-MINI tools, open access launched 2022

<https://www.data4impactproject.org/resources/en-mini-tools/>



Co-designed
in Tanzania and Bangladesh
EN-BIRTH 2 study 2020-2022
✓ English and Ki-Swahili

IMPULSE study contributed to:

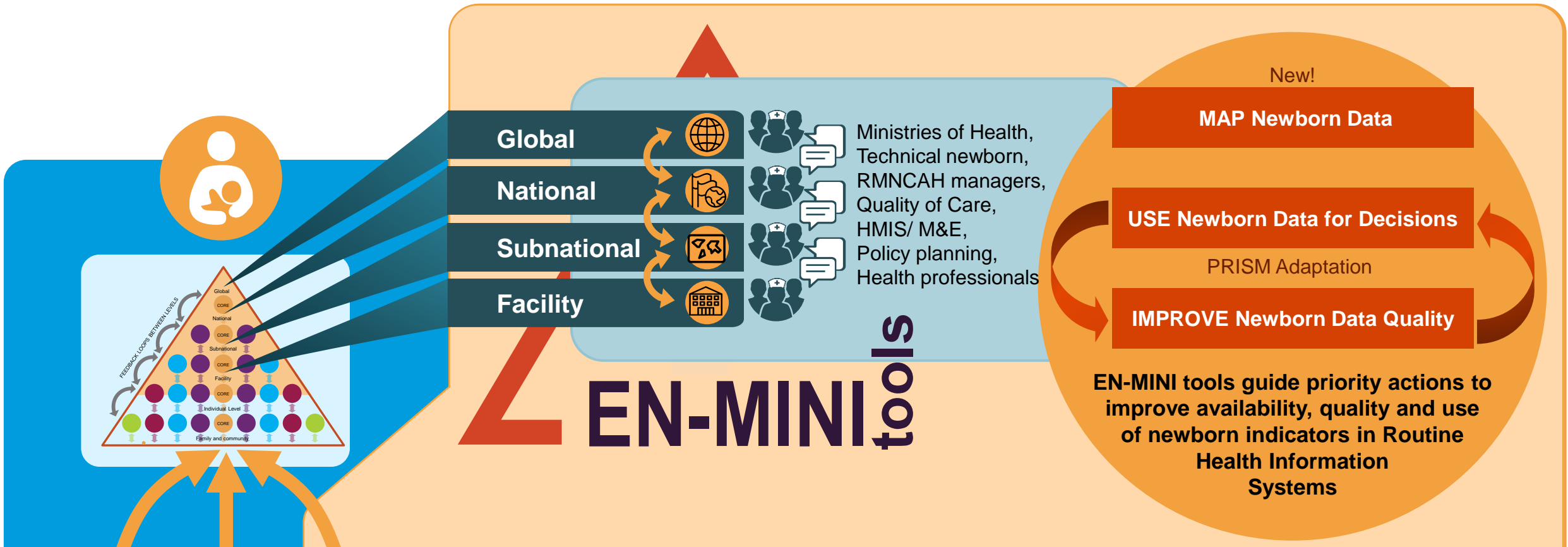
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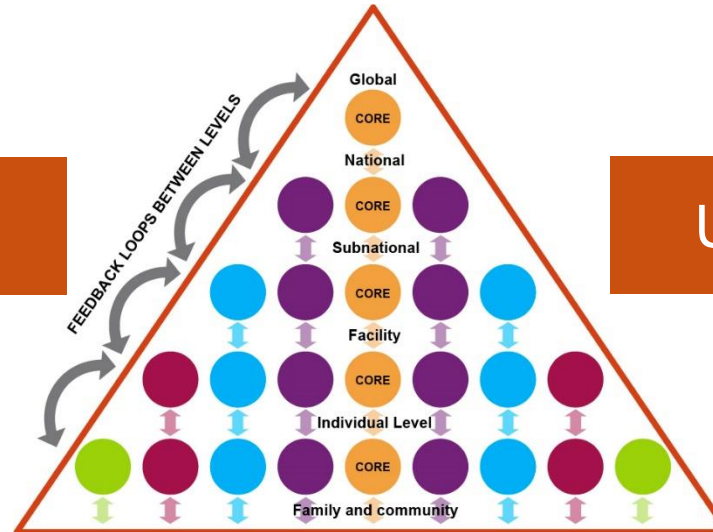
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EN-MINI Tools for Routine Health Information Systems



Map Newborn Data

Map Newborn Data
EN-MINI Tool 0



Improve Newborn Data Quality

RHIS Performance Diagnostic
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 2

Facility/Office Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 5

Neonatal individual
Case Notes/ Register
Potential EN-MINI Tool 7



Use Newborn Data for Decisions

RHIS Overview
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 1

Electronic RHIS Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 3

Management Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 4

Organizational/Behavioral Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 6

EN-MINI-PRISM Tools

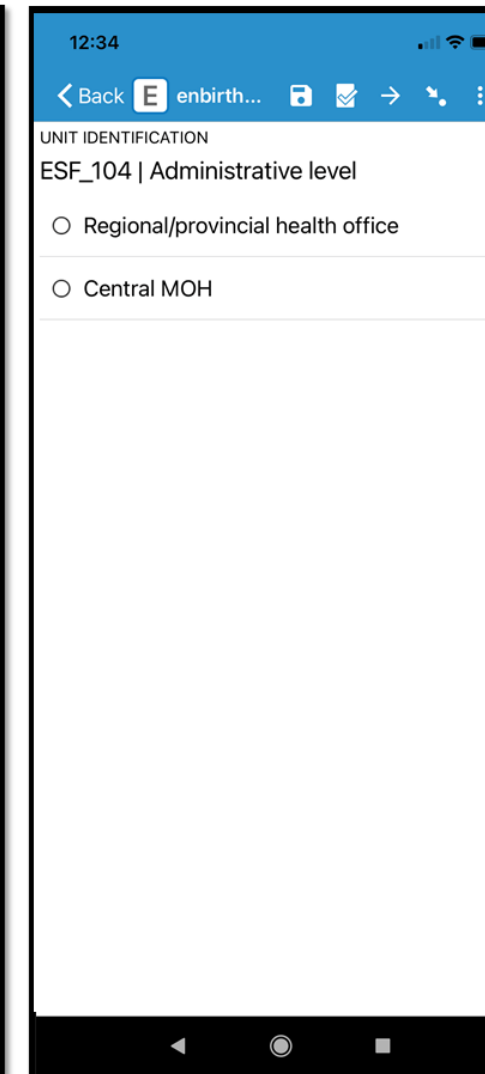
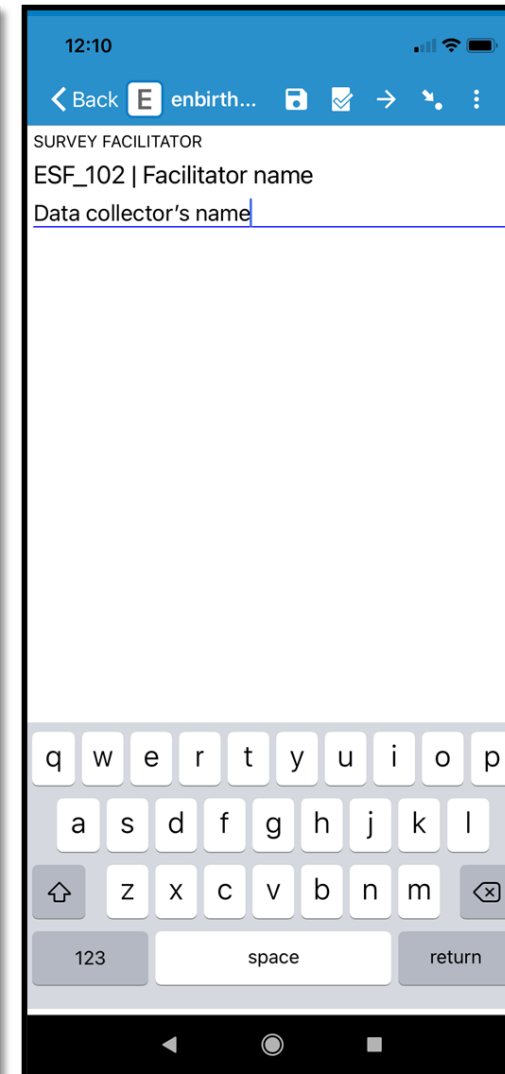
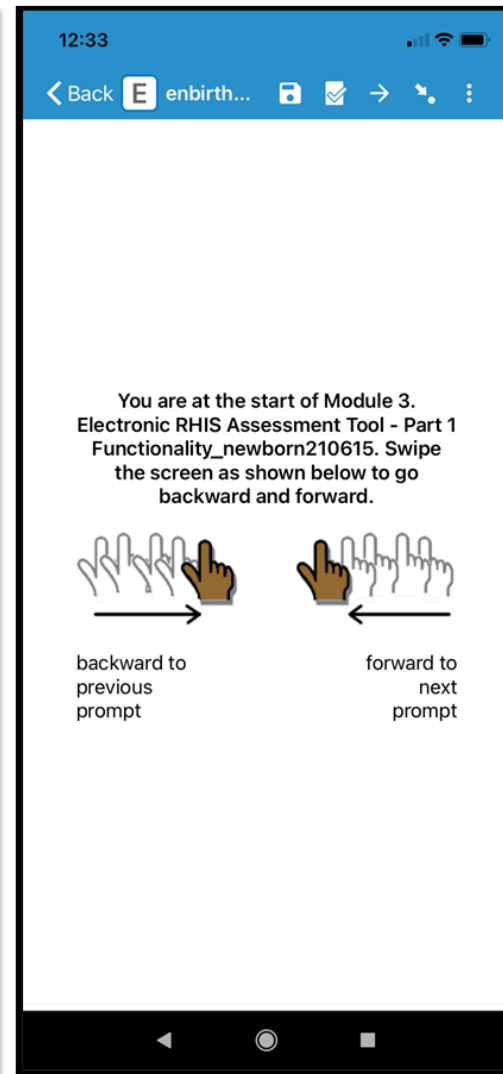
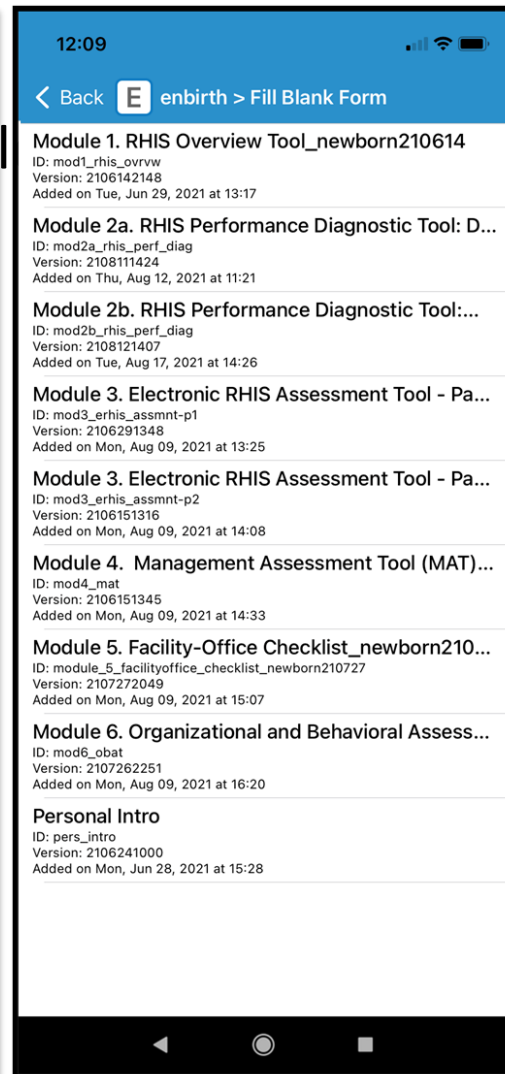
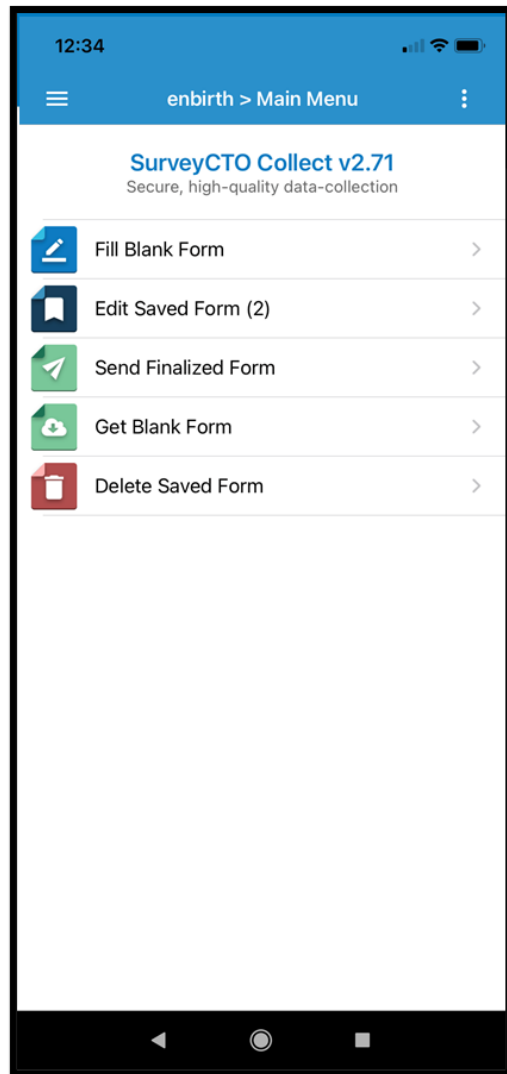


- Performance of Routine Information System Management (PRISM) tools
 - MEASURE Evaluation
- Comprehensive assessment RHIS performance
- **EN-MINI-PRISM adaptation uses priority/core newborn/stillbirth indicators**
- **User-friendly, automated analysis**



EN-MINI-PRISM Tools

ready-to-use ODK forms for phones/ tablets



IMPULSE Data Collection

Tanzania

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- Tanzania team co-trained other CAR, Ethiopia, Uganda study co-ordinators
 - Trained with standard EN-MINI Training tools and Standard operating procedures (SOP) for data collection predefined
 - 1) field practices; 2) Q&A sessions and document 3) with ongoing WhatsApp Group
 - Tools pilot tested in 2 countries before data collection
- Data quality assurance:
 - Digital tools – validations for data completeness and plausibility.
 - Data collectors supervised by experienced study coordinators.
- Monitoring & Evaluation file for site data timeliness, completeness, and sample size collected.
- Interim analyses were conducted, by research statisticians' part-way to check data completeness, internal consistency, plausibility.

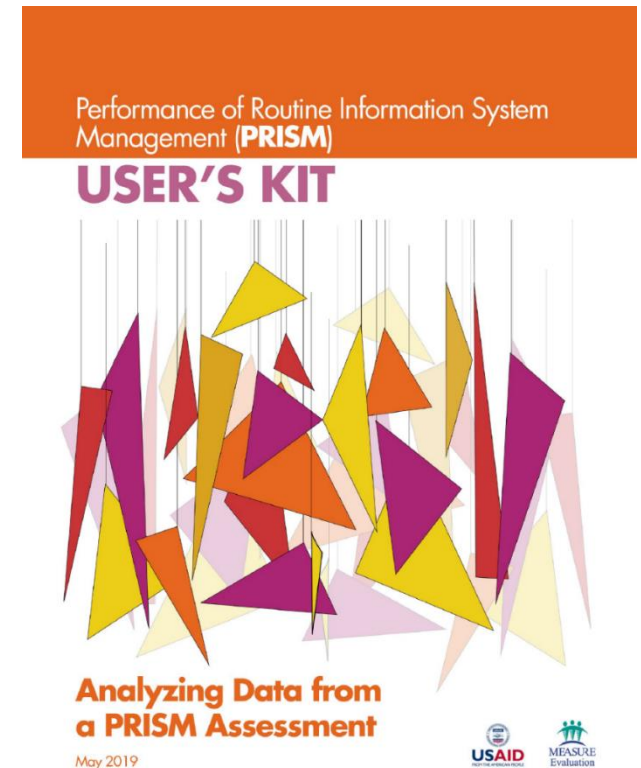
IMPULSE Dataset and data analyses conducted

Dataset: Comprehensive dataset across all PRISM determinants

Data analyses:

1. Research analyses – based on PRISM framework
2. Validated PRISM analysis plan “User’s Kit”

EN-MINI PRISM Analysis Tool (EN-MINI PAT)



Data Analysis: EN-MINI-PRISM Analysis Tool

**Automated
data
analysis**

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UPDATE CENTRAL REGION DISTRICT FACILITY

Individual scores and mean score of the quality of supervision at the HF level

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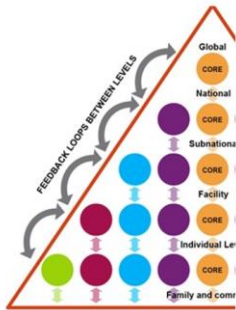
Data Source – Module IIb: RHIS Performance Diagnostic Tool (HF Level)			
Indicators	Numerator	Denominator	%
Supervisor checked the data quality	13	14	93%
Supervisor used checklist to assess data quality	13	14	93%
During visit, district supervisor discussed health facility's performance based on RHIS information	13	14	93%
Supervisor helped respondent make a decision or take corrective action based on the discussion	12	14	86%
Supervisor sent a report/written feedback on the last supervisory visit(s)	7	14	50%
Global quality of supervision			83%

Summary tables for Use of Information indicators			District			Facility		
	Indicator		Numerator	Denominator	%	Numerator	Denominator	%
Type of issues covered in annual plans demonstrating RHIS data use	Annual plan contains activities and/or targets related to improving or addressing:	Service coverage	0	2	0%	7	7	100%
		Health facility performance	2	2	100%	7	7	100%
		Neonatal morbidity diagnoses	2	2	100%	7	7	100%
		Emerging issues/epidemics	2	2	100%	5	7	71%
		Medicine stock outs	2	2	100%	6	7	86%
		HR management	2	2	100%	7	7	100%
		Gender disparity	0	2	0%	4	7	57%
Data dissemination outside the health sector	Need to submit/present health indicator performance reports to a central council of public representatives/civil administration		2	2	100%	16	16	100%
		Proportion of sites using/sharing data from the health indicators performance report						
		Reports/presentations use data from the RHIS to report on the health sector's progress	2	2	100%	12	16	75%
		Website is updated at least annually for accessing the central level's RHIS data by the general public	1	2	50%	0	16	0%
	Central level performance data shared with the general public via bulletin board chalkboard, and/or local publication	2	2	100%	13	16	81%	

Data Analysis – EN-MINI-PRISM Analysis Tool

Report-ready figures

Improve Newborn Data Quality

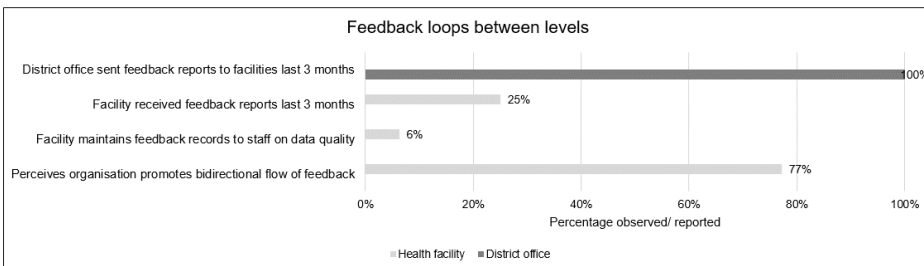


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	paper	Register		88%	88%	Completeness of register primary source data	

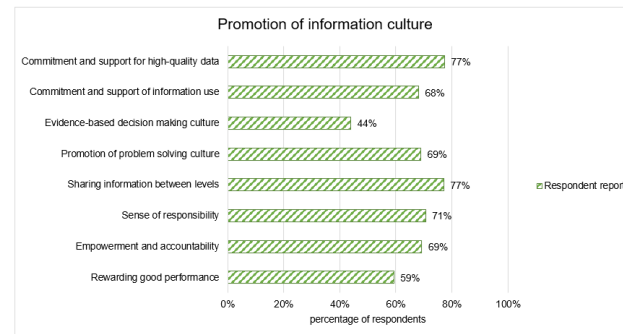
Improve Newborn Data Quality

		District review, n=2 offices			Facility review, n=16 visits			
		Monthly reports, n=50 facilities			Monthly reports, n=3 months			Registers, n=3 months
		Availability	Completeness	Accuracy	Availability	Completeness	Accuracy	Completeness
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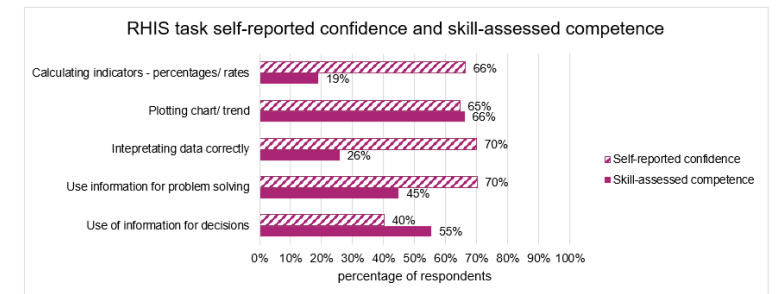
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Use Newborn Data for Decisions



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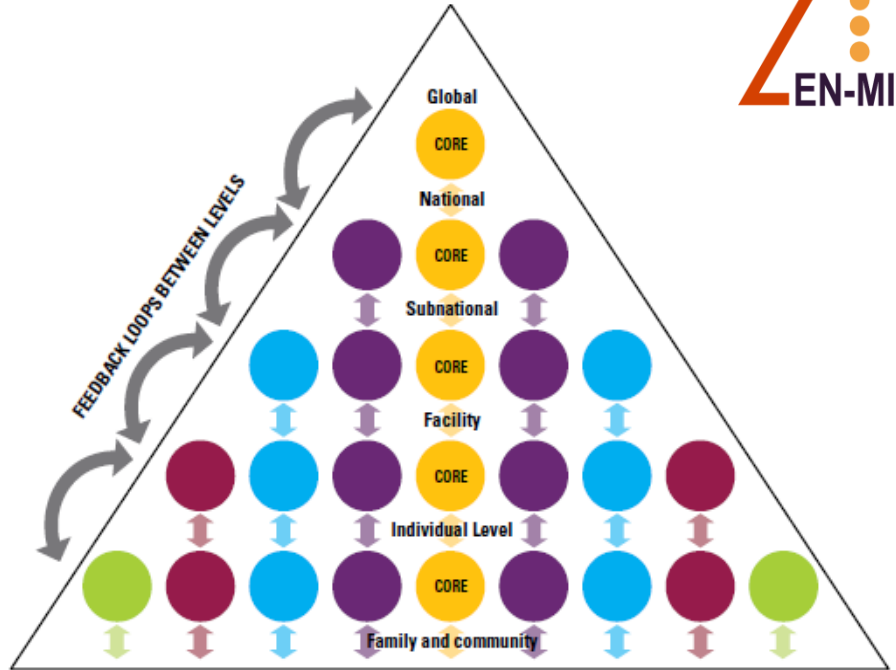
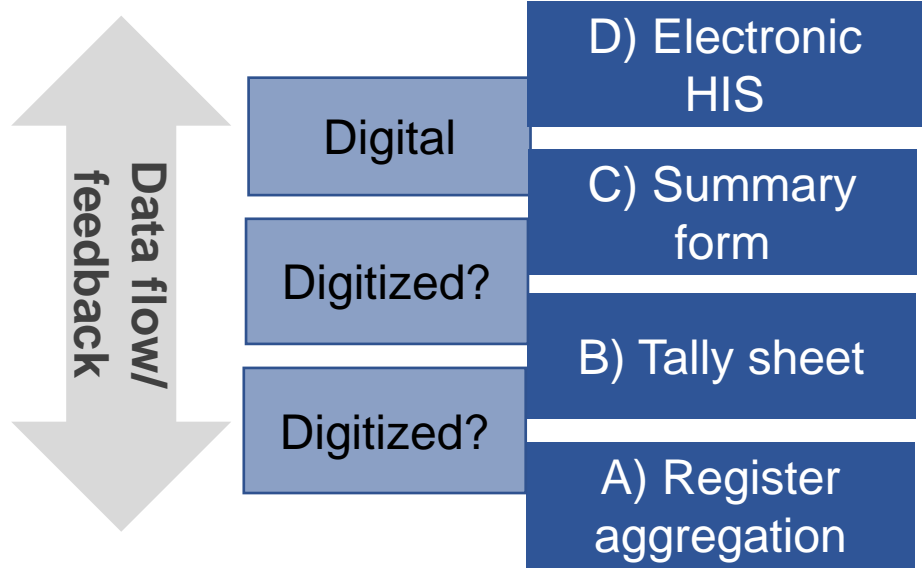


IMPULSE objective 1

1. Map newborn indicator data availability in existing routine health information systems (RHIS)



RHIS Data Collection, Flow and Transmission



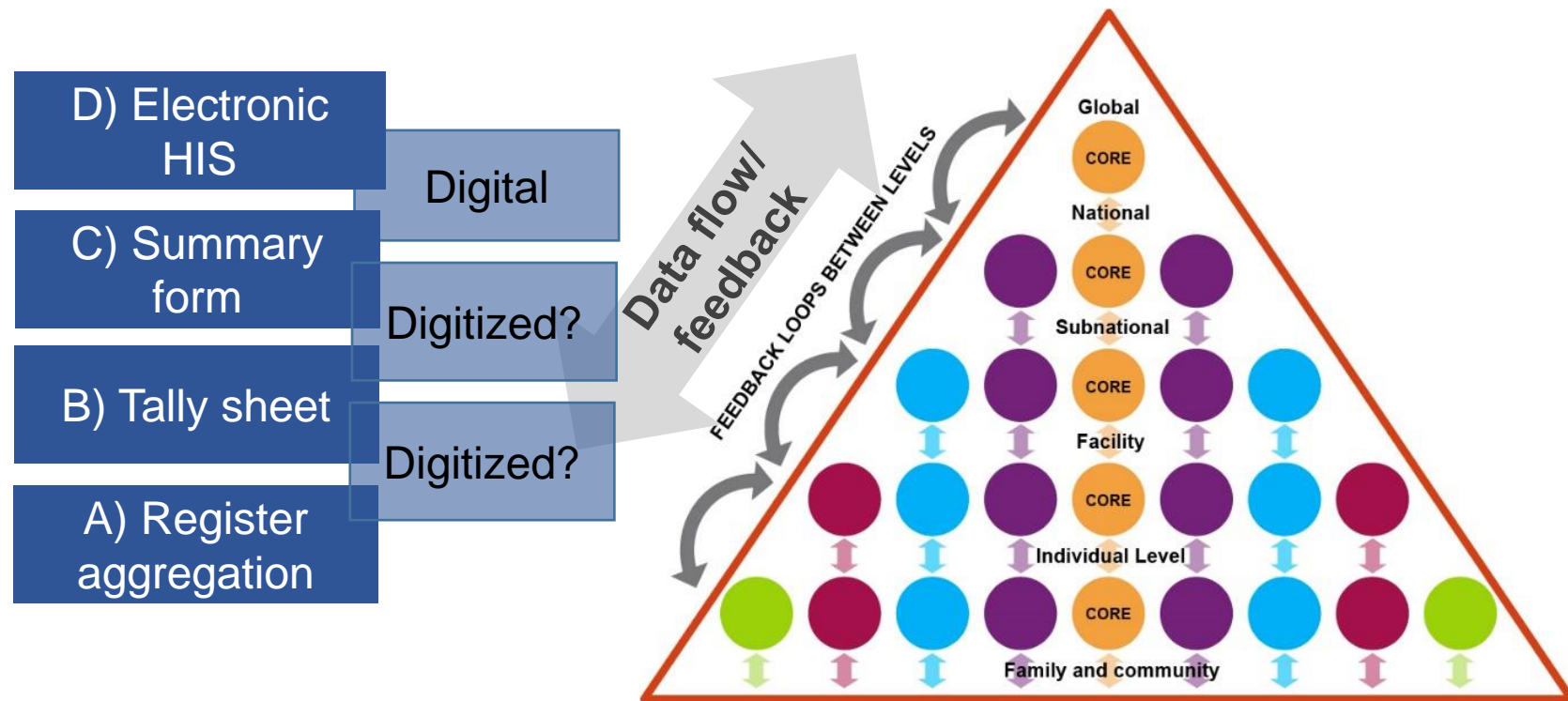
Level of health system	Examples of indicators specific for small and sick newborns
International indicators (Core) to track SDGs and UHC Includes impact, coverage, process indicators	Neonatal mortality rate Low birth weight rate Postnatal care – newborn Immediate breast feeding rate
National tracking data	Impact, coverage, service readiness indicators, human resources, equipment/drugs
District management	Coverage, more detailed service readiness indicators, equipment/drugs
Facility management	Quality improvement process data
Individual client care	Details for clinical decisions, client experience of care

Example indicators for countries to determine reporting level
Impact: Preterm birth rate Small for gestational age rate Neonatal morbidity rate Disability rates after neonatal conditions
Coverage for eligible newborns: Treated for infection Given kangaroo mother care Resuscitated Mothers received antenatal corticosteroids
Quality of care indicators Respectful care indicators Perinatal audit and surveillance (Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response) indicators Service readiness indicators Human resources indicators

Adapted from: Heywood and Rohde, 2000.

Data Collection, Flow and Transmission

- ✓ DHIS2
all maternal, newborn forms
- ✓ Summary / Reporting forms
- ✓ All paper-based registers
(Delivery Register, PNC etc.)

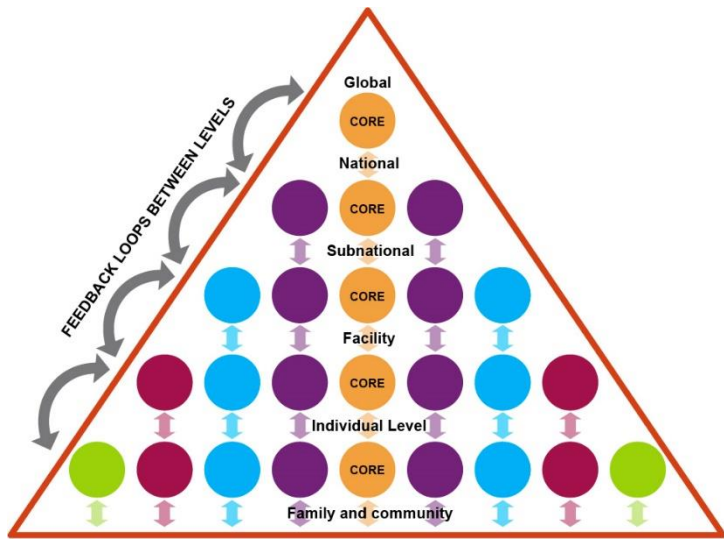


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MAP Newborn Data

Map Newborn Data EN-MINI Tool 0



Mapped newborn data availability in routine Health Information Systems

EN-MINI mapping tool results

Section 1. Summary of RHI completed

Section 2. Electronic RHI element availability

Section 3. All levels RHI element availability with V

Figure 3. Proportion of newborn data WHO- or nationally-recommended as core/optional

Legend: WHO recommended core or optional indicator/data element (Blue), Other indicator/data element (Orange)

Electronic Health Information System (e.g. DHIS2)	WHO recommended core or optional indicator/data element (%)	Other indicator/data element (%)
Kangaroo mother care (KMC) dataset	50%	50%
Register	75%	25%

Table 1 shows the mapping results for current availability of key newborn indicators in the Electronic RHIS

Table 11. Indicators in the Electronic RHIS

Indicator name	Type	Numerator	Denominator	Full indicator
Institutional maternal mortality ratio (per 100 000 deliveries)	Impact	No exact definition	At least one exact definition	Not available
Stillbirth rate in a health facility	Impact	No exact definition	Not available	Not available
Pre-discharge neonatal mortality rate	Impact	At least one exact definition	All definitions exact	Not available
Low birth weight among livebirths (%)	Impact	At least one exact definition	All definitions exact	Not available
Preterm birth (facility based)	Impact	Not available	All definitions exact	Not available
Caesarean section rate	Outcome	All definitions exact	At least one exact definition	Not available
Postnatal care for women (Facility-based)	Outcome	All definitions exact	Not available	Not available
Postnatal care for newborns (Facility-based)	Outcome	All definitions exact	All definitions exact	Not available
Newborns breastfed within one hour of birth	Outcome	All definitions exact	All definitions exact	Not available

Figure 1. Data flow example

Results

RHIS data levels: 2 (Electronic Health Information System (e.g. DHIS2), Regi

EN-MINI Tool 0 Mapping Report - DHIS2

Tanzania

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Newborns breastfed within one hour of birth	Outcome	All definitions exact	All definitions exact	All definitions exact
Newborn resuscitation with bag and mask	Outcome	All definitions exact	All definitions exact	All definitions exact
Premature (LBW) babies initiating KMC	Outcome	All definitions exact	All definitions exact	All definitions exact
Newborns treated for neonatal sepsis/infection	Outcome	All definitions exact	All definitions exact	Not available
Chlorhexidine cord cleansing	Outcome	Not available	All definitions exact	Not available
Antenatal corticosteroid use	Outcome	Not available	All definitions exact	Not available

Strengths:

Nearly all nationally recommended newborn indicators tracked in DHIS2

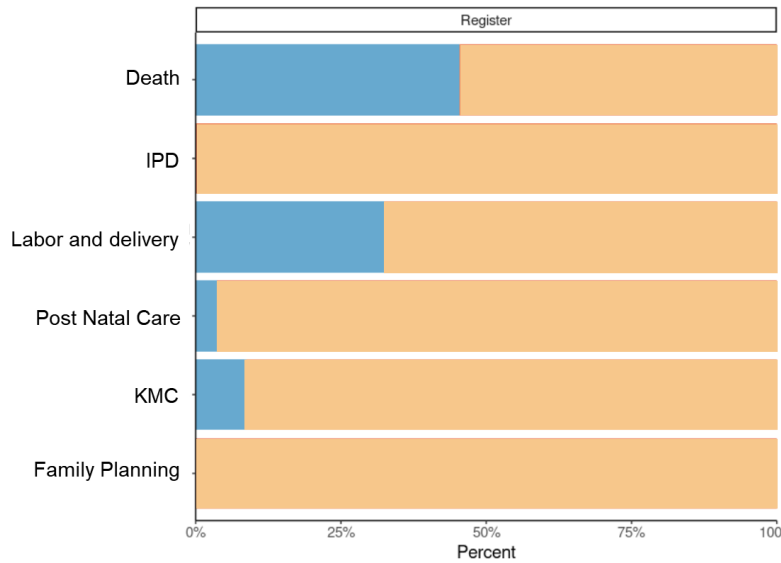
Gaps:

Preterm birth,
Sepsis
Antenatal
Corticosteroids

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Section 5: Documentation Burden – Routine Register level

Tanzania



Proportion of newborn data elements in each register needed for

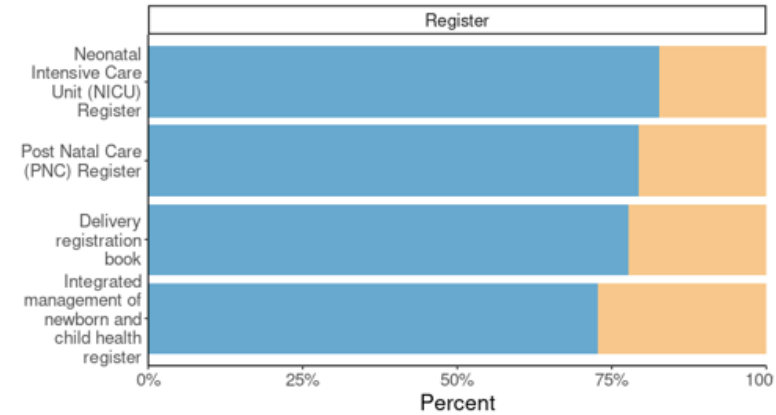
WHO/nationally recommended
Core/optional indicator data elements

Other indicator data elements

Most data elements in registers are not needed for newborn core/optional indicator measurement

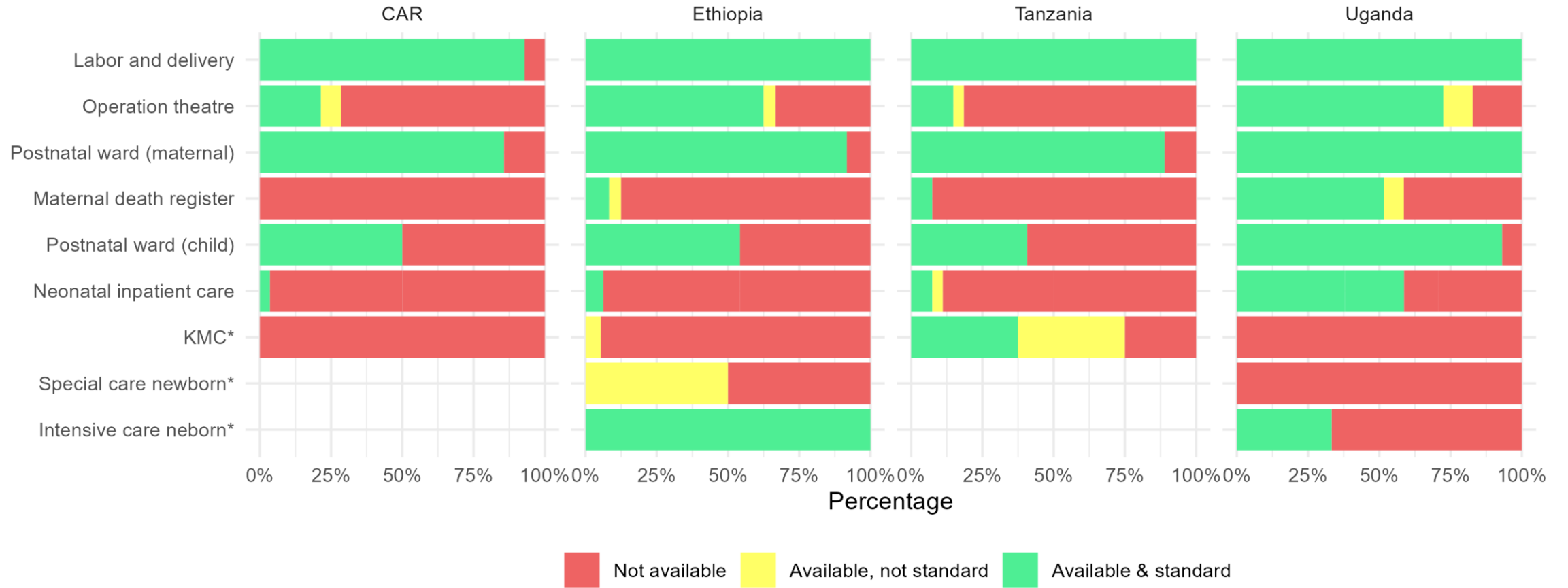
Consider reducing register data elements...

Ethiopia



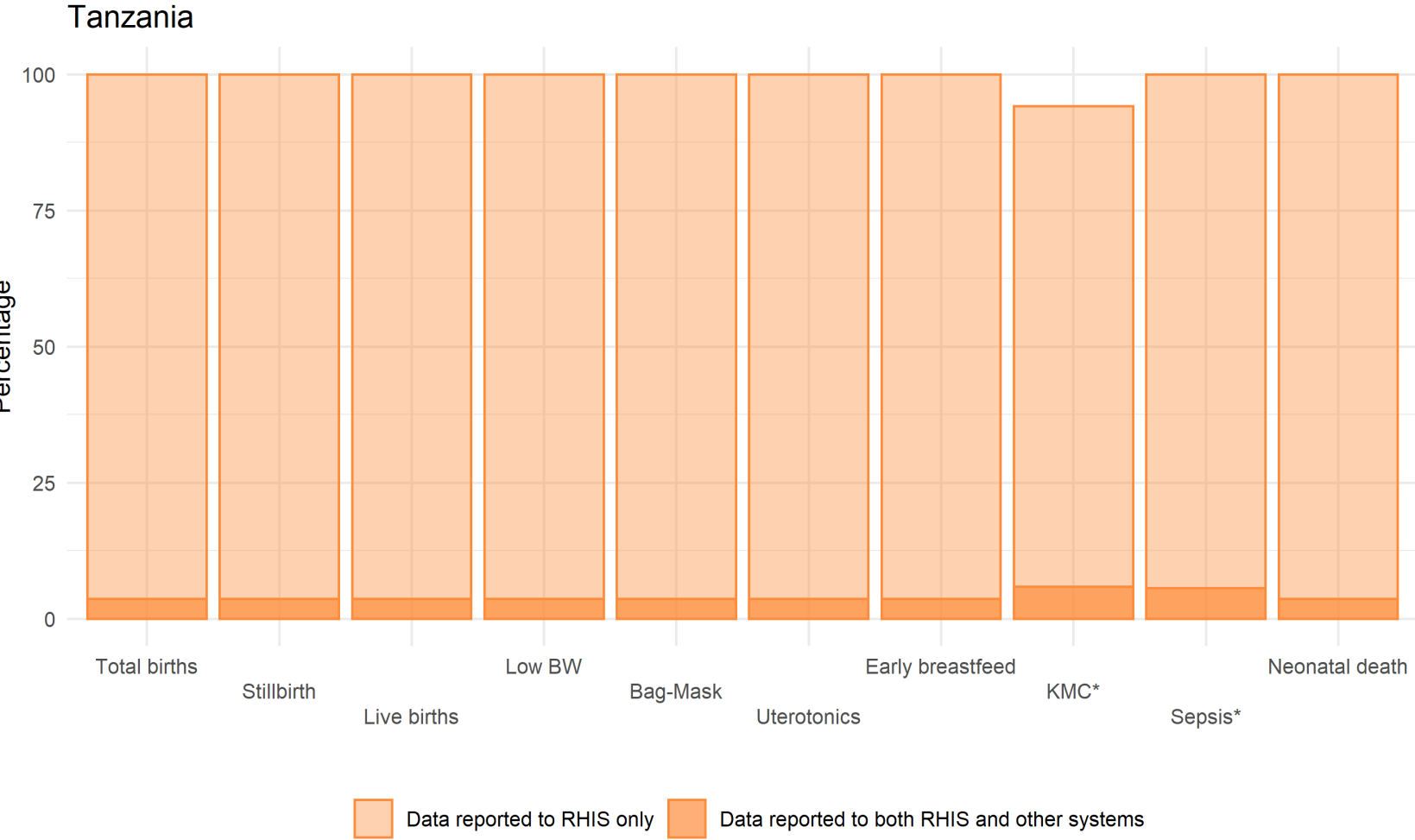
Paper-based registers

Availability in 2023 n = 27 health facilities (Dar to be added)



Data elements reported from health facilities

n = 27 health facilities (Dar to be added)



Strengths:

- Newborn/ stillbirth data reported from nearly all health facilities assessed
- Mainly reported in RHIS

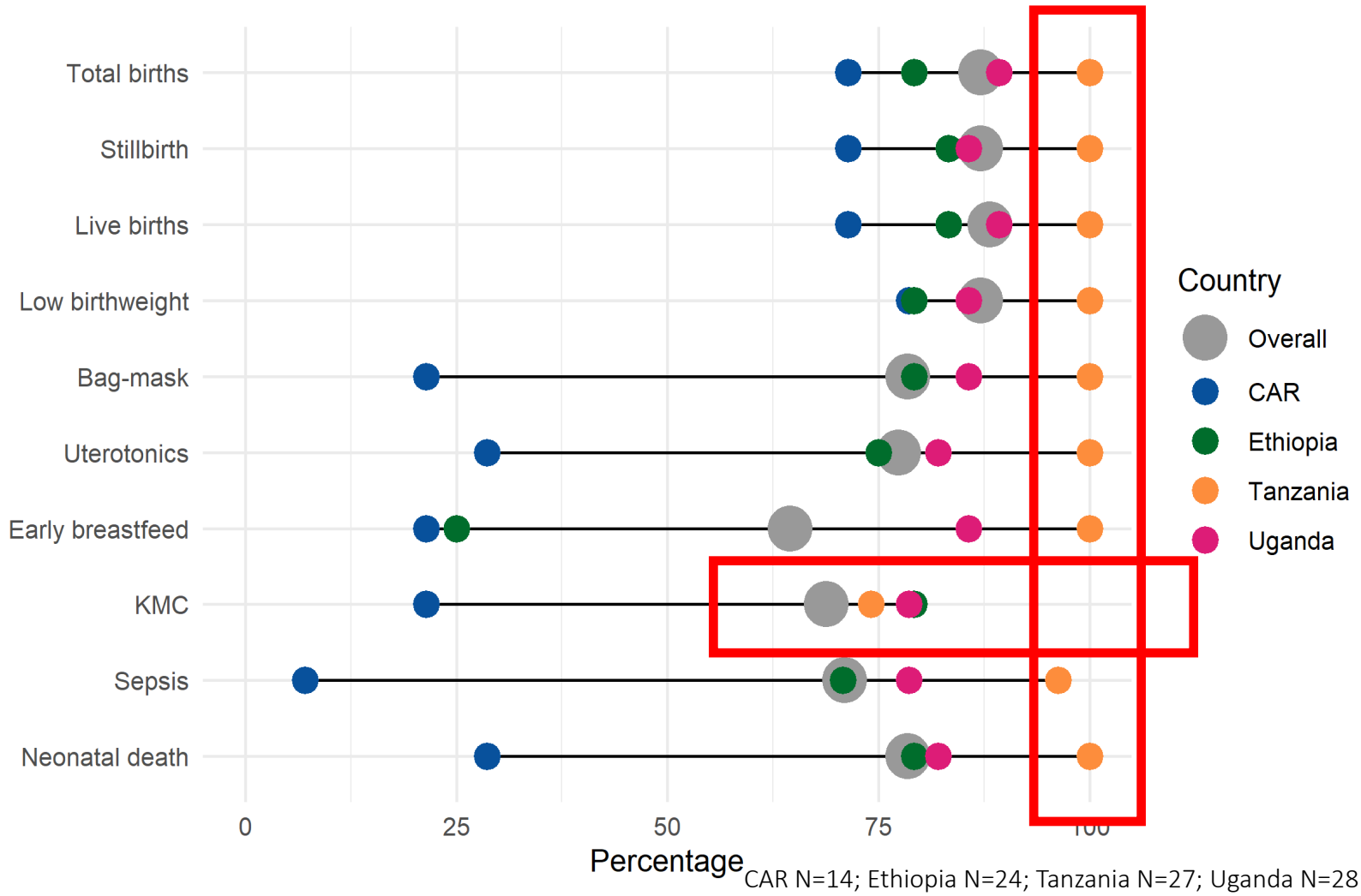
Key gaps:

- KMC missing in ~10% health facilities

Novel analysis (not included in PRISM standard analysis)

Data element definitions at health facilities

n = 27 health facilities (Dar to be added)



Strengths:

- Nearly all health facilities have a written definition for most newborn and stillbirth indicators

Gaps:

- Definitions for KMC present in only 74% of the facilities

IMPULSE objective 2

Tanzania

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2. Assess newborn key indicator data quality in existing RHIS.

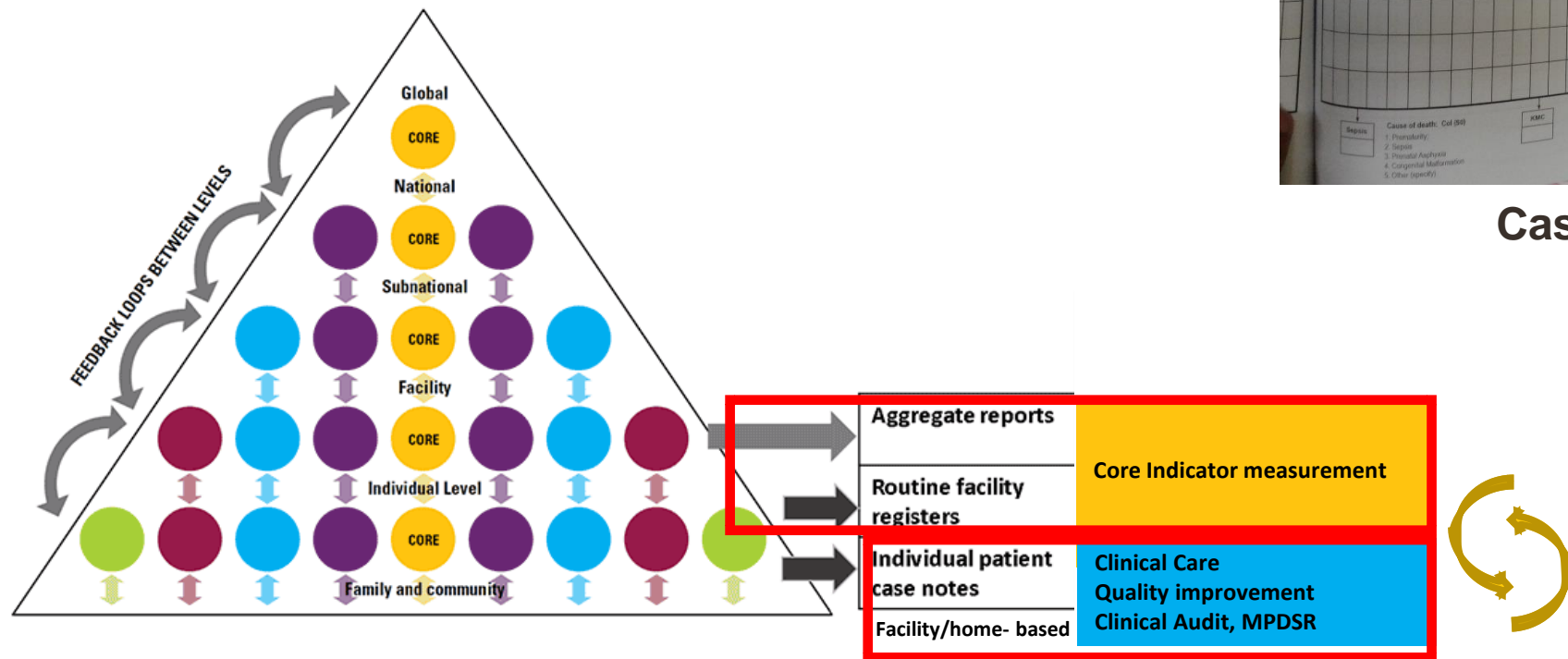
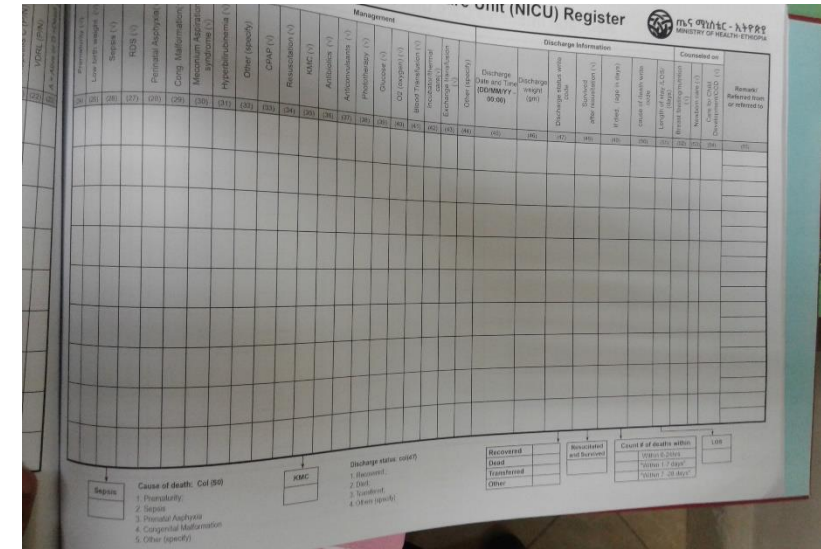


Data sources – registers and case notes

Newborn Register

Current indicator data source typically routine registers.

Exploring individual case notes – used by health workers for clinical information potential especially for quality-of-care measurement



Case notes

SPHMMC NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
ADMISSION HISTORY AND PHYSICAL

HISTORY
Baby boy girl is a _____ grams (birth weight) _____ weeks gestation infant born on ____/____/____ at _____ AM/PM at _____ Hospital Health center/ home or other and admitted to the SAINT PAUL NICU at _____ minutes/hours/days of life for evaluation and treatment of the following problems _____

MATERNAL HISTORY
The mother is a ____ y/o G ____ P ____ female with blood type ____ unknown

Test Positive Negative Unknown
VDRL _____
HBSAG _____
HIV _____

Antenatal care was regular incomplete none
Significant events during this pregnancy and previous pregnancy include _____

MATERNAL MEDICATION DURING PREGNANCY AND LABOR
Anticonvulsant yes no. ART yes no. AZT prophylaxis yes no.
Anti TB yes no. Steroids (dexamethasone) yes no. Prnoci yes no. Antibiotics during labor yes no. If antibiotics given, which antibiotics and how many doses _____

Other medications _____

LABOR HISTORY
Labor was spontaneous Induced augmented and lasted _____ hours. Membranes ruptured spontaneously artificially _____ minutes _____ hours prior to delivery.
Amniotic fluid was clear Meconium stained foul smelling.

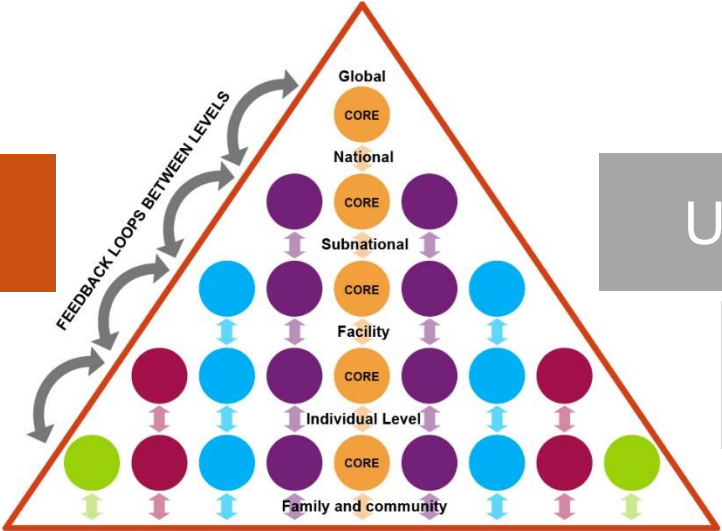
Map Newborn Data

Map Newborn Data
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Improve Newborn Data Quality

RHIS Performance Diagnostic
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 2

Facility/Office Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 5



Use Newborn Data for Decisions

RHIS Overview
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 1

Electronic RHIS Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 3

Management Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 4

Organizational/Behavioral Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 6

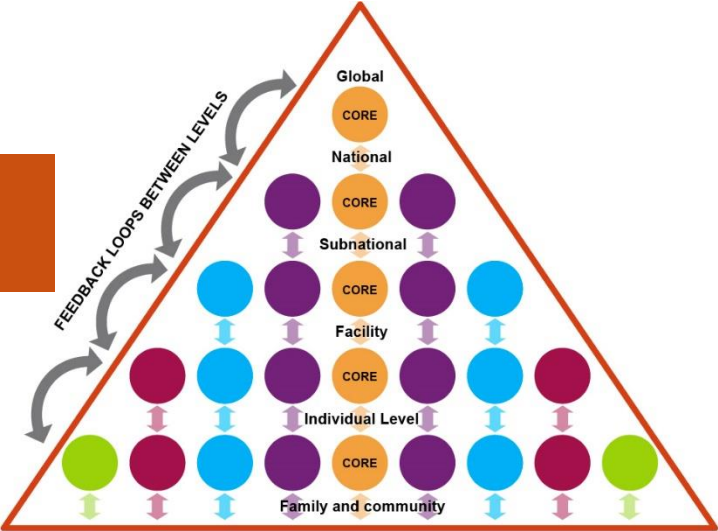
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RHIS Performance Diagnostic
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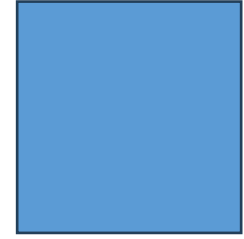
Facility/Office Assessment
EN-MINI-PRISM Tool 5

Tools to help you

- Assess current data quality
- Explore quality assurance mechanisms



We assessed data quality of:



WHAT

10 Indicators

2 "Denominators":

1. Total births (livebirths and stillbirths)
2. Live births

8 "Numerators":

1. Stillbirth
2. low birth weight
3. early initiation breastfeeding
4. bag-mask ventilation
5. kangaroo mother care
6. neonatal sepsis
7. neonatal death
8. maternal uterotonics

WHERE

Register

1. Delivery Register
2. NICU Register
3. PNC Register
4. IMNCI Register

Summary form (monthly form)

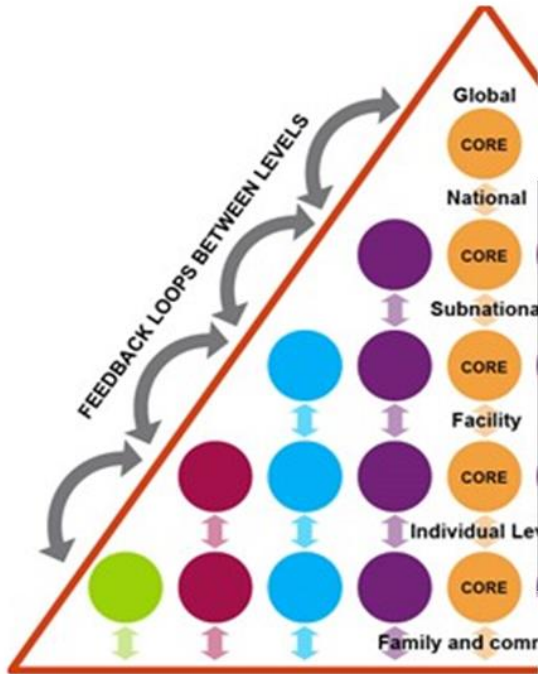
1. "Monthly service delivery reporting form"

Electronic Health Information System

DHIS2

Data quality domains for newborn and stillbirth denominators

n=49 sites (29 health facilities, 14 data offices)



				Denominators		Newborn Data Quality Criteria
				Total Birth	Live birth	
National - Central	digital	eRHIS		entered district level		Accuracy - database entry exact match regional summary reports
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				99%	100%	Availability of monthly report
	paper	Register		98%	98%	Completeness of register primary source data

Strengths:

- Facility source data complete

Gaps:

- District level – reports missing and over-reporting into DHIS2

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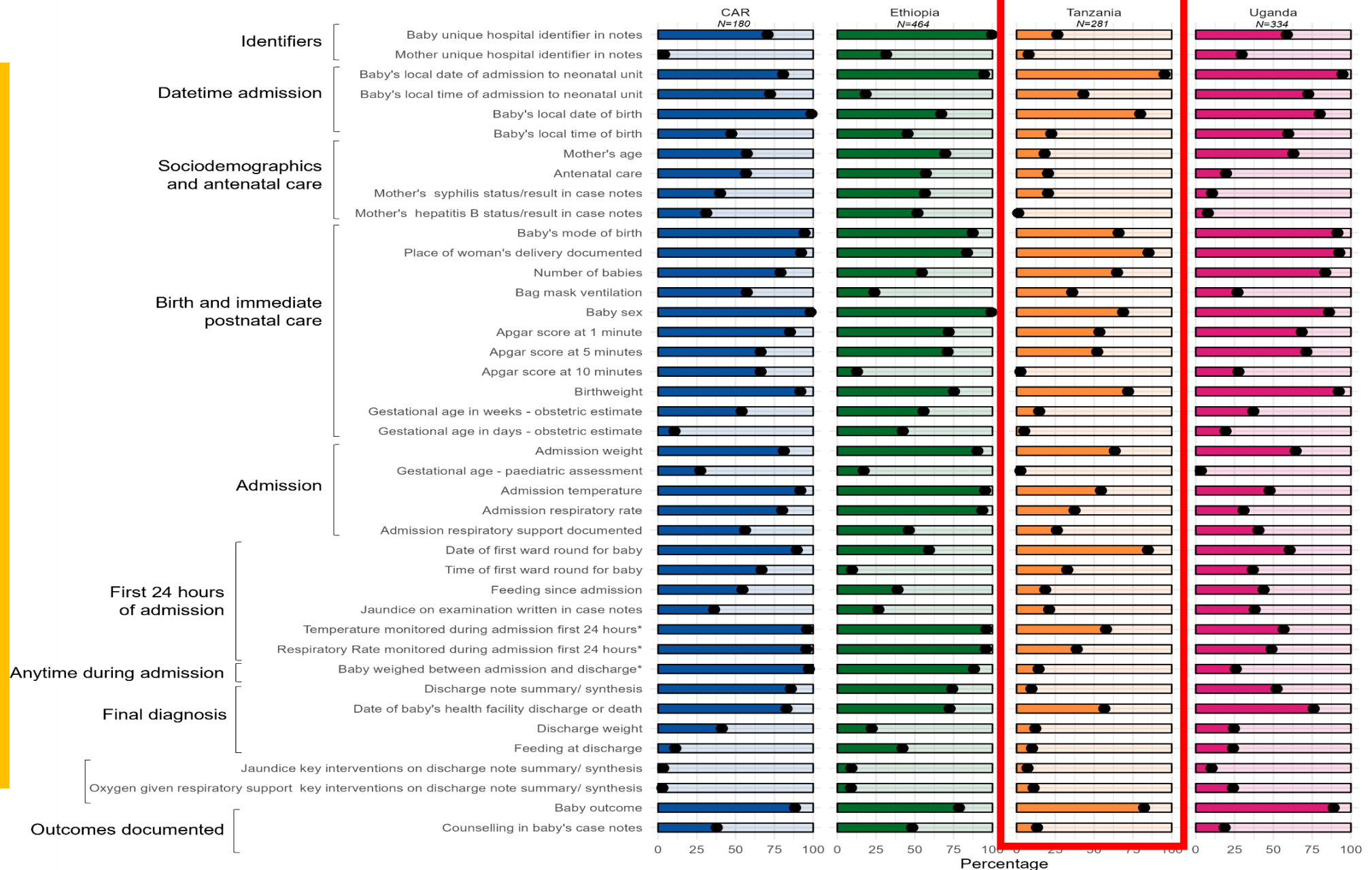
- Strengths:**
- ☐ Facility source data complete
- Gaps:**
- ☐ Facility data accuracy register to report for half data elements
 - ☐ District level availability, completeness and accuracy for half data elements

District office review, n=18 offices			Facility review, n=29		
Monthly reports, n=all facilities reporting			Monthly reports, n=3 months		
Availability	Completeness	Accuracy	Availability	Completeness	Accuracy
of facility monthly reports	of facility monthly reports	of database entry exactly matches facility reports	of monthly report	of monthly report	of monthly report from register

Indicator domain	Select Core Indicator data element							
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	KMC Numerator	100%	100%	98%	89%	89%	97%	
	Neonatal sepsis Numerator	55%	55%	100%	74%	74%	94%	
Maternal Tracer	Uterotonics prevent PPH Numerator	74%	74%	94%	100%	100%	-482%	
Indicator denominators	Total Births Denominator	91%	89%	-193%	99%	99%	96%	
	Live births Denominator	89%	89%	-227%	100%	100%	94%	

Data quality – Neonatal Clinical Case notes (without Dar)

- Key findings – all countries:**
- Key newborn data is available in clinical case notes but completeness varies 8%-100%
 - Mode of birth, weight, temperature and respiratory rate more complete
 - Missing at a high frequency: socio-dem & discharge information



Factors to improve data quality

		National	Regional	District	Facility
Organizational factors	Good governance structures	83%	72%	56%	not assess
	Planning for RHIS	100%	83%	31%	not assess
	Use of quality improvement standards	100%	89%	69%	not assess
	Supervision quality	100%	58%	81%	76%
	Financial resources allocated	100%	33%	23%	not assess
	Training plan costed	100%	67%	38%	not assess
	Data quality assurance score	not assess	not assess	80%	57%
	Designated staff check report data quality	not assess	not assess	100%	76%
Behavioral Factors	Knowledge HIS	89%	60%	60%	44%
	Knowledge data quality checking methods	83%	70%	69%	46%
	Motivation among staff	74%	59%	57%	46%
Improve Newborn Data Quality	Use of routine data for RHIS quality improvement	not assess	not assess	47%	28%

Strengths:

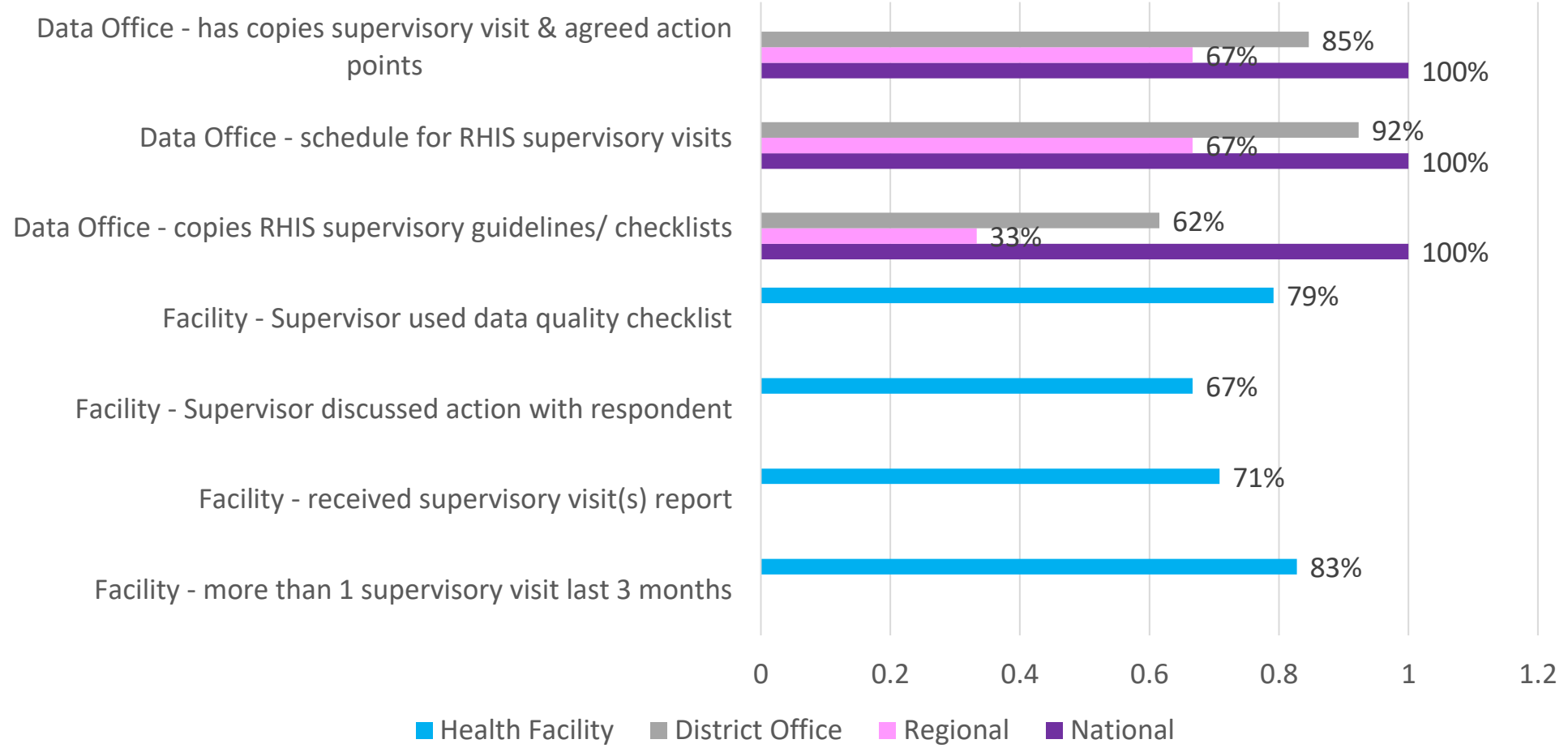
- ❑ National scores highly

Key gaps:

- ❑ Regional outperforms district
- ❑ Health facility lowest
- ❑ Behavioral factors lower across all levels
- ❑ Use of data for quality improvement 47% district and 28% facility

Supervisory mechanisms for newborn and stillbirth data

Supervisory mechanisms



Strengths:
 Supervision happening >60%

Key gaps:
 Checklists, action points

IMPULSE objective 3

3. Understand newborn indicator data use by different stakeholders in existing RHIS.



Use Newborn and stillbirth data

		District	Facility
Organizational factors	Evidence data analysis taking place	61%	34%
RHIS processes	Data Visualization	59%	55%
	Use of data to produce narrative analytical reports	82%	66%
Use Newborn data for decisions	Use information for discussion on key performance targets	47%	34%
	Use information for coverage of services	18%	14%
	Use sex-disaggregated data	6%	7%
	Use information for human resources decisions	41%	24%
	Use information for quality improvement	47%	0%

Strengths:

- 82% data offices using for narrative results

Key gaps:

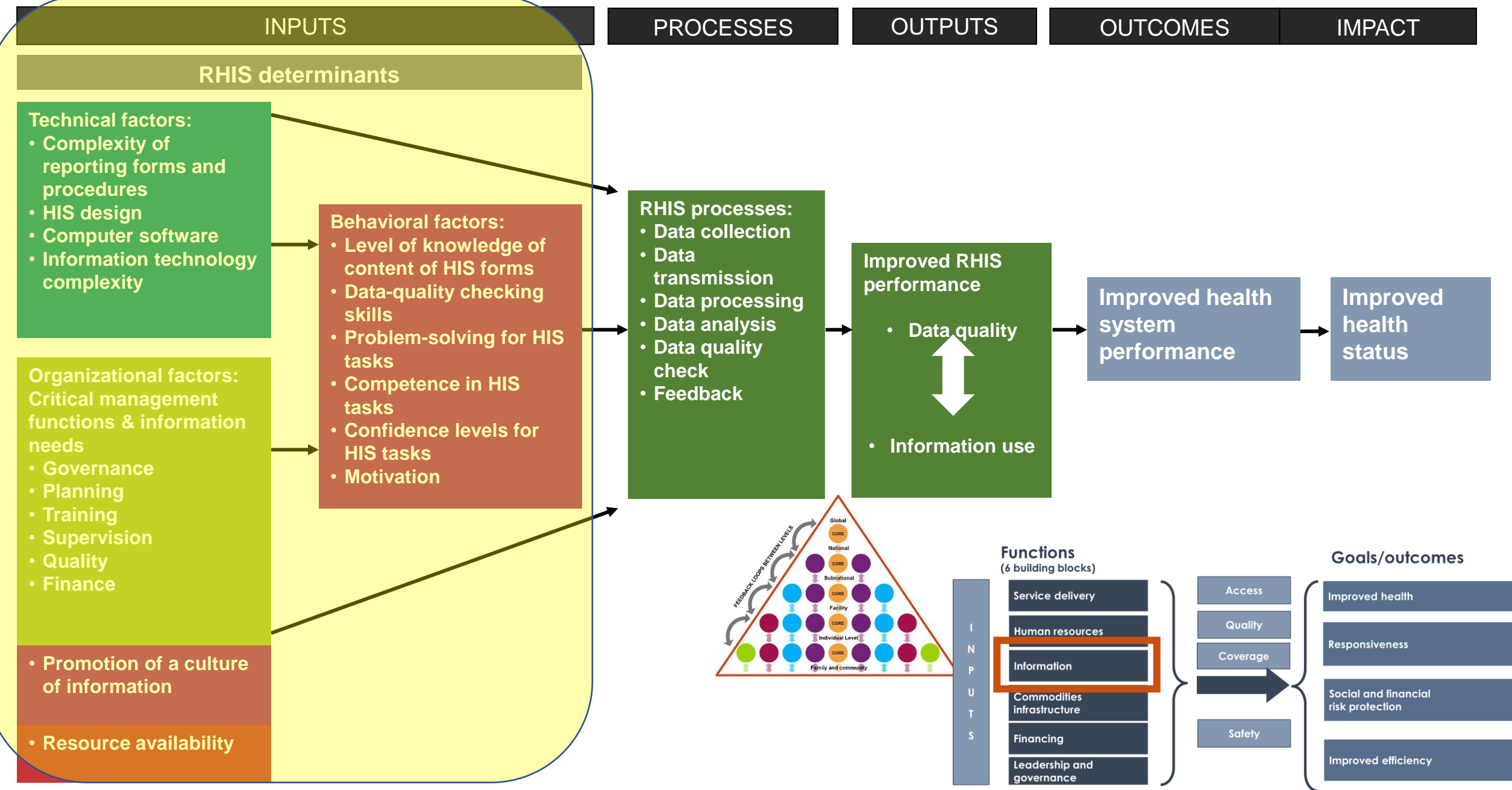
- Use of data assessed to be low

IMPULSE objective 4

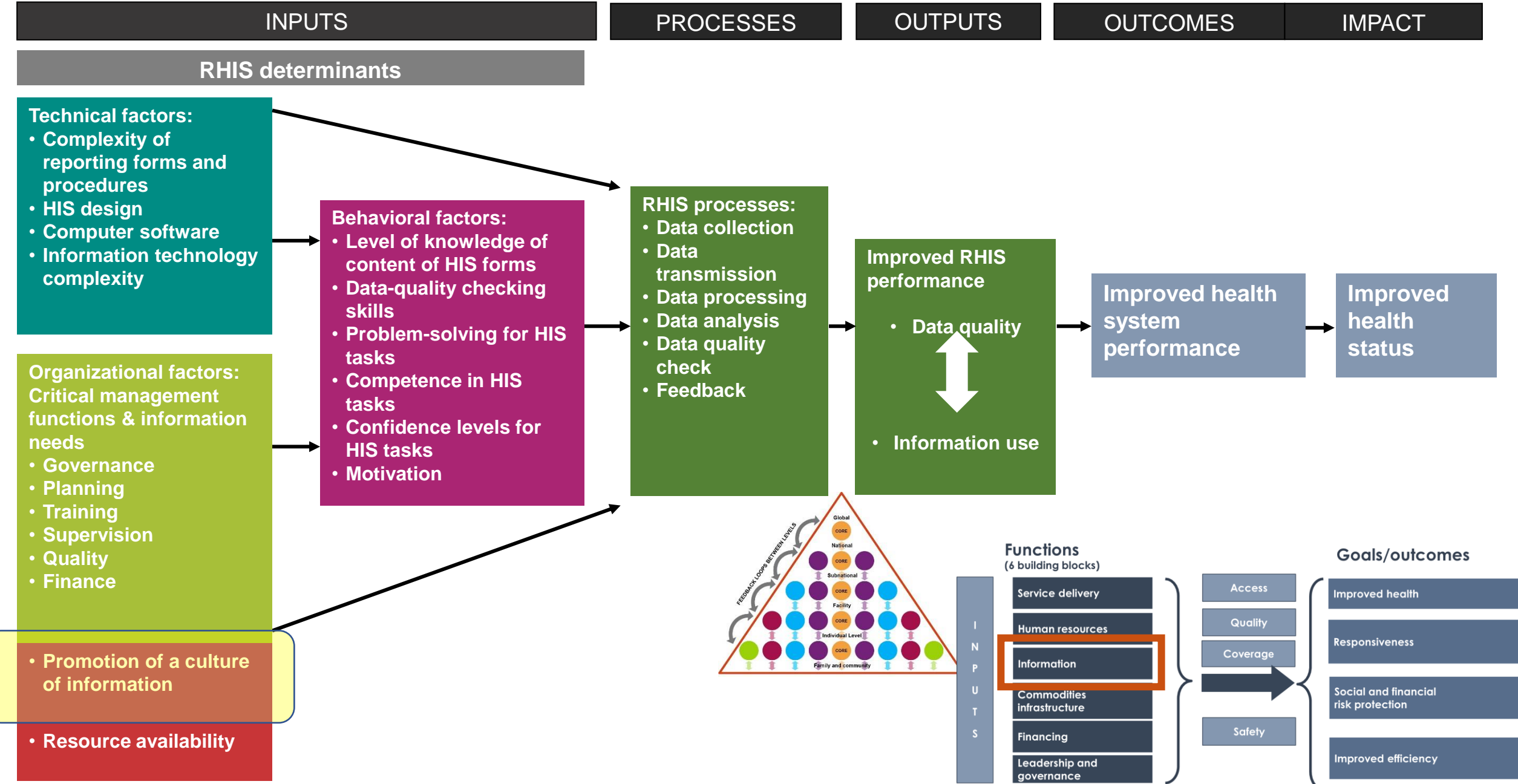
4. Analyze technical, organizational and behavioural enabling factors in RHIS to improve newborn indicator data quality and use



The Performance of Routine Information System Management (PRISM) - Conceptual Model



The Performance of Routine Information System Management (PRISM) - Conceptual Model



Promotion of culture of information

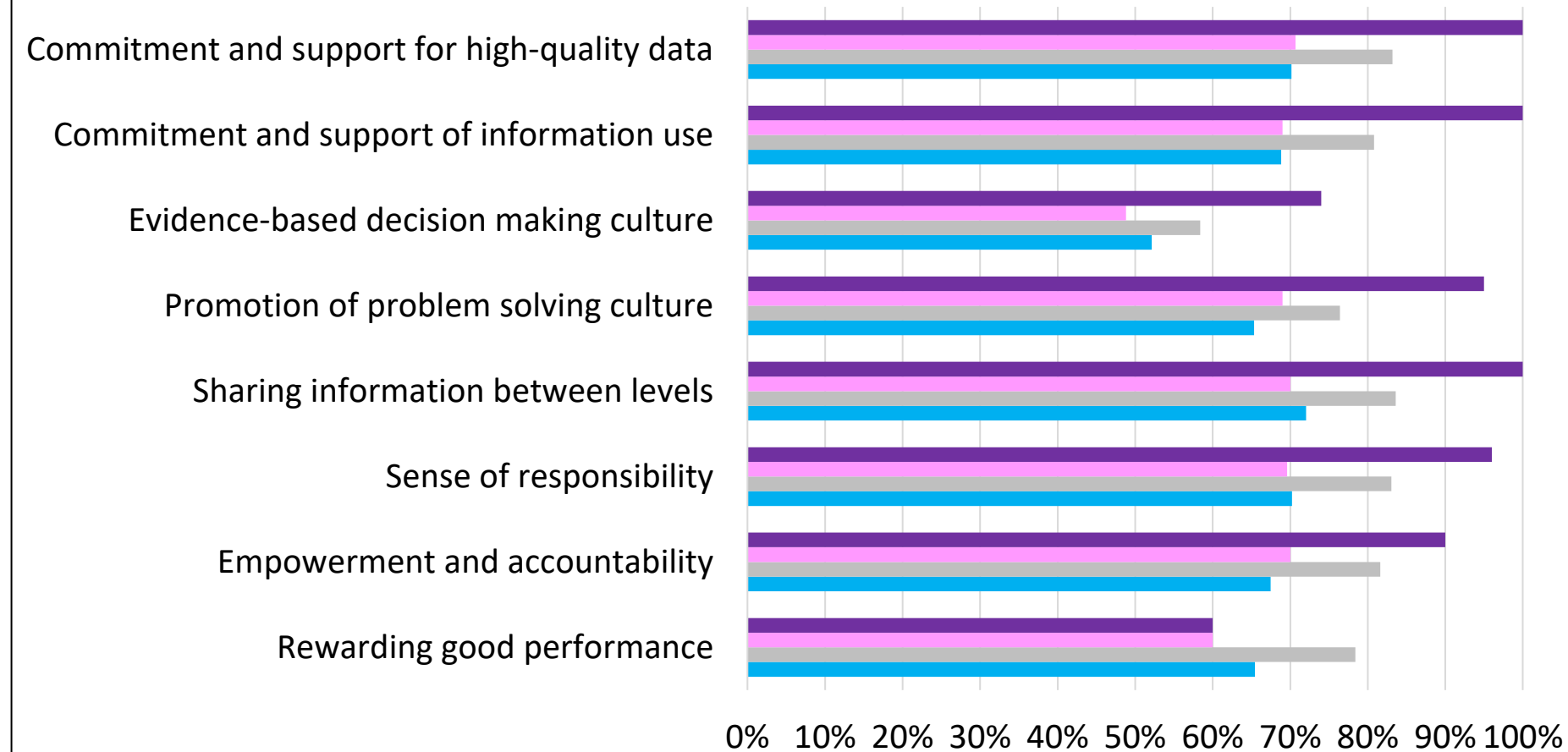
Tanzania

IMPULSE
IMProving qUaLity and uSE of newborn indicators

An organization having the capacity and control to promote values and beliefs among its members to promote collection, analysis and use of information to accomplish its goals and mission.

N=90 respondents, 47 sites

Promotion of information culture



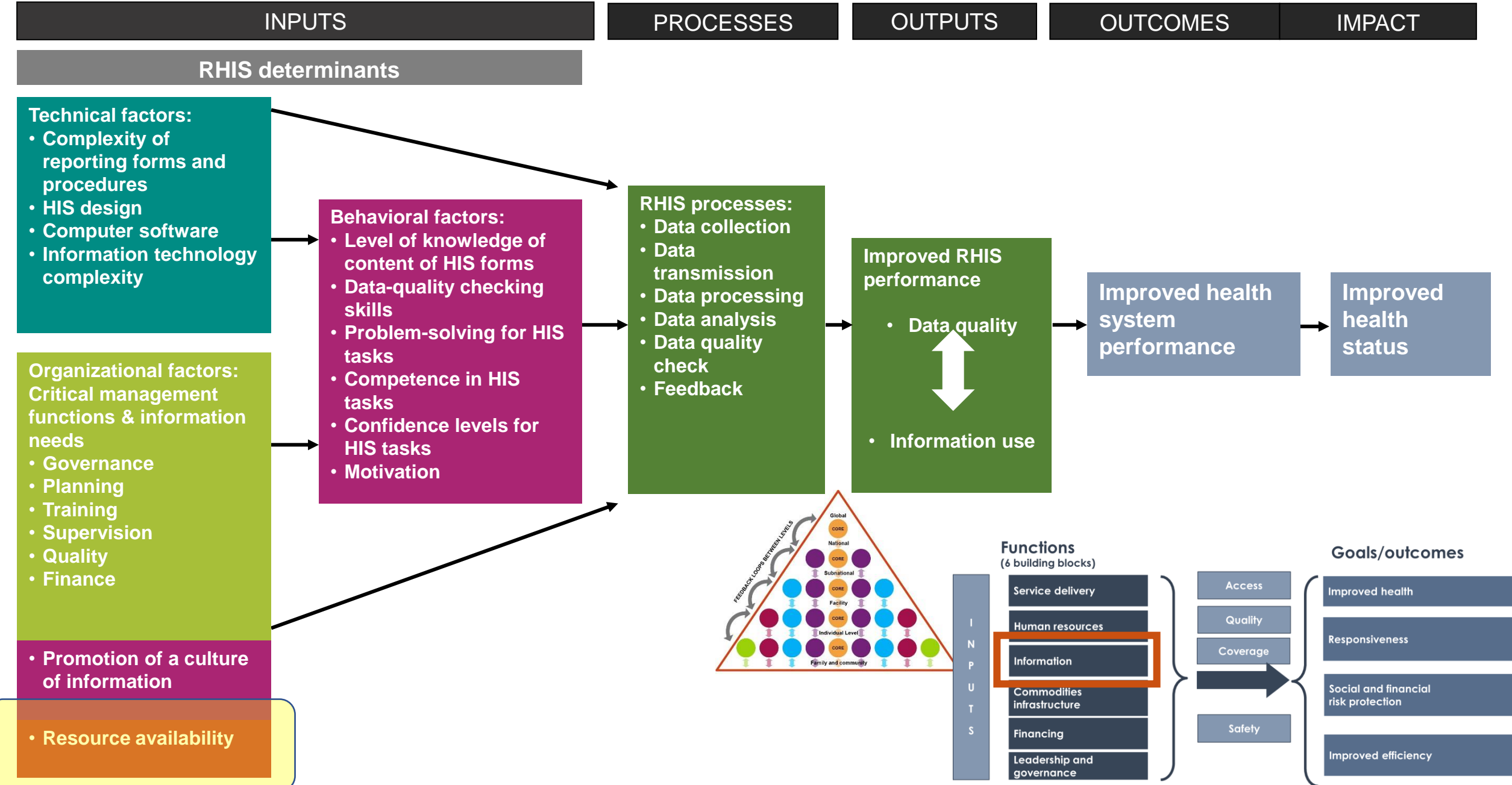
Strengths:

- National higher – other levels ~50-80%

Gaps

- Across all domains – especially evidence-based decision making

The Performance of Routine Information System Management (PRISM) - Conceptual Model



Physical Resources for newborn/stillbirth RHIS

Strengths:

- Good availability: Printer >75% Computer >50%

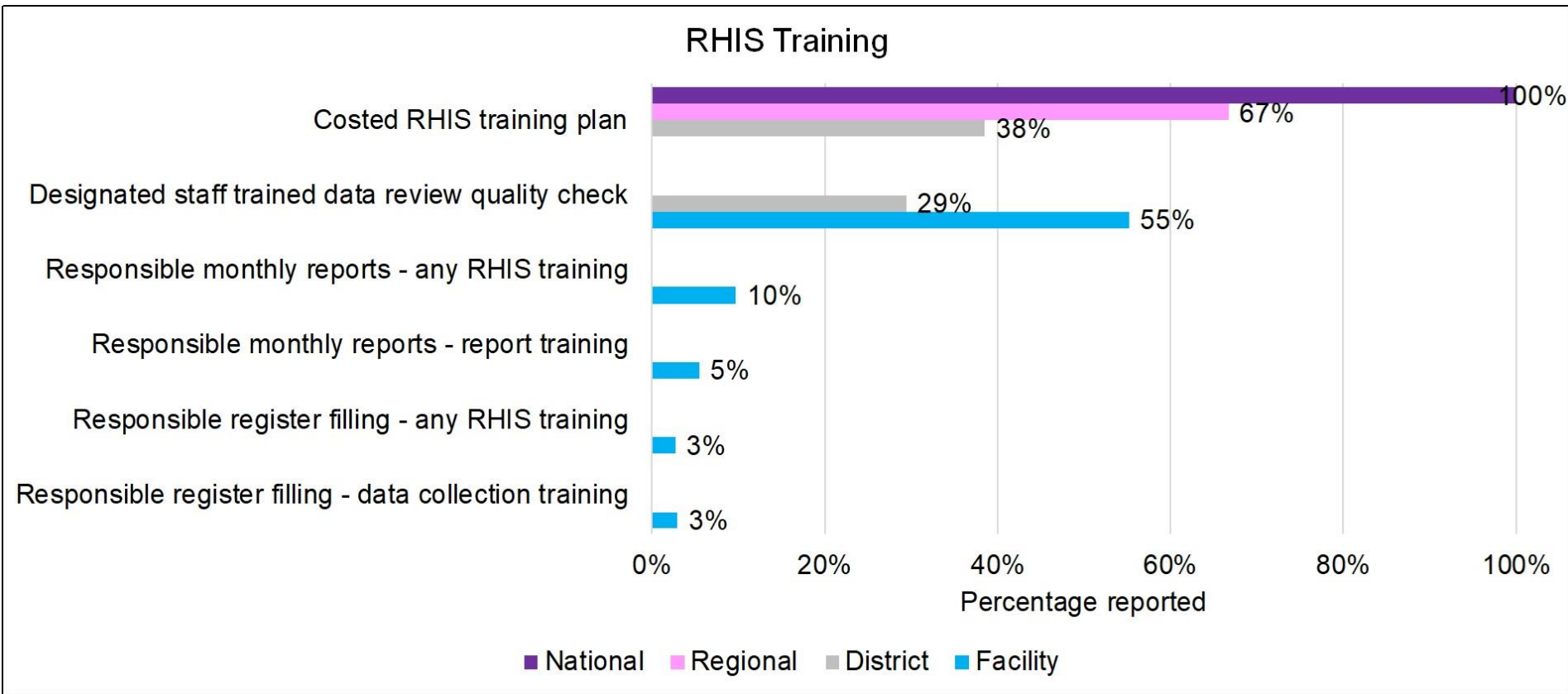
Key gaps:

- Low availability: internet <25% calculator <25% power <20%

- Bundle of items for RHIS <10% of sites



RHIS Training for newborn and stillbirth indicators



Strength:

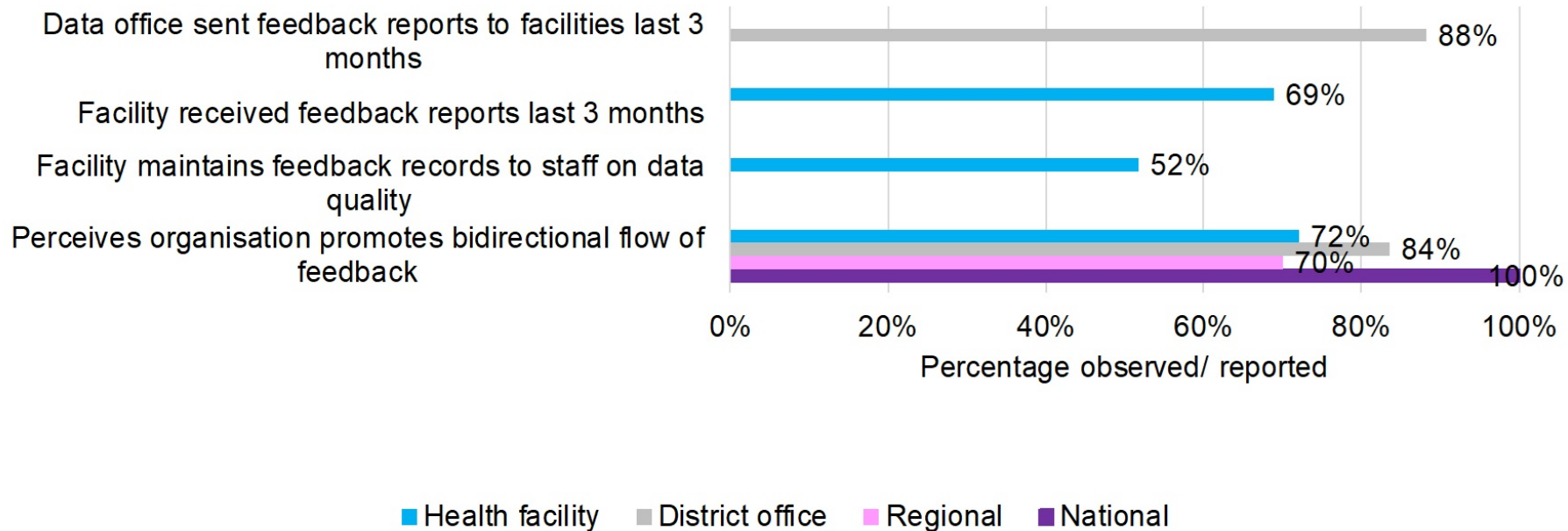
- Costed plan nationally

Gaps:

- Large RHIS training gap – especially for data collection and report training at facility level (3% and 5%)

Feedback loops for newborn and stillbirth data

Feedback loops between levels



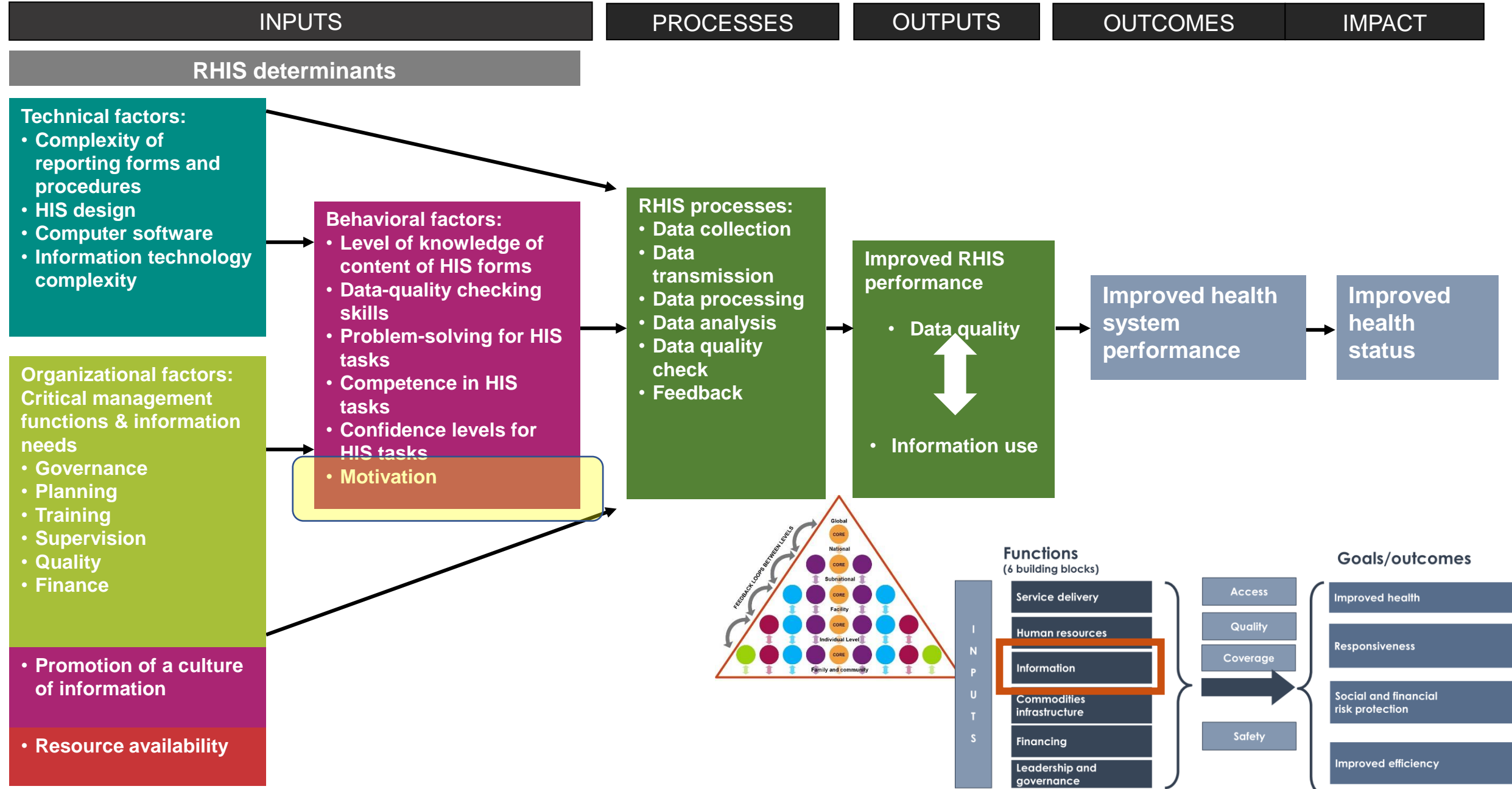
Strengths:

- 88% feedback report sent by district offices to facilities
- Perceived flow mixed

Key gaps:

- Not receiving reports at health facility
- Use of feedback data

The Performance of Routine Information System Management (PRISM) - Conceptual Model



Motivation for RHIS tasks

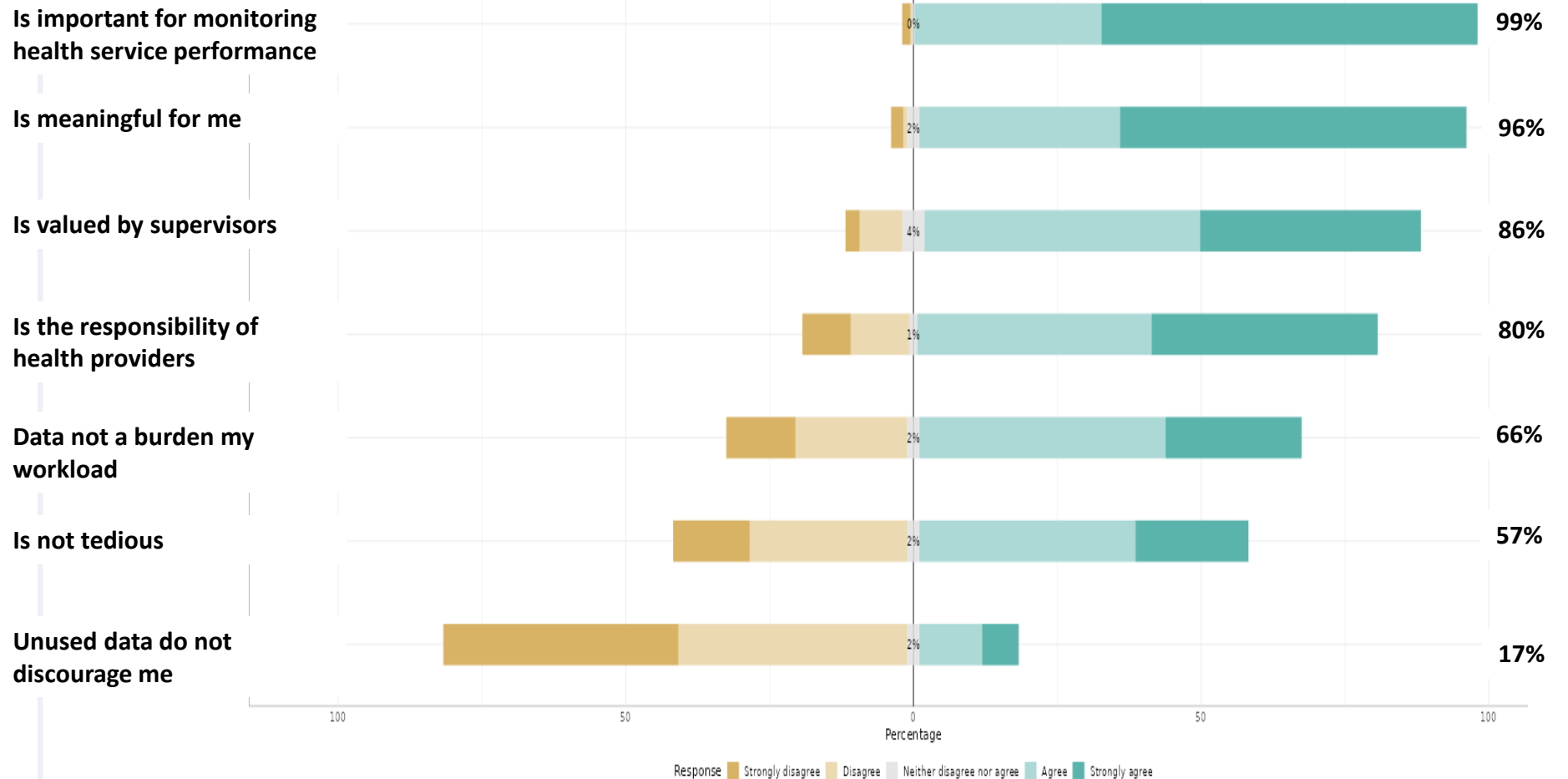
Self-reported score 7 components:

- 80% agree RHIS tasks are the responsibility of healthcare providers
- 66% consider RHIS tasks burden their workload
- 87% agree unused data is discouraging

Staff motivation level to perform RHIS tasks

Personal feelings on a scale ranging from 'Strongly Disagree' to 'Strongly Agree'

Distribution of Responses on a Likert Scale

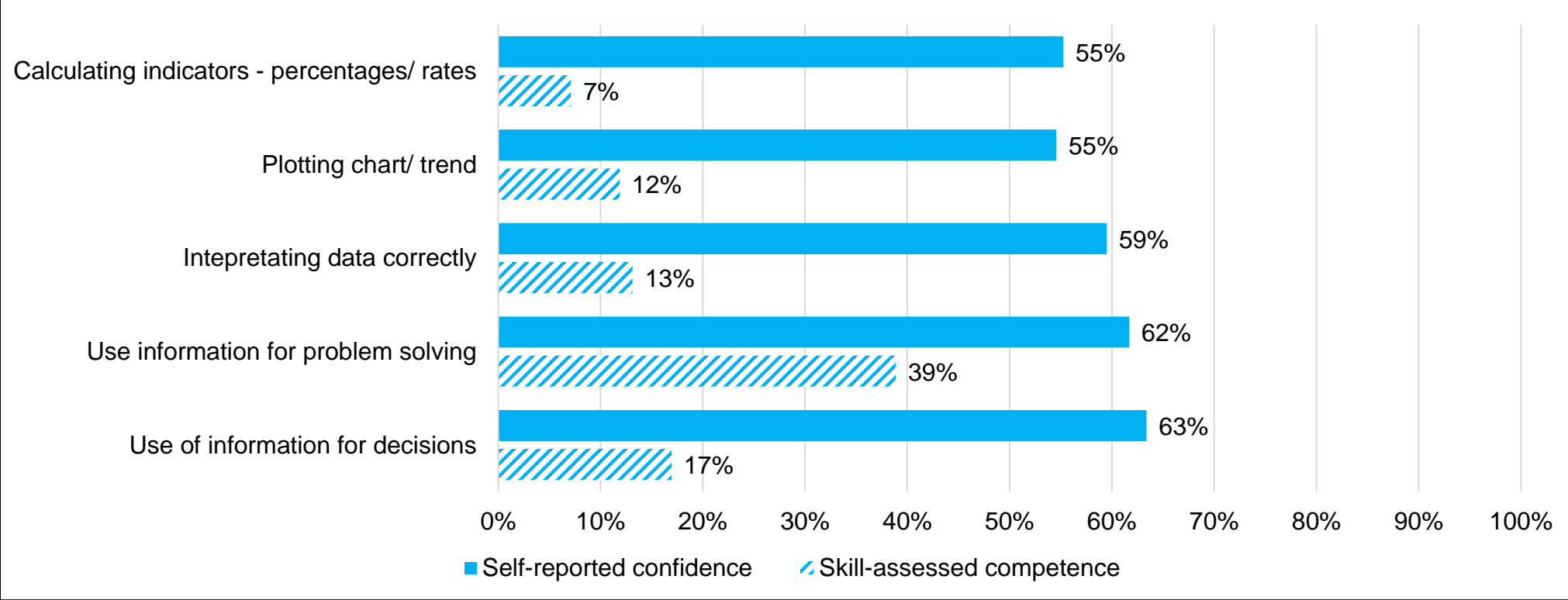


RHIS Task

confidence-competence gaps

Health facilities n = 29

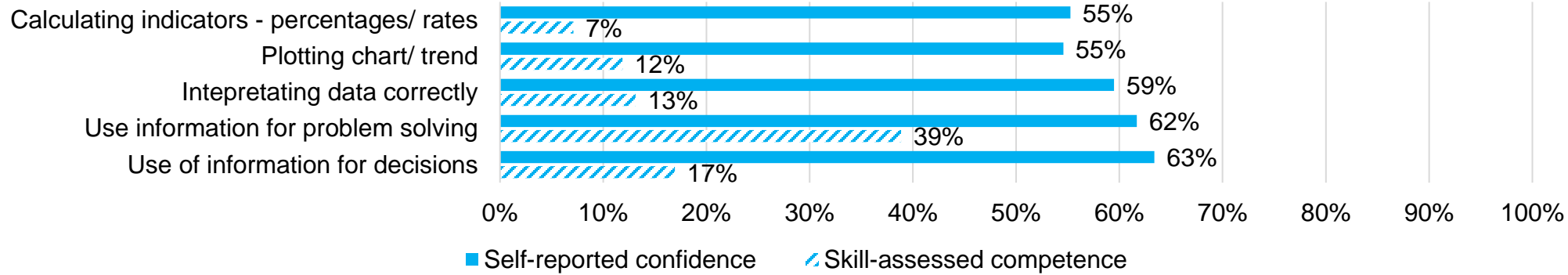
Health Facility RHIS task self-reported confidence and skill-assessed competence



Gaps

□ Limited confidence and large gap between confidence and competence

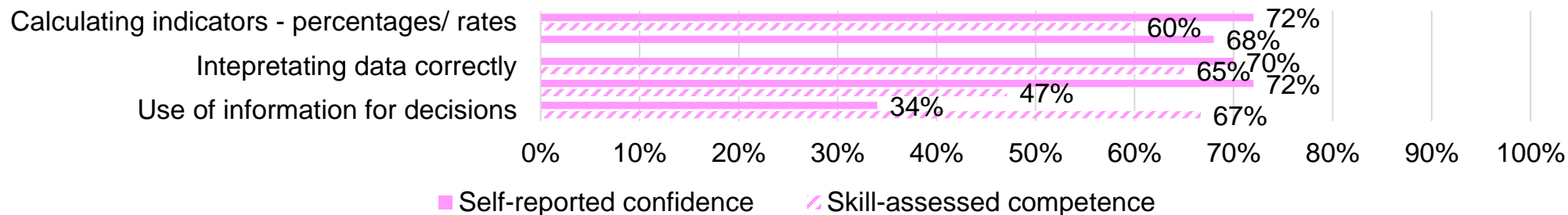
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District Data Office RHIS task self-reported confidence and skill-assessed competence

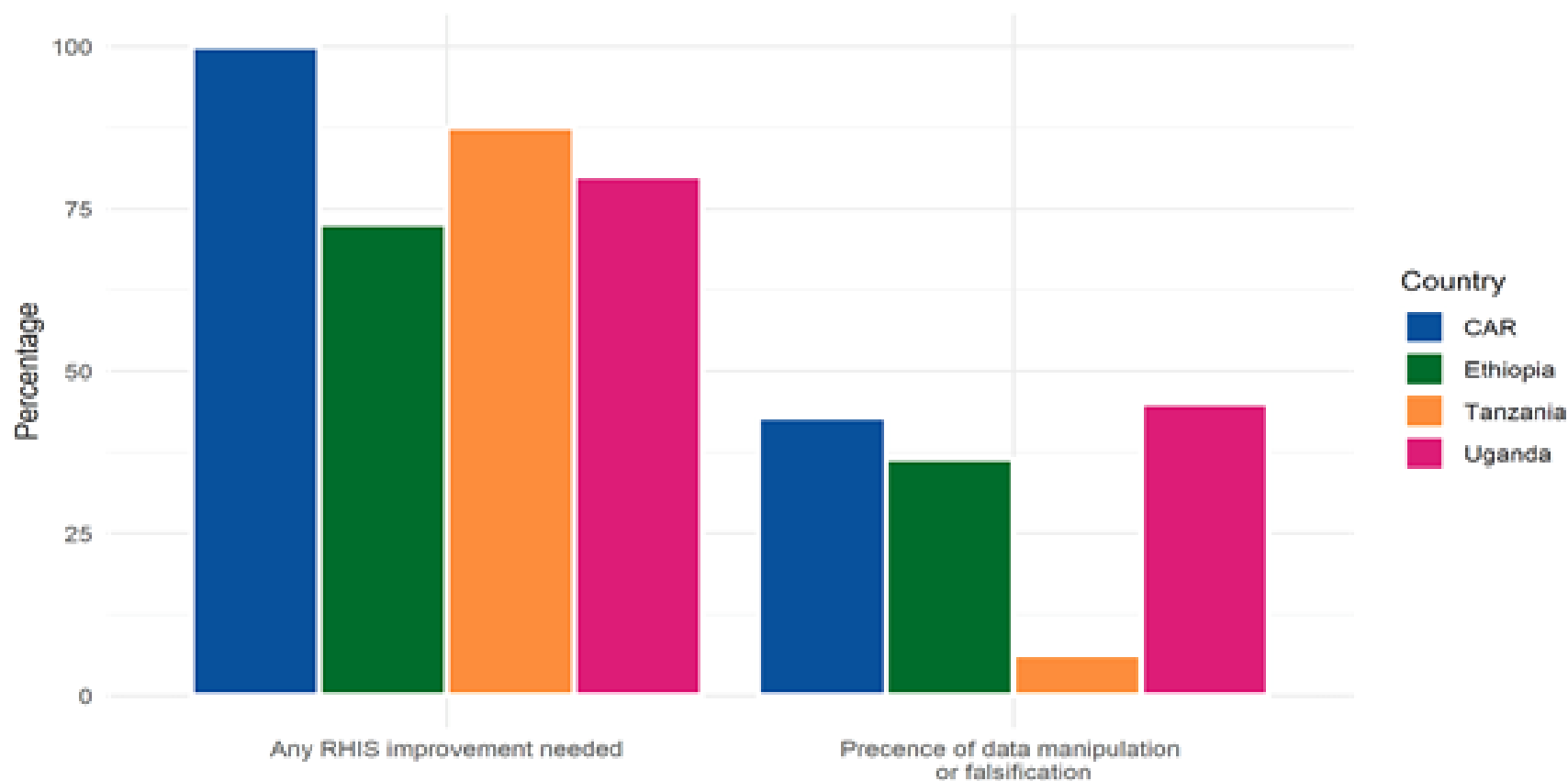


Regional Data Office RHIS task self-reported confidence and skill-assessed competence



Gaps
 Higher confidence and smaller gaps at higher levels, but still there...

Respondent's perspectives on RHIS for newborn and stillbirth indicators

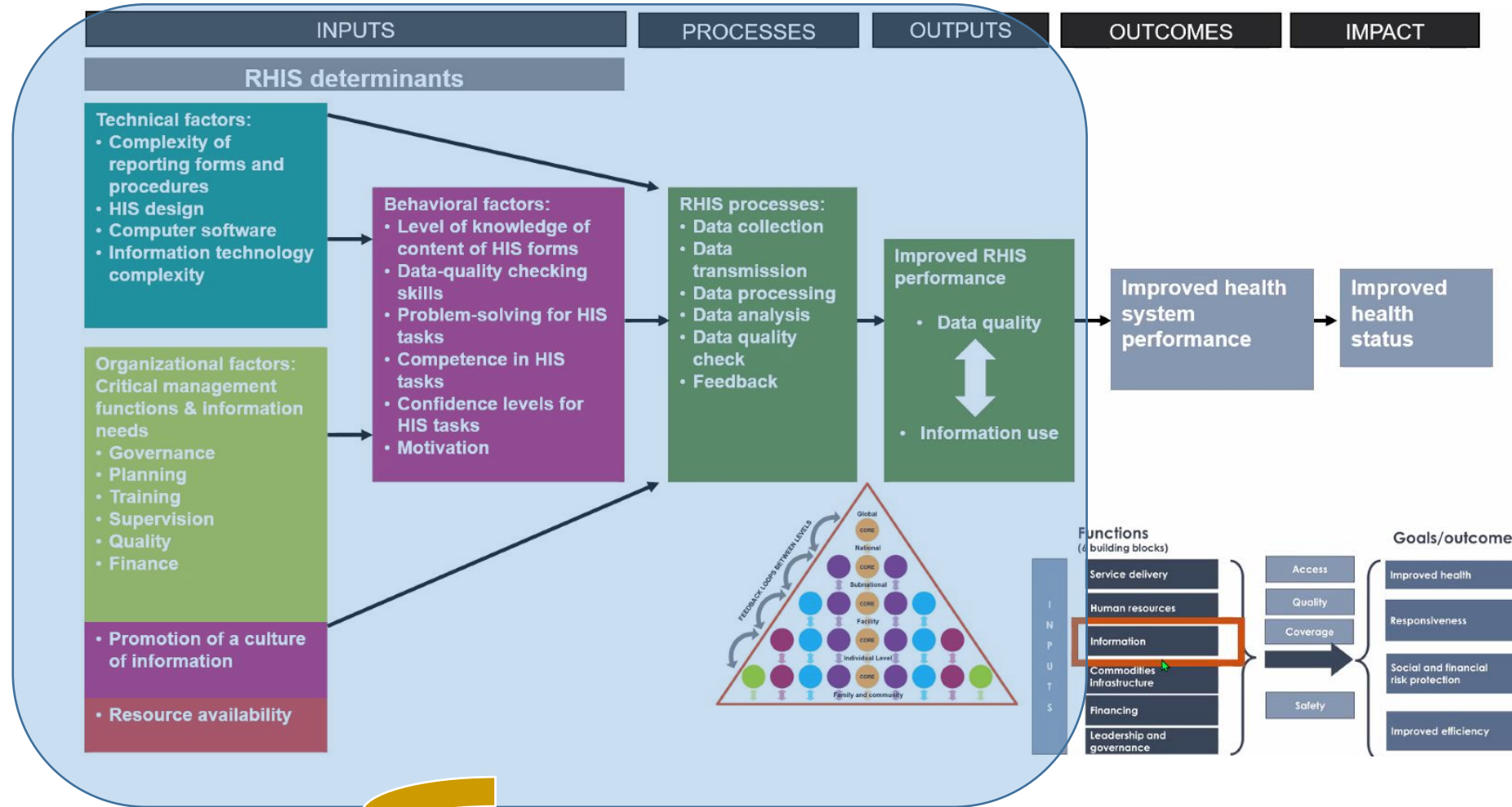


Key message:

- 88% of respondents expressed the need for improvement in RHIS
- 46% of respondents reported **data falsification or manipulation.**

Qualitative dataset analysis in process

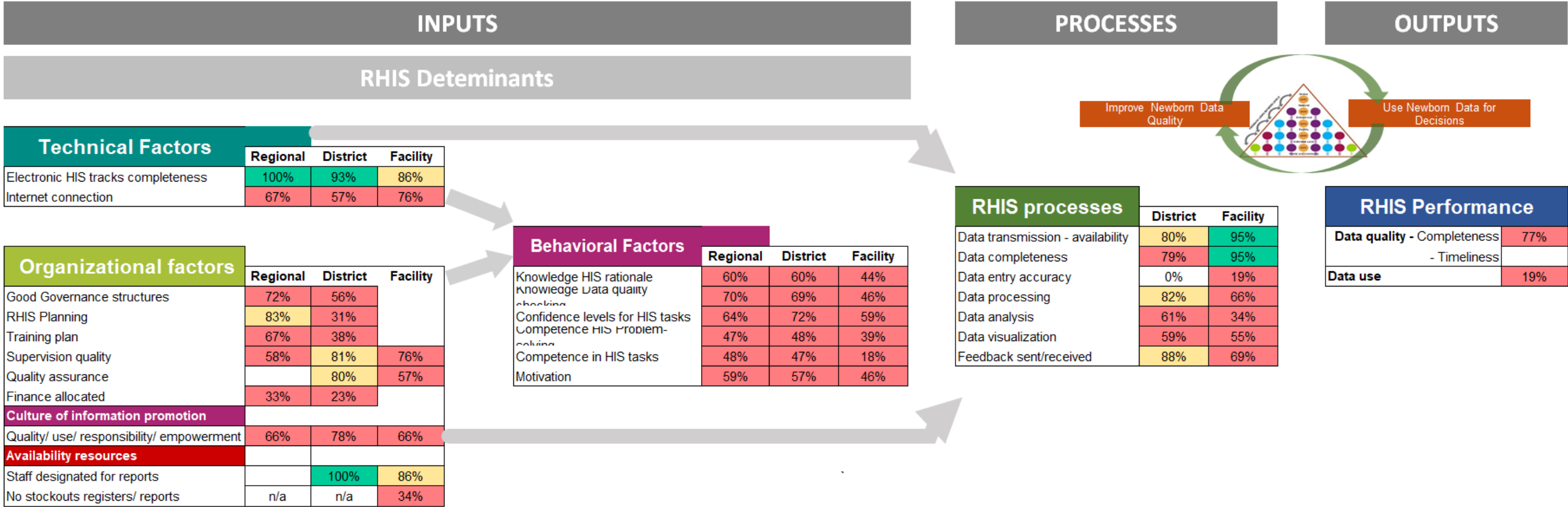
IMPULSE phase 1 - what lessons are we learning?



Many strengths, but also gaps across technical, organizational and behavioral determinants contributing to newborn and stillbirth data quality and use



EN-MINI Tools overview assessment shown on the PRISM Conceptual Model



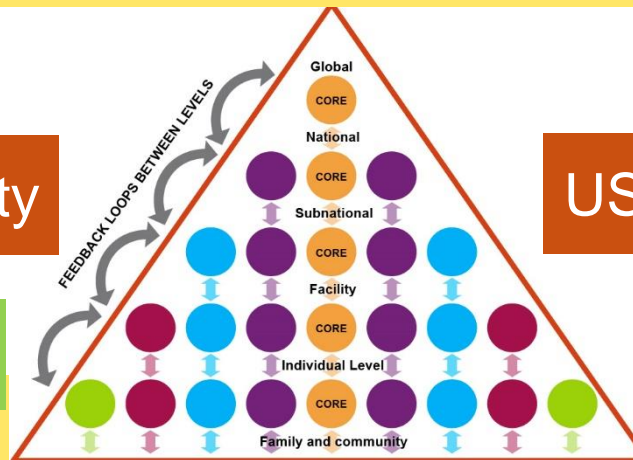
STRONG Performance and GAPS for action

MAP Newborn Data

- Most newborn/stillbirth data elements/ indicators in DHIS2
- Streamline RHIS processes to reduce data burden

IMPROVE Newborn Data Quality

- Organizational factors for RHIS at national/ regional data office
- Train health facility staff in RHIS competencies
- Value frontline health facility staff data to overcome low motivation
- Explore case notes as alternative data source to reduce duplication in registers



USE Newborn Data for Decisions

- Analysis, reports, visualizations data at district office
- Improve the “Data/Information Culture” especially in health facilities
- Use data at all levels

IMPULSE Phase 1

Strengths and limitations

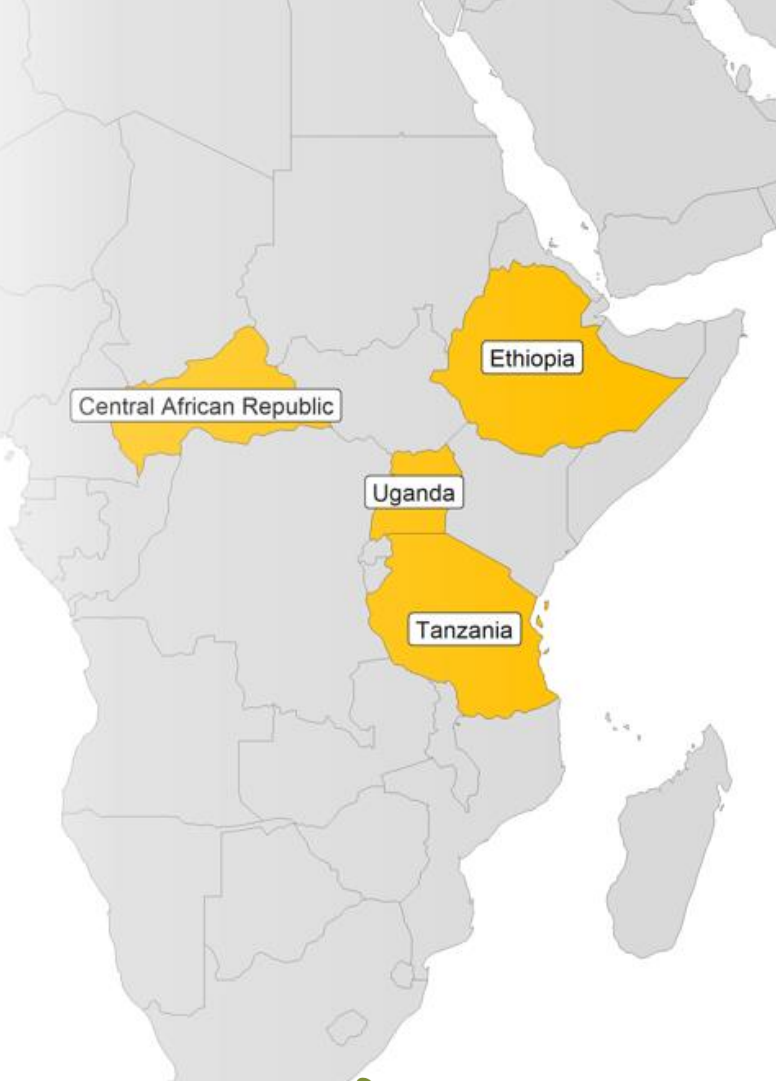
Strengths:

- 1) Comprehensive analysis of newborn and stillbirth data
- 2) Used standardized methodology – regional comparison and multi-country
- 3) Most data were directly observed (use more difficult....)

Limitations of this assessment include:

- 1) Sample of regions/ health facilities – beware generalizability
- 2) Shown aggregate analyses mainly today

IMPULSE Phase 1 so far....



1) Evidence generation for advocacy

- ✓ Baseline assessment multi-region, multi-country Quality & Use Newborn data
- ✓ Used existing global routine data tools, developed research modules and additional tools and French/ Amharic translations

2) Tangible products

- ✓ Country Reports, Papers: [10 in progress - welcome to co-author](#)
- ✓ Dissemination: [AlignMNH 2023, DHIS2 annual conference.](#)
- ✓ Website: [Would like to name NAG members?](#)

3) Partnerships

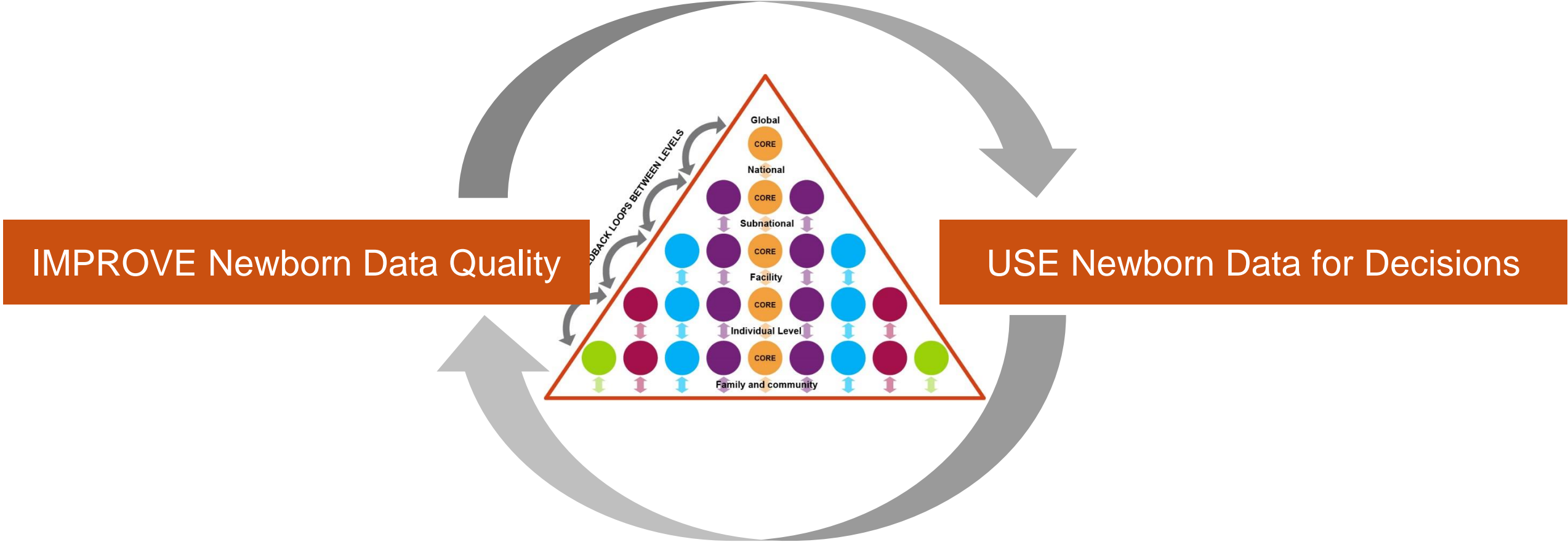
- ✓ Collaboration with NAG
- ✓ Implementation/ Academic – global north and south
- ✓ Mutual exchange and learning



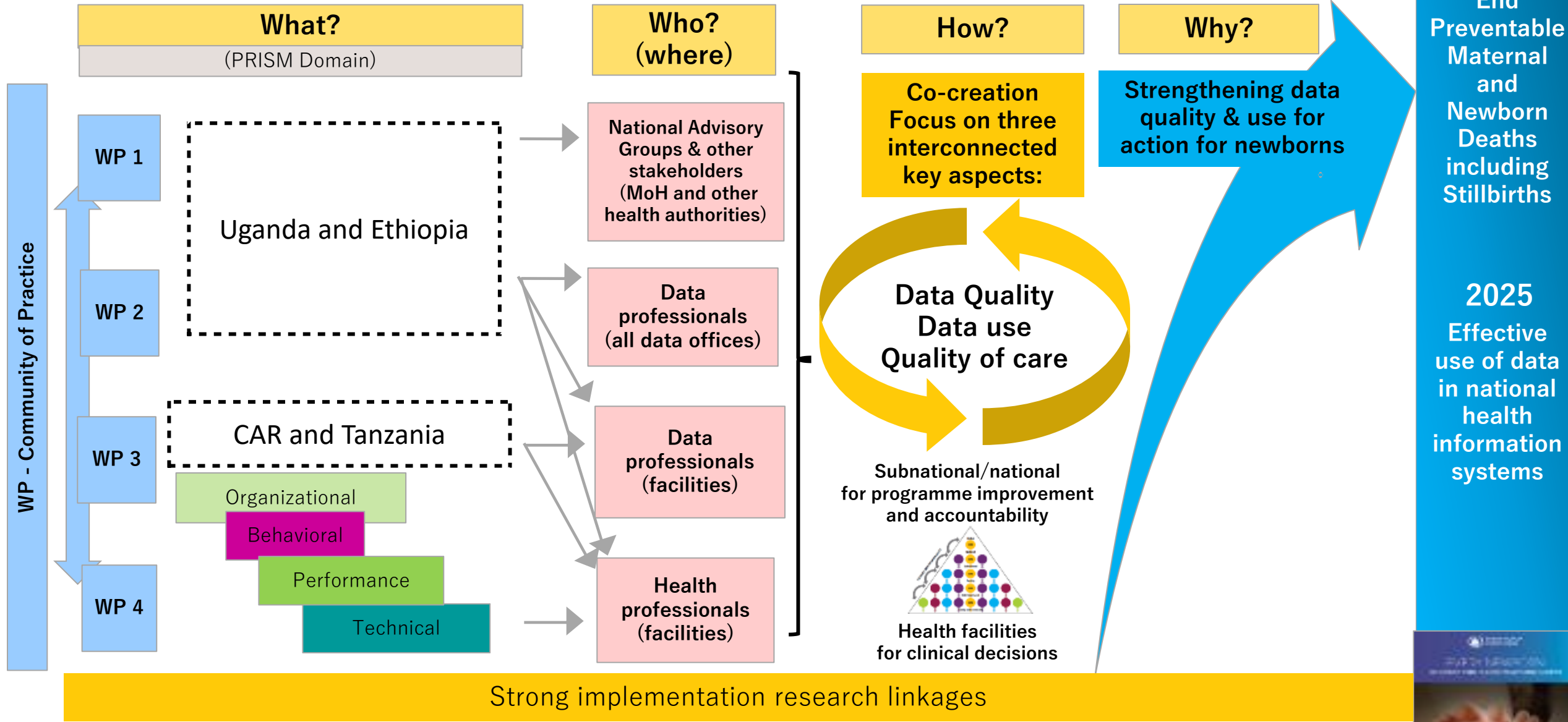


- Why the focus on newborn and stillbirth data?
- What is the IMPULSE Study?
- IMPULSE Phase 1: methods, findings, validation discussion
- **IMPULSE Phase 2: How can we work together for phase 2?**

Advancing data needs dual focus



IMPULSE PHASE 2 Theory of Change



Research to support Every Newborn Milestones regarding measurement
Every Newborn Measurement Improvement Roadmap





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Thank you!