



Data Impact Program

The Data Impact Program partners with governments to expand the use of data to enhance public health planning and policy development.



Data to Policy (D2P) Bridging the Gap

A tailored and output-oriented program to strengthen government capacity to use data and evidence in public health policymaking

Investments in data collection and health information systems in low and middle-income countries have greatly increased the data available to inform policymaking. But turning these data into actionable evidence requires organizational capacity for policy analysis. By strengthening staff capacity and systems that link data to policy, government health agencies can make better use of scarce resources to improve population health, address inequities, and set priorities in line with the evolving burden of disease.

The Data to Policy (D2P) program, developed by Vital Strategies and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, aims to bridge the data-policy gap through team-based training and mentoring of health policy professionals. D2P participants develop data-driven policy briefs and recommendations that respond to government health priorities. The program imparts analytical skills – including root cause analysis, literature review, and health economic evaluation – as well as techniques for communicating with stakeholders using data.

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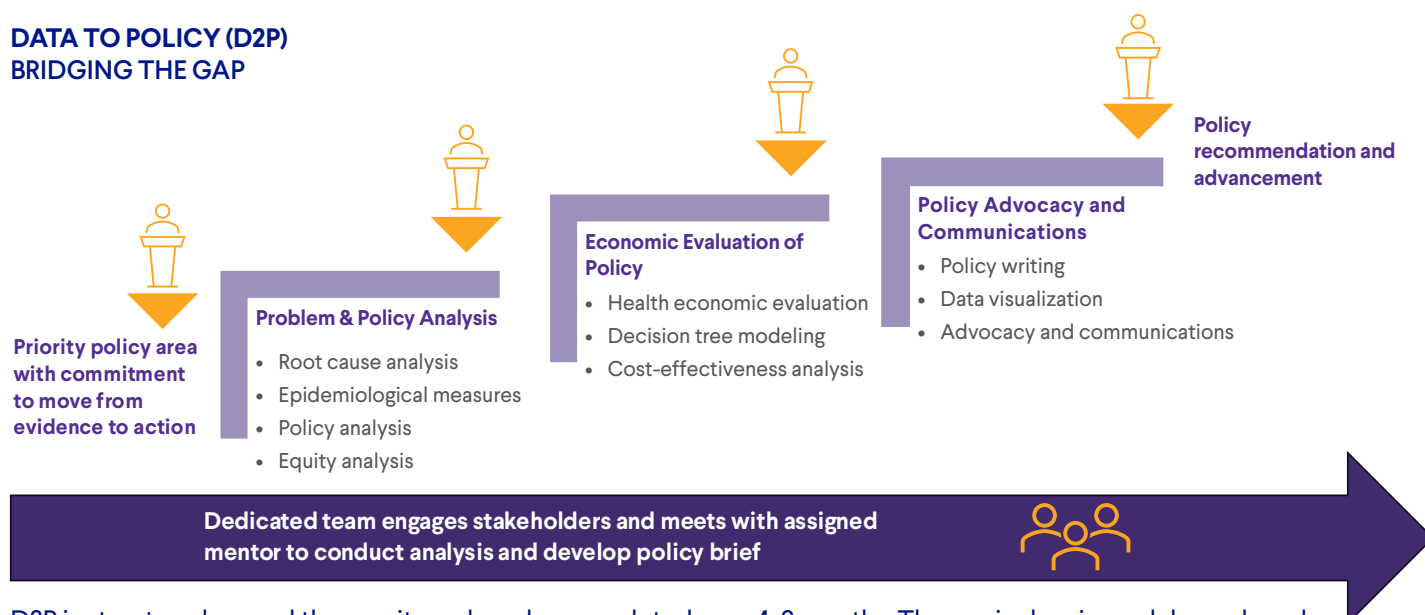


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D2P is structured around three units and can be completed over 4-6 months. The curriculum is modular and can be adapted and integrated into existing training or policy development processes. All modules are publicly available online at learning.vitalstrategies.org/data-to-policy/.

D2P IN NUMBERS

- 27** countries implemented the program
- 300+** policy briefs developed
- 113** briefs informed government decisions
- 235** local facilitators trained in **17** countries

BENEFITS

Short-term

- Suite of data-driven policy recommendations in priority areas
- Government staff equipped to conduct policy analysis to inform decisions
- Practical process for policy analysis, including health economic evaluation

Long-term

- Strengthened systems for data and evidence use
- Institutionalized training and capacity development through training of trainers

Policy impact:

- **In Sri Lanka**, a policy brief on the links between high consumption of dietary salt and hypertension provided recommendations that were incorporated into the National Salt Reduction Strategy, including new mandatory salt labeling on food packaging and a behavioral change campaign.
- **In Bolivia**, a D2P group analyzed epidemiological and mortality data on HIV and recommended implementation of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in populations at risk, leading to nationwide rollout through a Ministerial Resolution and technical guidance.
- **In Cameroon**, a D2P team analyzed how to increase early detection of breast cancer to address rising deaths. The project led to the development of the country's first national screening guideline, supported by outreach and communications to raise awareness.

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For more information, visit www.d4hdataimpact.org/data-to-policy or contact: datatopolicy@vitalstrategies.org.