Frequently Asked Questions
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Purpose of this FAQ
This document provides answers to questions that have been received frequently from UN staff, their national counterparts, and the global reporting focal points. For more information on the Global AIDS Response Progress Reporting, please visit our website (www.unaids.org/aidsreporting), or email us at aidsreporting@unaids.org.

General

Why is UNAIDS requesting country progress reports in 2015?

In the HLM declaration (para. 105) countries agreed to “…provide to the General Assembly an annual report on progress achieved in realizing the commitments made in the present Declaration…” This year, countries will have a chance to assess their achievements against the targets of 2015. The reported data is utilized for national-level reviews (including the Global Fund New Funding Model and similar reprogramming efforts), regional reviews, and global analysis. Data will also be reported in UNAIDS, WHO and UNICEF reports in 2015.

What is the deadline for 2015 reporting?

Country data should be submitted online no later than 31 March 2015.

Narrative reports are also encouraged and, since they may need to be updated with final HIV estimates from Spectrum, we have extended their deadline until 15 June 2015.

Should a submission be received after these dates, UNAIDS cannot guarantee that the data will be included in the 2015 Global Report on AIDS.

What is the recommended reporting format?

Country progress reports should be submitted online using the Global AIDS Response Progress Reporting platform. The online platform is available at https://aidsreportingtool.unaids.org. Training materials and additional resources are available at http://www.unaids.org/aidsreporting.
**Which internet browser should I use?**

The online reporting tool is developed to work best with the latest versions of popular browsers, like Internet Explorer, Chrome, and Firefox. With older browser versions, there may be issues in saving and viewing the data.

**What information is included in a country progress report?**

A country progress report submission consists of:

- A narrative report on progress towards the 2015 targets
- Data pertaining to the 31 core indicators used globally to monitor national progress in responding to the HIV epidemic;
- Data pertaining to the additional health sector/Universal Access indicators that supplement the country progress reports.
- A cover sheet with relevant contact information.

For more information, please see the 2015 Global AIDS Response Progress Reporting Guidelines.

**Which targets are countries required to report on?**

Countries are expected to report on all indicators as per the reporting guidelines. However, if a specific target is not a priority, or specific indicator data are not available, this can also be easily expressed in the online reporting tool.

Progress in responding to the HIV epidemic is measured against a set of 10 global targets established in the [2011 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS](#). These targets are:

1. Halve sexual transmission of HIV by 2015
2. Reduce transmission of HIV among people who inject drugs
3. Ensure that no children are born with HIV by 2015
4. Increase access to antiretroviral therapy to get 15 million people on life saving treatment by 2015
5. Reduce TB deaths in people living with HIV by 50% by 2015
6. Reach a significant level of annual global expenditure (between $22 billion and $24 billion) in low and middle-income countries
7. Eliminate gender inequalities and gender-based abuse and violence and increase the capacity of women and girls to protect themselves from HIV
8. Eliminate stigma and discrimination against people living with and affected by HIV through promotion of laws and policies that ensure the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms
9. Eliminate HIV-related restrictions on entry, stay and residence
10. Eliminate parallel systems for HIV-related services to strengthen integration of the AIDS response in global health and development efforts

**Can I submit my country progress report together with the report on the Health Sector response?**

Yes, you can. The health sector indicators are integrated into the online reporting tool, and can be entered and submitted together with the 31 main Global AIDS Response Progress Reporting Indicators.
How can I check what my country reported in the last report?

You can view previously reported data in the following ways:

- Through the online reporting tool
- By viewing the country reports:
- Or through the AIDSinfo Online Database: [http://www.aidsinfoonline.org/](http://www.aidsinfoonline.org/)

NCPI

Is the full NCPI included for 2015?

No, it is not. The National Commitments and Policy Instrument (NCPI) is filled every two years, as it includes extensive consultations with national stakeholders. The most recent reporting on the NCPI was in 2014; therefore the NCPI will not be reported in 2015.

A review of the NCPI is currently being undertaken in order to assess the purpose of the NCPI tool in the post-2015 environment and purpose a new instrument towards 2020/2030. It is expected that a revised version of the NCPI will be included in the 2016 Global AIDS reporting mechanism.
AIDS Spending

What are the sources of information for measuring AIDS spending?

The most comprehensive exercise is the National AIDS Spending Assessment (NASA). We recommend (i) NASA to be used as a primary tool, and (ii) Health Accounts based on the System of Health Accounts (SHA) 2011 as an alternative to report on indicator 6.1 and to fill in the Funding Matrix. If the suggested measurement tools were not implemented, countries may perform ad-hoc data collection with an explicit description of the way expenditures were captured.

What does the AIDS Spending indicator measure?

The AIDS Spending indicator is used to measure target 6 of the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS: “Reach a significant level of annual global expenditure (between $22 billion and $24 billion) in low and middle-income countries”. AIDS Spending is reported by completing the National Funding Matrix: AIDS Spending by category and by financing source. This indicator provides critical information that is valuable at both national and global levels of the AIDS response.

What is the funding matrix?

The matrix is a spreadsheet that enables countries to record AIDS spending according to a system of classifications that embraces the ten targets of the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS. It is a double-entry table that has two basic components:

- AIDS Spending Categories (How funds allocated to the national response are spent)
- Financing Sources (Where funds allocated to the national response are obtained).

The matrix consists of eight core programme areas, and addendum items:

1. Prevention of sexual transmission of HIV;
2. HIV prevention for people who inject drugs;
3. Prevention of mother to child transmission;
4. Universal access to treatment;
5. TB;
6. Governance and sustainability;
7. Critical enablers; and
8. Synergies with development sectors.
9. Addendum items/Non-core global/Other

Where do I find the funding matrix?

The funding matrix file is available to be downloaded in the online reporting tool. Once the data is entered into the spreadsheet, the file should be uploaded to the online reporting tool as specified when reporting on indicator 6.1
To ensure consistency in global reporting, it is important that data elements used as input in Spectrum are the same as those used in the GARPR online reporting tool. Similarly, it is important that the final output from Spectrum be entered in the GARPR online reporting tool.

**Will there be a new version of Spectrum for the estimates produced in 2015? Will there be training on the new version?**

There will be a new version of the software for 2015. Countries need to update their current Spectrum file in the new software and include any new data. Regional trainings will be held in February and March 2015.

**Which variables in the Global AIDS Response Progress Reporting form should match Spectrum input or output?**

Table 1 describes specifically what data elements should be consistent between the Global AIDS Response Progress Report and your national Spectrum file.

Spectrum software can provide the denominators for indicators 3.1, 3.1a, 3.2, 3.3, and 4.1 (PMTCT and ART). In addition, the programme data entered in Spectrum should be the same as those data used in the GARPR Online Reporting Tool as numerators for indicators 3.1, 3.1a and 4.1.

For the numerator for indicator 3.1, Spectrum also has a category titled dual ARV. This category is referring to the 2006 WHO recommended regimen that provides women with AZT plus one other ARV. This is similar to Option A. However, we count the two regimens separately. Option A recommends that women start the regimen earlier in their pregnancy and provides prophylaxis throughout the breastfeeding period. In the online reporting tool, women who received dual ARV should be listed in the “Other” category and, in the comments box, a note should be made on the number of women receiving the dual ARV (2006 WHO recommended regimen).
Table 1. Data elements that should be identical in the GARPR tool and Spectrum

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What is the timeline for the review and submission of Spectrum files?

Countries are requested to share draft Spectrum files with UNAIDS by 31 March 2015. Feedback will be provided within two weeks. The final files should be submitted by 15 May 2015.

Since the final Spectrum estimates will only be available after the GARPR deadline, countries should leave the data elements specified in Table 1 blank in the GARPR tool until they have the final value. Countries should note in the narrative report any values that are preliminary. The GARPR online reporting tool will be reopened for updates to these indicators until 31 May 2015.