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# **Institutional Support to the Use of Evidence by Policy Makers: Mozambique Immunization Programme Case**

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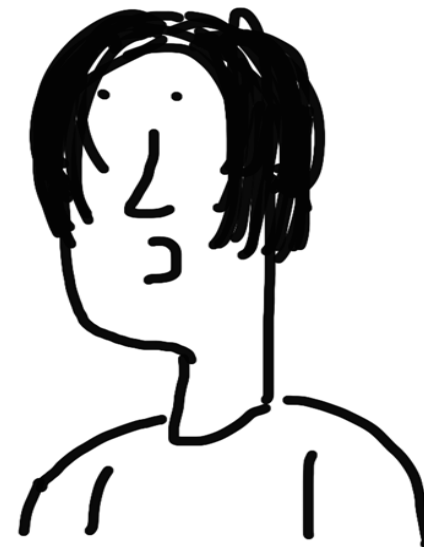


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You say your program works but why should I believe you?



Because I have evidence.



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# However...

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We don't always base our decisions in  
evidence



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# Because of the Nature of our Program:

- Complexity
- Dependent on various and inconsistent factors



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- Availability of funding (often limited):



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## **We know that:**

Investment in an ineffective intervention can be very costly to the Health system



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# Decisions...

Decisions can:

- Often be complicated
- Vary according to the decision making level within the system (Ex: How to use district level evidence for National decisions?)





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# Evidence vs decision making

For a good decision making process, we consider relevant to assess

- Disease epidemiology;
- Clinical profile;
- Benefits and harms of existing options;
- Equity considerations;
- Feasibility and resource implications (including economic considerations);



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# Evidence for decision making

And also to assess:

- Strategies for delivery of interventions;
- Social values and preferences, and acceptability;
- Health-system opportunities;
- Interaction with other existing intervention and control strategies



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# Current decision making processes

Based on

- Epidemiological situation/context
- Government priorities (PQG)
- Resources (financial, human and material)



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# Which factors affect timely production and use of evidence?

- Outbreaks
- Poorly skilled health workers
- Poor understanding of EBDM
- Lack of incentives for using EBDM
- Limited applicability of evidence available



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# And more factors:

- Donors interests
- Workload
- Multiple and competing responsibilities
- Organizational structure



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# How to Support?

- **Enhancing individual capacity of Decision Makers**
  - How to define priorities where existing evidence is of relevance for program
  - Ability to question evidence
  - Use of proper tools for evidence interpretation
  - Practical use and application of evidence when decision making



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# How to Support?

- **Research Institutions vs Decision/Policy Makers**
  - Alignment of agendas (researchers versus policy makers)



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# How to Support?

- **Strengthening institutional capacity**
  - Regular interaction Researchers/Decision makers from different backgrounds
  - Support/Create Platforms for sharing relevant information to decision makers in a regular basis (App's; database; websites, sms & whatsapp platforms)





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# As a conclusion...

- Evidence is fundamental
- Endless Challenges
- Solutions can be achieved through engagement and commitment of all parts involved



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