Data for Impact (D4I) Year 6 Semi-Annual Highlights

D4I's Work

D4I works with country partners to strengthen capacity to generate and use high-quality data, investigate program effectiveness, and learn from evidence.

Generate Evidence

Use routine and other existing data and generate new data through rigorous methods tailored to budget, timeline, and context

Integrate Gender

Integrate gender throughout the project to ensure high-quality data for assessment of health and gender outcomes

Strengthen Capacity

Strengthen capacity through fostering collaboration, experimental learning, mentoring, and peer networks tailored to partner's needs
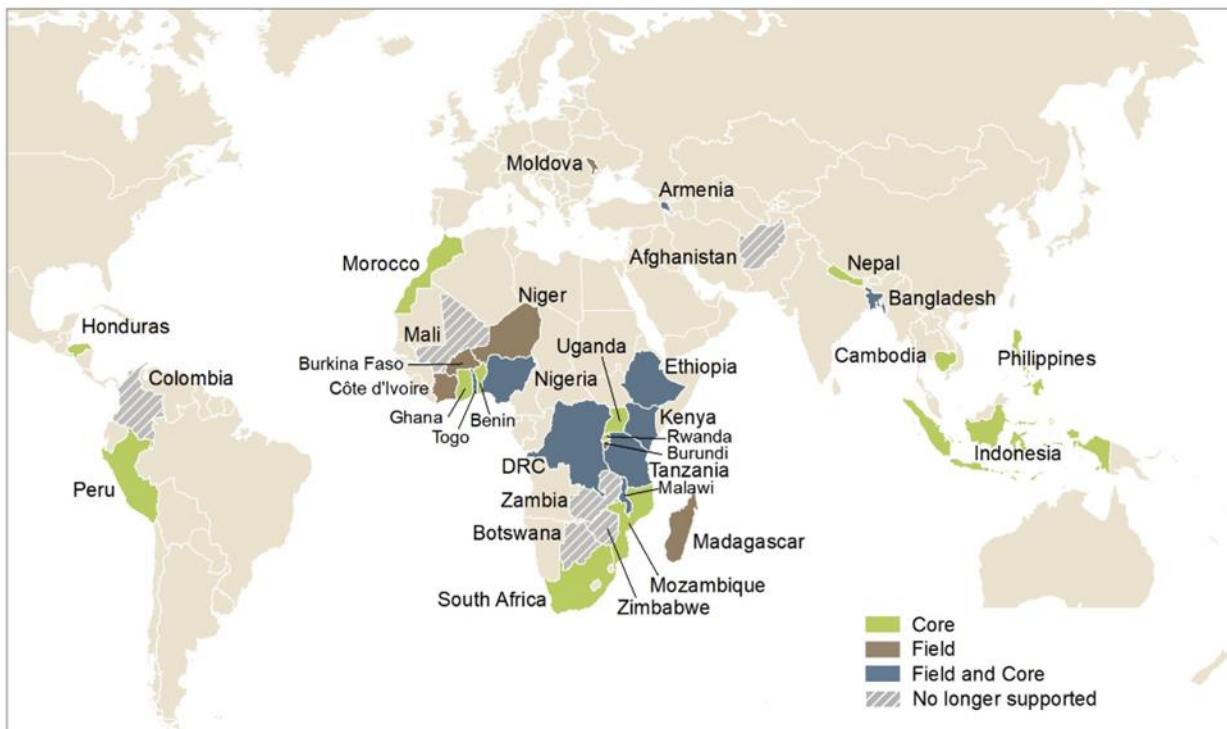
Promote Data Use

Visualize and communicate data in ways that are compelling, user-friendly, and actionable

Ensure Data Quality

Focus on ensuring high-quality data for effective decision making and program outcome improvement

Learn

Encourage collaboration, improved results, and timely progress updates through idea exchange and shared learning
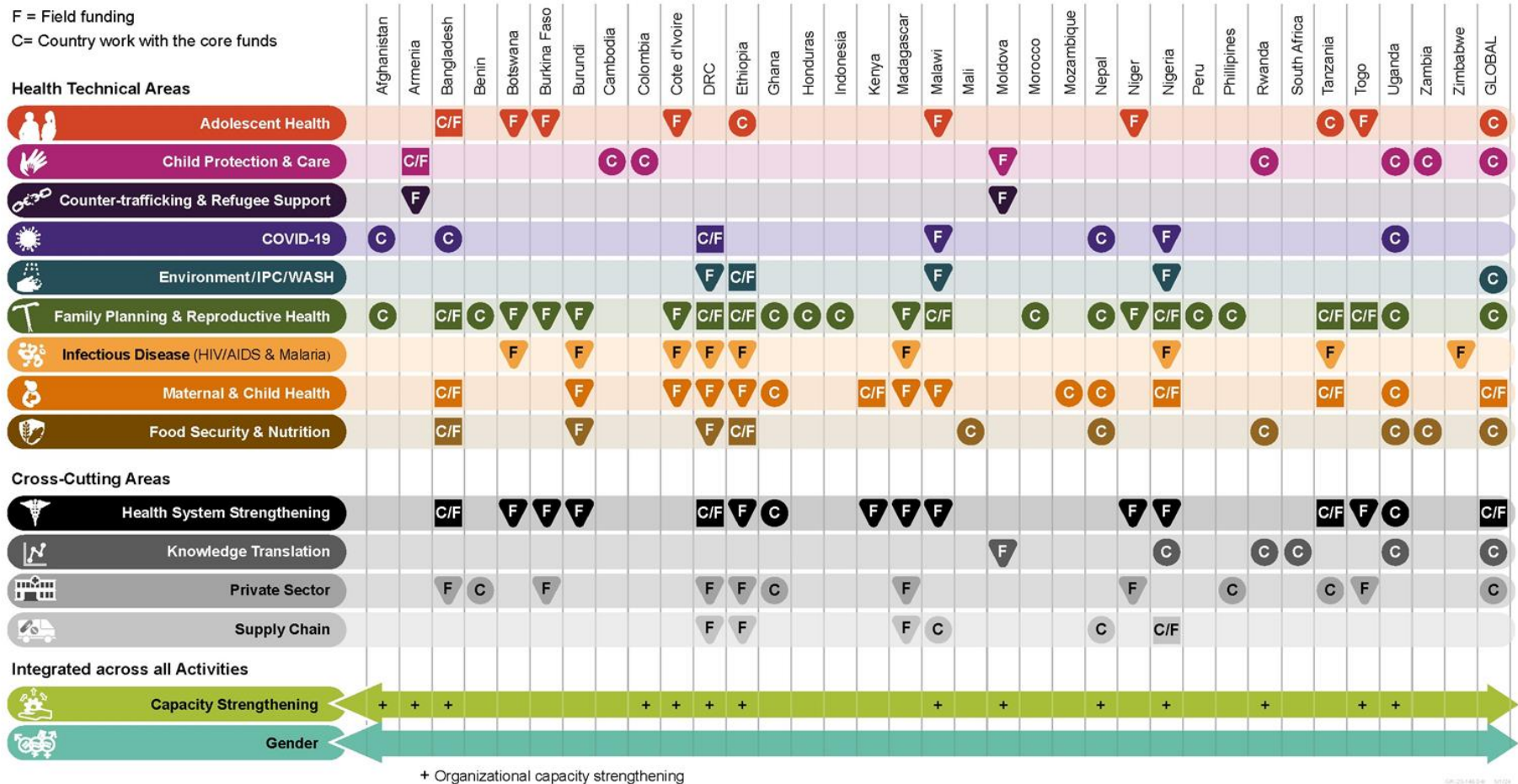
Where D4I Works

Since 2018, D4I has worked in 34 countries to provide monitoring, evaluation, research, and learning (MERL) technical assistance for USAID-funded core- and Mission-supported activities.

D4I Activities by Country, Funding Source, and Technical Area

The matrix illustrates D4I's past and current activities in 34 countries across 9 health technical areas and 4 cross-cutting themes. Across all countries, D4I has integrated capacity strengthening approaches and gender into all activities. D4I works predominantly in family planning (FP) and reproductive health (RH) and maternal and child health (MCH) technical areas.

F = Field funding
C = Country work with the core funds

Health Technical Areas	Afghanistan	Armenia	Bangladesh	Benin	Botswana	Burkina Faso	Burundi	Cambodia	Colombia	Cote d'Ivoire	DRC	Ethiopia	Ghana	Honduras	Indonesia	Kenya	Madagascar	Malawi	Mali	Moldova	Morocco	Mozambique	Nepal	Niger	Nigeria	Peru	Philippines	Rwanda	South Africa	Tanzania	Togo	Uganda	Zambia	Zimbabwe	GLOBAL
Adolescent Health			C/F		F	F				F		C						F						F						C	F				C
Child Protection & Care		C/F						C	C									F										C				C	C		C
Counter-trafficking & Refugee Support		F																F																	
COVID-19	C		C								C/F							F					C		F							C			
Environment/IPC/WASH											F	C/F						F						F											C
Family Planning & Reproductive Health	C		C/F	C	F	F	F			F	C/F	C/F	C	C	C		F	C/F					C	C	F	C/F	C	C		C/F	C/F	C			C
Infectious Disease (HIV/AIDS & Malaria)			F			F				F	F	F					F							F				F						F	
Maternal & Child Health			C/F			F				F	F	F	C			C/F	F	F					C	C		C/F				C/F		C			C/F
Food Security & Nutrition			C/F			F				F	C/F											C				C				C		C	C		C

Cross-Cutting Areas

	Afghanistan	Armenia	Bangladesh	Benin	Botswana	Burkina Faso	Burundi	Cambodia	Colombia	Cote d'Ivoire	DRC	Ethiopia	Ghana	Honduras	Indonesia	Kenya	Madagascar	Malawi	Mali	Moldova	Morocco	Mozambique	Nepal	Niger	Nigeria	Peru	Philippines	Rwanda	South Africa	Tanzania	Togo	Uganda	Zambia	Zimbabwe	GLOBAL
Health System Strengthening			C/F		F	F	F				C/F	F	C				F	F	F					F	F					C/F	F	C			C/F
Knowledge Translation																				F					C		C	C				C			C
Private Sector		F	C		F						F	F	C			F							F			C				C	F				C
Supply Chain											F	F				F	C						C		C/F										

Integrated across all Activities

	Capacity Strengthening (+)	Gender

+ Organizational capacity strengthening

Year 6 (Y6) Semi-Annual Activity Highlights

9 assessments/evaluations completed

17 Instances of data use for programs and policies that are facilitated by D4I approaches, products, or support

37 data visualization products developed

Highlights of D4I's Centrally Funded Work

Advancing Protection and Care for Children in Adversity (APCCA)

- On November 20, 2023, D4I convened a technical roundtable of thematic experts to validate findings and recommendations from consultations on data standards for child protection case management information systems (CMIS). These consultations, including annexes of open standards, were summarized in a working paper.

- In **Rwanda**, D4I participated in the National Child Development (NCD) Agency's Child Development and Protection Sub-Cluster meetings in January 2024 and held a national data review meeting in February 2024. Learn more in this summary brief.

- In **Uganda**, D4I supported the development of an electronic version of the Children (Approved Home) Regulations Assessment Toolkit and worked with the Ministry of Gender, Labor, and Social Development (MGLSD) to facilitate a national data review meeting in February 2024.

Speakers at the National Data Review Meeting in Uganda, February 9, 2024. Photo Credit: Stebert Media

A participant presenting at the National Data Review Meeting in Uganda, February 9, 2024. Photo Credit: Stebert Media

- The U.S. Government's APCCA secretariat and D4I co-hosted a webinar on the social service workforce (SSW) assessment in commemoration of World Social Work Day on March 19, 2024.

- D4I selected a local subrecipient in **Rwanda**, Research Hub, Ltd., to assist with the midterm evaluation of Gikuriro Kuri Bose (GKB), an Inclusive Nutrition and Early Childhood Development (INECD) project. The evaluation tools were developed, with capacity strengthening and data collection planned to start in April 2024.

Cross-Bureau

- Drawing on peer-reviewed and grey literature plus interviews with USAID and local research organizations, D4I summarized recommendations for strengthening research and evaluation capacity to support sustainable health programs.

- As part of Knowledge SUCCESS's fourth annual Family Planning Resource Guide, three D4I products were featured— a High Impact Practices (HIPs) Core Components Checklist, a Gender Competency Self-Assessment Tool, and a series of blog posts about the Small Grants Program recipients.

Population and Reproductive Health (PRH)

- D4I presented findings from the project's assessment of HIPs in family planning (FP) to USAID/Tanzania and discussed recommendations for future implementation of the HIPs. To further disseminate the assessment and tools, D4I participated in a HIPs measurement working group of researchers and FP experts, plus a steering committee to plan a global convening on HIPs measurement.

- To support the integration and monitoring of routine screening for gender-based violence (GBV) at health facilities, D4I published a report on facility-level data collection, information gaps, and reporting practices on GBV identification and response in FP clinics.

- In support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-funded Track20 collaboration on routine data quality assessments (RDQA), D4I held an RDQA workshop in **Togo** in October 2023 for 26 Track20 monitoring and evaluation (M&E) staff.
- D4I completed the midline evaluation of the Packard Foundation-funded project, My Forest, My Livelihood, My Family (FUTURES). In addition to a midline evaluation report, D4I developed two briefs that summarize the key findings and Most Significant Change results and hosted two local dissemination events in collaboration with local subrecipient Jimma University.

Maternal and Child Health

- Building upon D4I's work using group-based trajectory and prediction modeling to understand under-five mortality, the project submitted a paper to *Population Health Metrics* to show an application of this approach.
- As USAID advances toward localization targets, D4I is supporting the documentation of leadership and growth pathways for locally led monitoring, evaluation, research and learning (MERL) work. The rapid scan of the literature review included 49 documents, comprising peer-reviewed literature, grey literature, and project reports. Results will be shared in an upcoming June 2024 webinar.

Highlights of D4I's Field-Funded Work

- In **Bangladesh**, D4I hosted a global webinar on the Bangladesh Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Survey (BAHWS) 2019–20 and organized a report writing workshop for the 2022 Bangladesh Health Facility Survey (BHFS). D4I also supported the University of Dhaka to lead a second workshop on Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) of the Health, Population, and Nutrition (HPN) Sector Program in Bangladesh for 15 Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) personnel in October 2023.

MEL workshop participants received certificates upon completion.
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- In **Burundi**, D4I worked with local subrecipient Centre d 'Etudes et de Recherche en Population et Développement (CERPED) to develop the evaluation protocol and discussion guides and conduct data collection. Leveraging a South-South approach, D4I issued a subaward to CERA Group, a Togo-based research organization, to lead virtual training for CERPED in qualitative data coding and management. Subsequently, CERPED completed data coding and collaborated with D4I on data synthesis and writing. In February 2024, D4I presented insights from the central-level interviews to USAID/Burundi.
- In **Côte d'Ivoire**, D4I developed a study protocol and implementation plan for an evaluation of the impact of the universal free health service policy on vulnerable populations affected by malaria.

- In the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**, D4I completed the endline health facility survey data collection in nine provinces. D4I also completed the supervision study learning agenda report and presented findings from the three learning agenda studies to USAID/DRC and partners in March 2024.

- In **Malawi**, D4I facilitated two dissemination events for the Malawi Secondary Education Expansion for Development midline evaluation with USAID/Malawi, the Ministry of Education, and other local actors in February 2024. Urban midline qualitative findings were summarized in a December 2023 brief.

Malawi SEED midline evaluation dissemination meeting with USAID, Ministry of Education, and local actors. © 2024 Sally Zweimueller, Data for Impact

- In **Moldova**, D4I finalized the guidance documents for the Data Review Rooms, including a brief on mentorship and a sustainability plan. D4I also conducted the pilot of the Child Protection Information System (CPIS) in four rayons and trained 240 Territorial Social Assistance Agencies (TSAA) and Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MOLSP) staff on the CPIS. D4I developed the 2022–2026 National Employment Program Monitoring tool and an Indicator Framework for monitoring disability services under the RESTART reform. Moldova State University and Ion Creanga State Pedagogical University completed their student internship programs. D4I organized the second annual Share Fair of Good Practices in Data Use which was attended by 100 participants, after which D4I published three briefs on good practices in data use in three rayons: Chişinău, Donduşeni, and Ştefan Vodă. D4I also published two bulletins on the situation of children in social services in two rayons: Chişinău Municipality and Rezina.

- D4I's work in **Moldova** received the International Stability Operations Association Global Impact Award for Support to Ukraine and won USAID's 2023 Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting Case Competition. D4I launched two Data Review Rooms at the Ştefan Vodă rayon's Directorate General for Social Assistance and Family Protection and at the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MOLSP) as part of the activity on refugee support. D4I completed the development of the National Child Protection Program 2022–2026 monitoring tool, which the Directorate of Policies for the Protection of the Rights of the Child and Families with Children of the MOLSP is routinely using for tracking progress and for regular reporting on the implementation of the national program. D4I worked with the MOLSP and the Social Affairs Parliamentary Commission to develop the first ever statistical compendium on disability in Moldova.

- In **Nigeria**, D4I published a brief on sustainability sentinel indicators and presented the work during the American Evaluation Association conference in October 2023. As part of D4I's localization in MERL webinar series, evaluation team members including local subrecipient Data Research and Mapping Consult, Ltd. (DRMC) and USAID/Nigeria participated in a webinar on February 28, 2024, to discuss methods and findings from this complexity-aware monitoring exercise.

Dr. Samson Adebayo, DRMC, presenting at the AEA 2023 conference. © 2023 Jessica Fehringer, Data for Impact

- In **Tanzania**, D4I held a close-out meeting in October 2023 with USAID Health teams and published a year-end report for the intensive site monitoring activity.

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