Module 5

Video 1: Why and how should you collect disability data?
Why collect disability data?

1. To understand health needs of people with disability
2. To compare health needs and access of people with disability to people without disability
3. To enable better planning of health services to respond to the needs of people with disability
4. To allow ongoing monitoring and evaluation of disability inclusion in your health service
What is a health management information system (HMIS)?

A system for collecting information to support planning, management and decision-making in health facilities.

Data collected may include:

- **Patient data** – e.g. demographics, health conditions, services received
- **Service provision data** – e.g. number and type of clinics, number of beds, number of patients, length of stay
- **Resource data** – e.g. human resources, equipment and supply records
How to make your HMIS disability inclusive

1. Integrate disability data into existing systems for collecting data, e.g. patient registration systems

2. Determine how you will identify disability

3. Involve people with disability to advise on data collection methods
How to make your HMIS disability inclusive

4. Ensure all staff understand the importance of collecting disability data

5. Provide training for staff in any new data collection processes

6. Use inclusive communication strategies to allow data collection from people with a range of impairments (see Module 4)
How to ask about disability for data collection

Avoid simply asking “Do you have a disability?”

Use a few short questions about the person’s function and participation in everyday activities

This aligns with the ICF definition of disability (see Module 1)

Identifies “risk” or “likely” disability – it is not a diagnosis or formal assessment

Data are for service-level planning and monitoring, not for individual treatment planning
Questions that ask about function

• Do you have any difficulty walking or moving any part of your body?

• Do you have any difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?

• Do you have any difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?
Questions that ask about function

- Do you have any difficulty speaking or communicating with others?
- Do you have any difficulty remembering or concentrating?
- Do you have any difficulty doing any of your usual activities because of your difficulty with (moving/seeing/hearing/communicating/remembering/concentrating)?
Up next:

• Step 3: Activity: Using disability data to improve health service delivery

• Step 4: Activity: Asking effective questions when collecting disability data