Questions asked after the PRISM webinar

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- **Really interesting examples, but I am just wondering if these tools work equally well at a lower level, for instance within one facility or one NGO?**
  Yes they can be used with one facility or one NGO.

- **Why not build a holistic web-based GIS to handle all of those data in layers of overlay with user capacity to activate / deactivate; It seems like web GIS systems could integrate vital stats, immunization registries, notifiable disease and more, at all scales, regional, national, subnational, and facility, simultaneously.**
  The short answer this is a good idea. The key is been able to do it, as in the question it highlights that it is to "integrate" the information and then interact with the data. The issue is been able to build and sustain the geographic linkage between the vital stats, immunization registries, notifiable disease and other datasets to enable the integration. Once you have the data linked geographically then you need to compare data at the similar scales and create linkages between the datasets, beyond just geography, to minimize the risk of conclusion that are ecological fallacies. This can be done, but, and there are considerations when do this, as always it depends on your data, because you are asking greater questions of the data than with other methods you need to more stringent on the quality and validity of the method of integration that you are doing.

- **Of the countries using the PRISM application, is there one using it holistically?**
  Yes, Mexico, Peru, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic. Peru is a good example, decentralized country; they used all the tools and developed strategic plans and interventions.

- **Merits of DHIS 2 versus DHIS 4?**
  It is actually DHIS 1.4 vs DHIS 2. DHIS 1.4 is a Microsoft Access system, and DHIS 2 is an open source web based system.

- **Thanks for the illuminating presentations. Can you give us some more information or point us in the direction of more information on the performance improvement tools developed in Thailand?**
  Natasha can send them on after.

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- **As with any form of evaluation, people are nervous when it comes to being assessed. Do the PRISM tools provide process examples to engage collaboratively with stakeholders to implement PRISM assessments?**
  Bring everyone together. Country owned process. Stakeholders decide to assess and not us. The initiative comes at the country level and then MEASURE comes in at country level to implement the tool.

- **How often do you suggest these tools be applied? Monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually etc.?**
  It depends on the objective of the tool.

- **What does it cost to implement the tool in terms of what do you need to be able to implement it especially as a single National NGO? Thank you.**

  In the LAC region, we applied both the HMN assessment tool to give an overview and then drilled down to the routine system, doing both assessments for the country was around $50,000.

- **Can these tools be adapted for RH/FP intervention?**

  Yes absolutely, these tools are flexible and can be adapted to meet program needs.