



Data Impact Program

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

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Integrating gender data into public health policy

TRAINING OVERVIEW

Gender equity is critical to strengthening public health systems. People of different genders have differing health needs, access to services, and control over resources. Addressing these differences is essential to realizing everyone's right to health and to sustainable development.

The Integrating Gender Data into Public Health Policy Program supports teams of government stakeholders in completing a gender equity-related data analysis, use, and dissemination project through a series of content-driven and practical sessions.

Participating teams identify a public health priority relevant to gender equity, analyze available routine or other relevant data, and present findings to key decision-makers to inform policy or programmatic change.

WHO IS THIS TRAINING FOR?

The Program supports up to six teams of three members (at least two government staff), from agencies such as Health, Gender & Social Affairs, Women's Affairs, and National Statistics ministries. Participants could be from the same or a mix of government agencies and academic institutions. It is expected that applicants will participate in the entire program and there will be no replacements of applicants unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Recruitment happens via government engagement, an application process, or outreach through public health associations and partner organizations.

WHAT ARE THE TRAINING OBJECTIVES?

The program aims to achieve the following:

- Promote gender analysis in routine health data and ensure a gender lens on public health priorities.
- Build skills for further gender equity-focused analysis, dissemination, and policy application in-country.
- Strengthen engagement through peer-to-peer learning.

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TRAINING OUTCOMES

Depending on project scope, teams produce one of the following deliverables:

- A data brief presenting analysis findings and their policy implications to key decision-makers.
- For longer-term projects, a framework document outlining project scope, data needs, a sustainability plan, and a dissemination strategy.

WHY THIS CURRICULUM MATTERS

- Builds capacity to embed a gender lens in public health data analysis and decision-making.
- Connects government teams directly to policy application through real, country-specific projects.
- Strengthens cross-sector engagement across health, gender, and statistics agencies.

HOW IS THE TRAINING OFFERED

The program is delivered in three phases:

- **Phase 1:** Two virtual introductory group sessions and individual project mentorship sessions; teams present projects or project ideas, are introduced to the gender equity concepts and prepare their data.
- **Phase 2:** A three-day in-person workshop building skills in using data for gender equity policy as teams advance their projects.
- **Phase 3:** Two virtual mentorship sessions and a group feedback session to help teams finalize projects, findings, outcome products, and their dissemination strategy.

For more information about the training, please email: data4health@vitalstrategies.org
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