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*Is DATIM for OUs (DATIM4U) Right 4U?
July 25 Update*





This Update begins by Reiterating the Key DATIM4U Features:

- 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.
- Automatically synchronizes local data with Global data, including PEPFAR site lists, Implementing Mechanisms, and up-to-the-minute versions of indicators and disaggregates.
- Designed to be the base technology OUs can use to automate data exchange with Ministries of Health (MoH). Enabling this feature requires coordination with your MoH.
- Includes the industry-standard HMIS platform, DHIS2, and a collection of technologies (based upon OpenHIE specifications) which enable automated information exchange between OUs, OGAC, and others.





This Update adds the First Step from the Self-Assessment document:

- **Step 1** - Answer the following question: Does your Country Team believe that you need to collect and analyze data in addition to that available in DATIM? Or do you believe you want to begin data exchange with MoH? Or, do you want to reduce the data synchronization required to operate your current in-country M&E system? If you answer 'yes' to any of the above, continue to read on. If you answer 'no' to all three of the questions, DATIM4U probably isn't for you.





If the DATIM4U advantages look as if they address some of your current challenges, then:

- Immediately initiate a 'Self Assessment' to determine whether you might want to switch during FY'17.

[This is a link to the assessment and the one-page handout](#)

- If the Assessment says you may want to use DATIM4U in FY'17, undertake a further assessment to determine your Total Cost of Ownership (per Step 4 of the Self-Assessment Guide)





Update - The below has been modified from the original slides:

Still want to implement DATIM4U in FY'17? If the DATIM4U advantages look as if they address some of your current challenges, then:

- *Original text:* **Your IPs must use DATIM MONTHLY by October 1, 2016**
- CIT has heard that some OUs would prefer to use a **Quarterly** version of DATIM4U and asked if we could make a quarterly version available
- CIT has determined that a Quarterly version **can** be made available.

However, there are important considerations to note:

1. Comments from the field have correctly pointed out that having a Quarterly based reporting system almost necessitates that Partners maintain alternative system solutions capable of collecting the monthly results that most Partners then aggregate to provide to the Quarterly-based DATIM. The Monthly version represents CIT's effort to address this issue.
2. CIT strongly recommends that OUs use a monthly version if Partners collect data on a monthly basis – this avoids the need to maintain secondary data collection tools





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 3. For OUs which have been using their own data systems and providing data to DATIM via Data Exchange, *and where the process for reporting through those existing systems is codified as a monthly reporting cycle*, replacing your current system with a Quarterly version of DATIM4U may make sense.
 4. Any other OUs considering DATIM4U as a Quarterly system should consult with CIT to determine a way forward, as moving to a monthly version of DATIM Global (DATIM Global Monthly or DATIM-GM) by October 1, 2016, has been set as a critical milestone for OUs planning to implement DATIM4U during FY'17. Therefore, CIT will need to work with you to establish a replacement milestone.
- The remaining slides are though provided in the original DATIM4U presentation which can be found below (you must be logged into DATIM to access this link):

<https://datim.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/209982806-Readiness-Self-Assessment-for-Implementing-a-Unique-PEPFAR-DATIM4U-Instance>





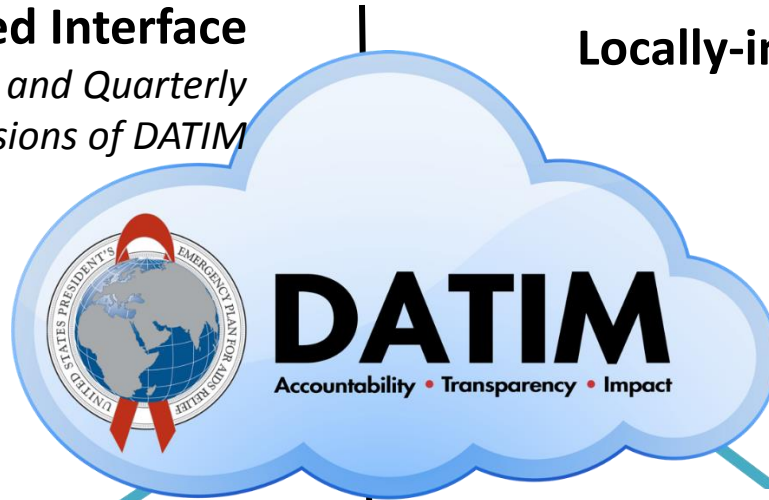
Current State...

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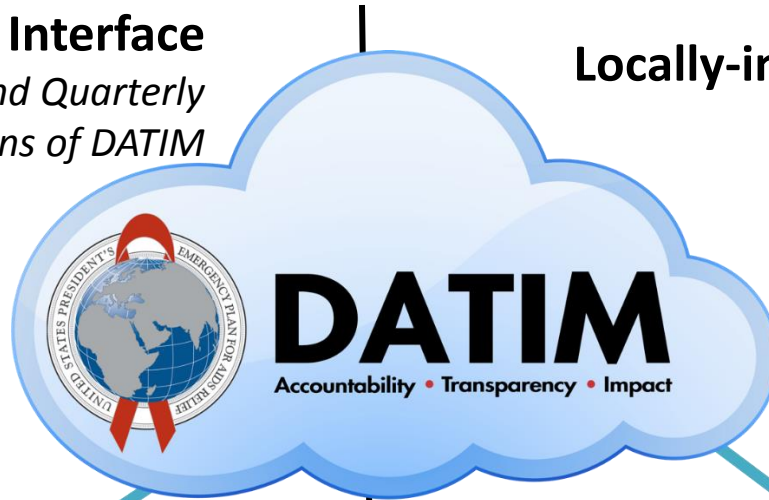
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Which Approach is Right 4U?

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DATIM
Accountability • Transparency • Impact

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Considerations

- While OGAC is offering a low-cost of entry option for DATIM4U implementation, maintaining your own system can be a complex technical undertaking that can have significant cost implications. Each OU should determine if, and when, moving to DATIM4U makes sense for you.
 - Low Cost Entry Option:
 - OGAC will provide the hosting for DATIM4U, which covers all primary costs associated with maintaining an **Unmodified** DATIM4U system
 - OUs will need to provide enhanced technical support (user admin, site admin) as the demands increase in a DATIM4U environment

Considerations

- Operating a Modified system
 - OGAC will provide hosting, but all systems modification in support of adding OU-specific data elements, automating data exchange with MoH, etc., are costs to be born by the OU.
 - DATIM4U modifications will generally be needed to address specific OU needs, and the need for local modification is the driving force for this offering
 - Costs will vary depending upon the extent to which systems modification are anticipated, but can grow rapidly in terms of both cost and technical team requirements
- OGAC has developed checklist and guidance materials designed to allow you to determine the impact of systems **modification** in terms of ‘total cost of ownership’. Even undertaking this assessment is a non-trivial exercise requiring technical expertise.