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Background

• Country-specific Child Health data are important to monitor and support country progress;
• There is a lack of CH routine data collection in Mozambique;
• Most of the collected data are not complete, or reported in a timely fashion, which leads to challenges for planning, programming, and monitoring;
Institutional under-5 death rate

- Definition: Number of deaths of under-5 children / Total number of under-5 children hospitalized and discharged
- Source: Hospitalization records
Low birth weight

- Definition: Live births with low birth weight/Live births
- Source: Maternity Records Books
Visual Illustration of under-5 death rate
Institutional under-5 death rate
Low birth weight

![Graph showing percentage distribution of low birth weight over different months from Jan-Mar to Oct-Dec for the years 2015 and 2016.](chart.png)
How Institutional under-5 death rate is being used

• The indicator has been used to identify health facilities that need special attention/support;

• At the National level it has been used to prioritize and allocate qualified human resources and key commodities;

• Globally it has been used to mobilize funds for specific health programs:
  • The high disease burden contributed to introduce vaccines to prevent Rotavirus and Meningitis as well as to improve the treatment guidelines, (Zinc supplementation)
How **Low birth weight Indicator** is being used

- This indicator contributed to increase health promotion and education to the pregnant woman;
- Increased efforts to conduct health promotion and education of women on nutrition and disease prevention in pregnancy (Use of bed nets, IPTp);
- To improve health education to prevent pregnancy in adolescents;
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