Master Facility List training

Introduction to the MFL

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Session Learning Objectives

At the end of today’s session participants will be able to:

- Define what a master facility list (MFL) is
- Describe the advantages of having an MFL
- Describe the different components of an MFL
- Articulate what constitutes a functional MFL
- Define key concepts related to an MFL
Activity 1:
What is an MFL?

What are the benefits of an MFL?
What is a Master Facility List

- A MFL is the complete, authoritative, up-to-date listing of the health facilities in a country
- It is the primary source from which other facility lists in the country are drawn
- An MFL includes data to unambiguously identify each facility (e.g., facility name, unique facility identifier, location, facility type)
- The MFL may also include information about the service capacity of the facility
- Ideally, the MFL is stored in a facility registry service, or software program, that makes the list accessible to stakeholders
Benefits of an MFL

• Creates efficiencies
• Standardizes lists across information systems
• Essential for information exchange across data systems
• Provides the metadata needed by other information systems
• Facilitates planning and management
• Can support case management of patients
Characteristics of an MFL

- Comprehensive: including all health facilities in the country.
- Data are current and have been verified within the past two years.
- Updated regularly and is supported by standard operating procedures.
- Visible and accessible to data consumers.
- Housed in a facility registry service that facilitates sharing, interoperability, and communication with other systems.
- Accompanied by good governance structure that provides oversight and management of the MFL.
- Meets the needs of data consumers.
- Data consumers have confidence in the MFL data and are assured that the data are valid and complete.
Elements of a functional MFL

- **Facility listing:**
  - Dataset that lists and describes all health facilities.

- **Facility registry service:**
  - Platform for storing, managing, and sharing the MFL.
  - Allows MFL to be visible and accessible to others

- **Governance Structure:**
  - Supportive policy environment
  - Leadership to oversee the establishment and long-term management to the MFL
  - Measures for resource allocation to support the MFL
MFL Development Spectrum

Facility Listing
- Multiple facility lists
- MFL with gaps and data quality issues
- MFL continuously updated and validated
- Current, validated MFL that meets needs of data consumers

Facility Registry Service
- Text document
- Spread sheet with limited functions
- Web-accessible service that allows data consumers to view and interact with data
- Service that is interoperable with other systems

Governance Structure
- No policy or leadership around MFL
- Stakeholder support for MFL
- Policies and standard operating procedures exist
- Strong leadership and oversight for continued MFL maintenance

Functional, Maintained, Shareable MFL
MFL Resource Package
What is it?

Guidance for countries or individuals who want to establish or strengthen a Master Facility List (MFL).

• Instructions and best practices
• Decisions that need to be made
• Things to consider for planning
  – E.g. what needs to be budgeted for, or human resource needs.
• Case studies to illustrate how other countries have approached establishing their MFL
• Common challenges and solutions
• Links to additional resources
A Master Facility List (MFL) is the complete, authoritative listing of the health facilities in a country. The 10 modules of the resource package provide guidance for countries or individuals who want to establish or strengthen an MFL.

1. Introduction to the MFL
   - Defines what an MFL is and what its value is
   - Describes the key pillars of an MFL: data, software, and governance

2. MFL Assessment
   - Details information you want to gather organized around seven focus areas
   - Describes who needs to be involved in the assessment

3. Key Considerations
   - Describes key decisions to be made about the MFL early in its development process

4. MFL Governance
   - Describes four key elements of governance: leadership, stakeholder engagement, policy environment, and institutionalization & sustainability

5. MFL Data Content
   - Describes the data that should be included in an MFL.

6. Geographic Coordinates in the MFL
   - Provides detailed information on assigning geographic coordinates to facilities in the MFL, including how to obtain, validate and share the coordinates.

7. Establishing an MFL Dataset
   - Describes the process of establishing an MFL dataset

8. Establishing a Facility Registry Service
   - Discusses the process of setting up a software solution to house and share the MFL dataset

9. Maintaining the MFL
   - Describes what maintaining the MFL entails from both an administrative and data perspective

10. Sharing the MFL
    - Discusses approaches to sharing MFL data, including integration of the MFL with other systems.

Download the resource package
https://wiki.ohio.org/display/SUB/MFL+Resource+Package
Summary and conclusions