

# Data Management

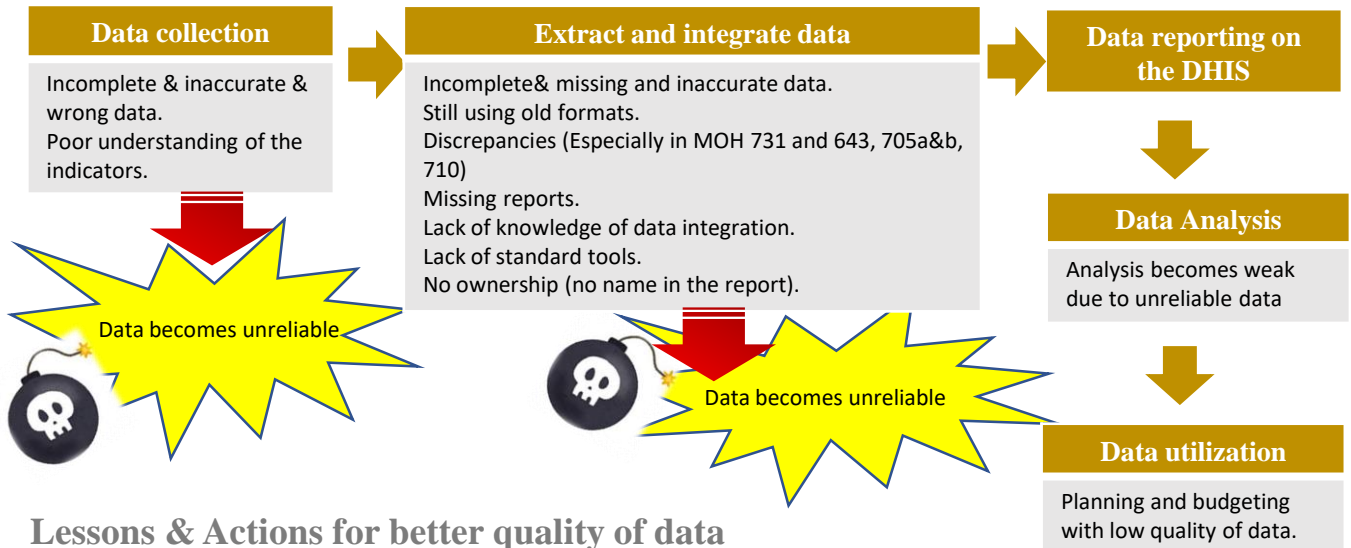
## Why is data management important?

Data management is important for effective planning, budgeting, and evidence-based decision-making at every level, from communities, health facilities to national programs. OCCADEP has encouraged self reflection of the Sub-County Management Team (SCHMT)'s activities by supporting monthly data review meetings to improve data management.

## Data management and its challenges

There are five stages in the data management; (1) data collection by health service providers, (2) data extraction and integration in the national report format by HRIO or health providers, (3) data reporting to the DHIS by HRIO, (4) data analysis & interpretation, and (5) data utilization. The following challenges were identified at the data collection stage and at the extraction & integration stage. These two stages usually affect the quality of data.

➤ The points stated in the gray boxes are challenges identified in each stages.



## Lessons & Actions for better quality of data

- ① Sensitize HFs to develop AWP and review APR. This will help HFs to understand how the data is being used .
- ② Sensitize HFs to use the correct data format (many HFs were using old version of format).
- ③ Use WhatsApp to communicate with HFs in order to clarify data
- ④ Identify HFs that need help and conduct "On the Job Training", "Supportive Supervision" and "mentoring" to HFs.
- ⑤ Sensitize the facilities at the monthly data review to how to fill the report format.



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