

## Announcing a Local DATIM for Operating Units

“DATIM for Operating Units (DATIM4U)” is a standalone version of the Global DATIM web-based application that can be implemented exclusively for your PEPFAR Country Team (OU) and Implementing Partners (IPs). With DATIM4U, OUs can collect MER Results on a monthly basis and submit the quarterly aggregations to DATIM Global at the press of a button.

### Key Features:

- DATIM4U is preconfigured with the data entry forms needed to collect MER Results, and those data entry forms can be further extended by the Country Team to incorporate additional Indicators as needed.
- DATIM4U automatically synchronizes local data with Global data, including PEPFAR site lists, Implementing Mechanisms, and up-to-the-minute versions of indicators and disaggregates.
- DATIM4U is designed to be the base technology OUs can use to automate their data exchange with Ministries of Health (MoH). Enabling this feature requires coordination with your MoH.
- DATIM4U includes the industry-standard HMIS platform, DHIS2, and a collection of technologies (based upon OpenHIE specifications) which enable automated information exchange between OUs and OGAC.

DATIM4U was designed in response to the challenges expressed by OU’s either working with DATIM Global or with locally maintained M&E systems involved with DATIM data exchange.

For those working with the DATIM Global web-based application, DATIM4U provides you with a customizable infrastructure that supports additional local or country specific data gathering needs. OUs can add additional indicators, reports, or other functionality to capture and/or analyze their data. Because DATIM4U is based on DHIS2, OUs can access a broad community of technical support people to assist with these local needs.

For those working with a local reporting system, DATIM4U alleviates issues around remaining in sync with changes to the PEPFAR indicators. DATIM4U uses the same database, and incorporates an automated synchronization process, which streamlines your ability to respond to changes in PEPFAR reporting requirements.

PEPFAR’s vision is that ultimately, OUs perform their various M&E activities within the context of country-led HMIS infrastructures. DATIM4U is designed in a way that provides an evolutionary pathway towards supporting exchange with MOH, and allows OUs to control the pace of that integration. It is a piece that fits into a larger puzzle that each country is constructing as they build and modernize their health information systems.

We believe that DATIM4U is responsive to many of the challenges that OUs are currently facing. That said, there are significant technical requirements that must be met in order to use

this version of DATIM. One significant requirement is that **you should plan to switch to a monthly reporting cycle prior to October 1 at the beginning of the fiscal year in which you plan to implement DATIM4U. This entails moving your Country Team and Implementing Partners to the *Monthly DATIM Global* rather than the Quarterly Global version you are currently using.** There are some exceptions to this requirement. Please see the documentation updates at the link below to determine whether your OU qualifies as an exception. Otherwise, only those OUs which have moved to the Monthly version of DATIM by October 1, 2016, will be eligible for OGAC support for DATIM4U migration during FY'17. The DATIM4U pilot OU will also be selected from this initial candidate pool.

If you believe DATIM4U could assist you with your work, please ask your technical team to review the requirements document that will help you to understand the Total Cost of Ownership. DATIM4U is not for everyone...is it right for you?

To access the Assessment material from the DATIM Helpdesk, please login to DATIM and use the link below:

[“Readiness Self-Assessment for Implementing a Unique PEPFAR DATIM4U Instance”](#)

<https://datim.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/209982806>