Number of KM outputs updated or modified, by type

Indicator Number:

7

Category:

KM General

Subcategory:

Knowledge Generation, Capture and Synthesis

Logic Model Component:

Processes

Data Type(s):

Count, qualitative

Short Definition:

Captures the instances where changes/improvements are made to existing KM outputs, including products, services, and other knowledge resources

Definition and Explanation (Long):

This indicator captures the number of instances where changes are made to existing KM outputs, such as products, services, and other knowledge resources, to meet changing needs of users. This indicator is a complement to indicator 6 (number of new KM outputs created and available, by type).

Data Requirements:

Self-report of updated or modified resources (either number of updates or, for continuously updated materials, descriptive information), by type

Data Sources:

Administrative records

Frequency of Data Collection:

Semiannually

Purpose:

In addition to measuring new outputs, it is also important to ensure that existing outputs are

kept up-to-date to include the latest research findings and lessons learned from the global health field. Both written publications and online resources can be updated.

Issues and Challenges:

Some online resources, such as publication databases, are continuously updated. In the case of websites, including the date the content was last revised can show users how current the information is. There are also organizations that evaluate health information, such as The Health on the Net (HON) Foundation, which applies the HONcode (The Health on the Net Foundation Code of Conduct) to medical and health websites. (For more information, see the HON website: http://www.hon.ch/). In addition to adding research findings and lessons learned, one might need to respond to changing content needs in the field, such as a new disease outbreak in a region or the introduction of a new or new use of information technology, such as SMS used to return HIV test results to clinics. Knowledge generation is a continuous process, and KM resources/outputs should be designed as living tools that can be modified and supplemented as needed. These updates and modifications keep KM outputs valuable to users and help ensure that they continue to have an impact on programs.

Related Indicators:

Note that this indicator refers only to resources altered by the originating organization. To report a resource modified or adapted by another organization, see indicator 32 (number/percentage of intended users adopting a KM output) on p. 51.

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