

Table 1 WHO initiatives for improving national information

WHO strategic areas of support for improving availability and use of health data	Global WHO initiatives	Current WHO initiatives for data systems in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
Global comparison of nationally representative indicators, and enhancing visibility and use of national and subnational indicators	SDG monitoring and indicators WHO Impact Framework Global Health Observatory	Regional SDGs and core-indicator reporting Regional Health Observatory
Enhancing national health information systems and infrastructure, including birth and death registration and certification of cause of death	SCORE assessments and package of health information system initiatives Support for DHIS-2 development	National civil registration and vital statistics system assessments and strategies Comprehensive national health information system assessment Regional SCORE review DHIS-2 implementation in target countries PHCMI analysis and reporting support
National capacity-building and support for household surveys, and subnational and equity-oriented analyses	World Health Survey (WHS+) Health equity assessment toolkit (HEAT Plus) WHO STEPwise approach to Surveillance (STEPS) surveys Service availability and readiness assessment (SARA) surveys Disease-specific surveys	WHS+ global pilots Developing national household survey plans SARA survey conduct and analysis Support for other surveys Support for national health observatories
Enhancing national health information systems and infrastructure, including birth and death registration and certification of cause of death	WHO family of international classifications, including ICD-11, International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) and ICHI	ICD-10 and ICD-11 implementation ICHI capacity-building and pilot implementation