



PEPFAR

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Surveys-Surveillance and Research (SaSR) Overview

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Agenda

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Surveys-Surveillance, Research, and Evaluation (SRE)

What is SRE?

SRE is the set of data that includes **Surveys-Surveillance and Research (SaSR)** data and **Evaluation Standards of Practice (ESoP)** data.



SRE data reporting ensures that PEPFAR-supported countries are collecting the **right kinds of information** that will help **fill information gaps** related to PEPFAR program planning and performance.

Surveys-Surveillance and Research (SaSR)

What is SaSR?

- SaSR is an **inventory report** (list of all surveys, surveillance, and research) activities that are PEPFAR-funded.
- SaSR includes **epidemiological data, implementation science and operational research**.
- SaSR helps countries further understand and get ahead of their epidemics for robust program planning.

Screenshot of a
SaSR Activity Details
reporting screen in
DATIM

SaSR Activity Details

Activity objectives:

Activity's primary study population:

Additional populations studied:

To make a selection, please manually type your choice and press enter or use the arrow keys on your keyboard to select one of the options

Planned activity sample size:

Planned sampling methodology:

HIV biomarkers to be assessed as part of protocol:

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Surveys-Surveillance and Research (SaSR)

Examples of SaSR activities

- Integrated Bio Behavioral Surveys
- Population-based HIV Assessments
- Clinical surveillance (i.e. Recency infection detection and case-based surveillance activities)
- Implementation Science
- Operational Research

Surveys-Surveillance and Research (SaSR)

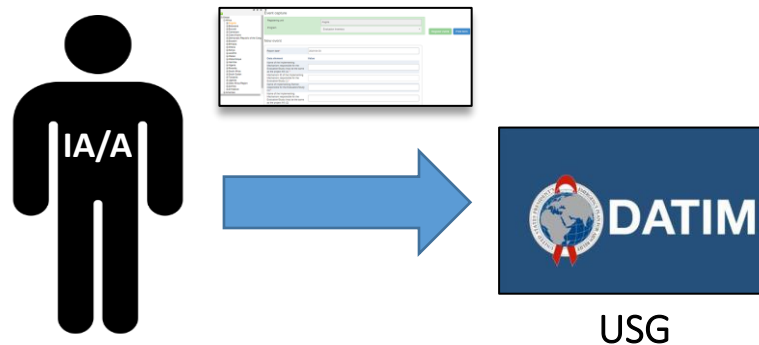
How does SaSR inform PEPFAR programs?

- **SaSR can be used to answer questions such as:**
 - Which populations or geographic areas have the greatest burden of HIV?
 - Do our investments align with the greatest needs?
 - What new interventions should we scale?
 - Where are our socio-demographic, clinical or behavioral gaps?
 - Where are clusters of recent HIV infections?
- Based on these answers, we can ask: *How can findings be leveraged to inform program decision-making across PEPFAR programs and make sure PEPFAR programs are reaching the right people at the right time in the right way?*

SaSR Reporting Process

How is SaSR data reported, and by whom?

1. **Reported:** Agency and Interagency users report SaSR data semi-annually in Q2 and Q4 via the **DATIM Tracker Capture app**.
2. **Reviewed:** OGAC users provide feedback on the data that is in Tracker Capture.
3. **Viewed:**
 - USG users can view semi-annual data in **Tracker Capture**.



Accessing SaSR Data

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SaSR data can be accessed in the following systems:

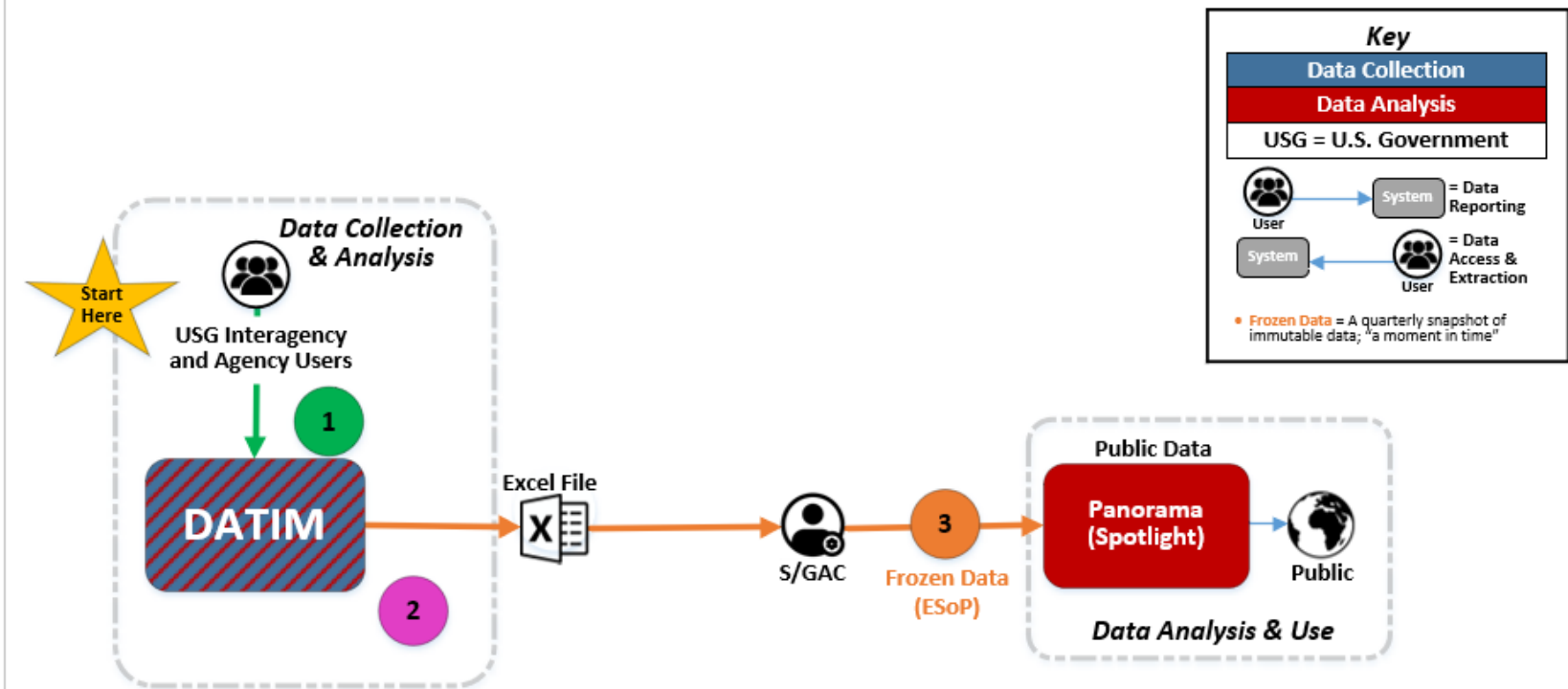
- **DATIM*** (Tracker Capture App)

Note: Apps in **orange** are accessible to USG users only.

SaSR Data Flow

PEPFAR CENTRALLY SUPPORTED SYSTEMS & DATA FLOWS SRE (SaSR & ESoP)

*SRE: Surveys Surveillance, Research, and Evaluations =
(SaSR: Surveys, Surveillance, and Research; and ESoP: Evaluation Standards of
Practice)*



STEP 1

DATA ENTRY

Semi-annually (Q2 & Q4)

Twice a year in Q2 and Q4, USG Interagency and Agency users enter SRE data into DATIM via the Tracker Capture application data entry screen.

STEP 2

DATA CLEANING

Continuously as data is entered; and during semi-annual cleaning window

Data cleaning takes place in DATIM. S/GAC reviews SRE data twice a year during the data cleaning period.

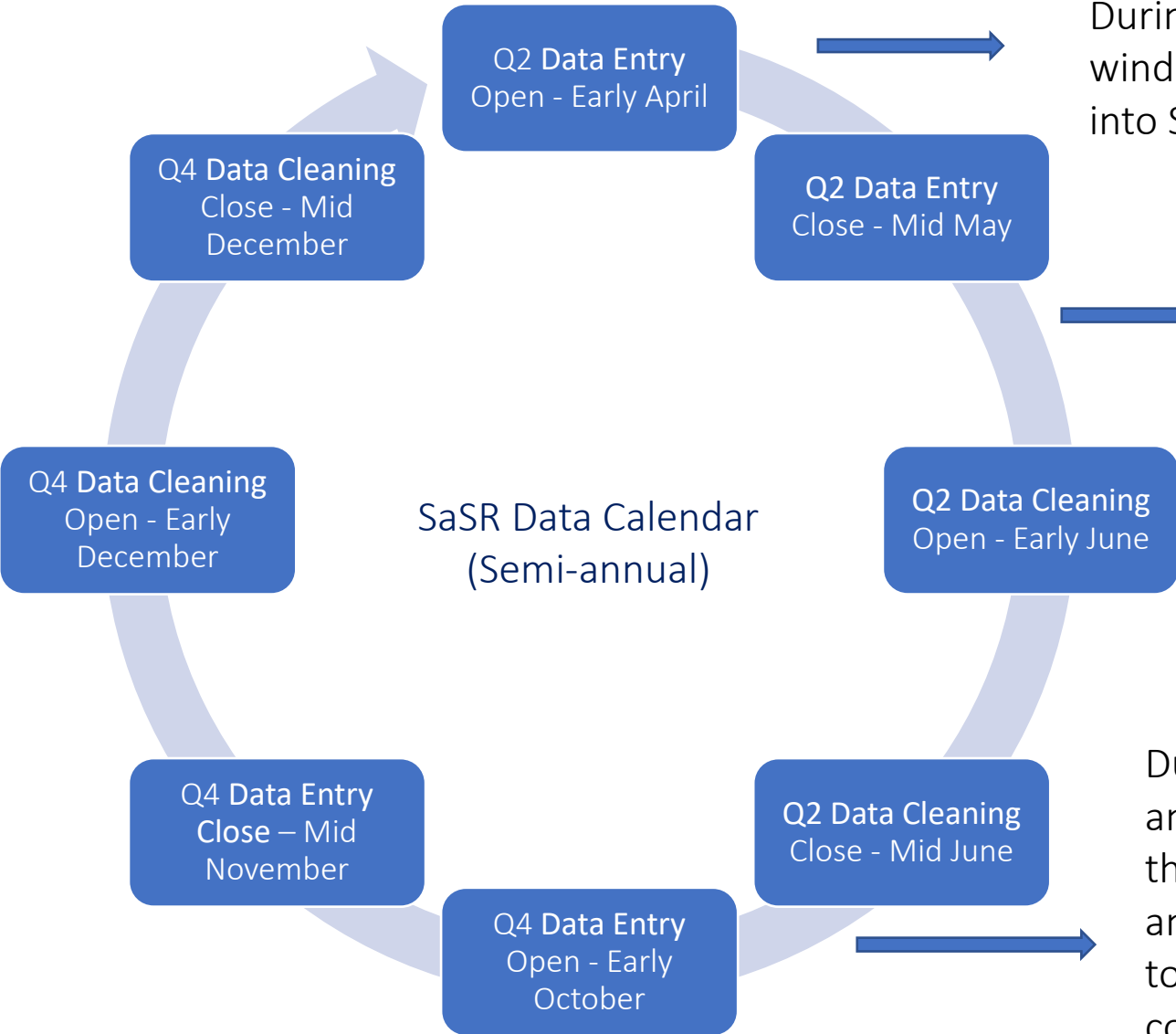
STEP 3

DATA PULL

Once annually (end of Q4)

Once annually in Q4, S/GAC pulls cleaned SRE data from DATIM into an Excel file. ESoP data is uploaded to Panorama Spotlight.

SaSR Data Calendar



SaSR Data Calendar (Semi-annual)

During this 6-week data entry window, USG users enter data into SaSR forms in DATIM.

Users can no longer submit data. The PEPFAR HQ DATIM team restricts the ability of users to enter data until the next open period.

During this period between Q2 and Q4, S/GAC reviews data that was entered into DATIM and provides feedback offline to USG users to make corrections as needed.

Data Entry Overview

- SRE data is reported by Interagency and/or Agency users, who enter the data directly into **DATIM via the Tracker Capture app**.
- Data Entry is open twice a year during Q2 and Q4.
- SaSR Data Entry consists of 3 required forms:
 1. Enrollment Form
 2. Semi-Annual Status Update
 3. Project Completion Form

Enrollment Form/ SaSR Planning Profile

1. Enrollment Form:

- Purpose: Follows the logic of the SRE tool and includes similar **data on the approved survey, surveillance or research study** (e.g. mechanism information, research title/questions/type, target population, technical area, health outcome, implementing agency, and approved budget).
- Timeframe: Completed in Q2 after COP approval. Agency users will confirm all approved surveys, surveillance, and research studies are entered into Tracker.

Semi-Annual Status Update and Completion Form

2. Semi-Annual Status Update:

- Purpose: Provides data on **expenditures**, updated data collection **timeline**, and **current research/survey stage and progress**.
- Timeframe: **Every 6 months** after enrollment and planning form are completed (every Q2 and Q4) **until the research/survey/surveillance activity is completed**.

3. Project Completion Form:

- Purpose: The **final form** provides the final **research/survey/surveillance activity** date, title, final data collection dates, final sample size, and publicly available report.
- Timeframe: This form is completed once the final report has been completed by the Implementing Agency.

Good Data Entry Practices

- Review Reference Guide for SaSR data fields ahead of data entry in Tracker
- Review User's Guide
- Ensure DATIM account is active
- Do not enter test or dummy data entries
- OGAC does not advise the users rely on the Event Reports app to pull or view SaSR data.

Resources

Additional SaSR Resources

- **SaSR Resources on DATIM Support (datim.zendesk.com)**
(*DATIM > PEPFAR Guidance > [Surveys-Surveillance and Research \(SaSR\)](#)*)
 - DATIM SaSR Data Entry Reference
 - SaSR Data Entry User Guide
- **SRE Trainings on the PEPFAR Virtual Academy (PVA) (learn.pepfar.net)**
(*<https://learn.pepfar.net/courses/course-v1:learn-pepfar-net+SYS005PCSS100+2019/about>*)
 - [Fundamentals of PEPFAR Data & Systems course](#), SaSR sections
 - Module 1.4 The Types of Data that PEPFAR Collects
 - Module 2.4 PEPFAR Data & Systems Flows
 - Module 4.0 Leveraging PEPFAR Data to Achieve Program Targets

**PVA is free and accessible to all PEPFAR staff*

Support

- For programmatic questions, please email [SGAC SI@state.gov](mailto:SGAC_SI@state.gov).
- For systems issues and data changes, please submit a helpdesk ticket to DATIM Support ([datim.Zendesk.com](https://datim.zendesk.com)).

The screenshot shows a support portal with a grid of six blue buttons on the left and a list of links on the right. The buttons are: 'DATIM Training & Tutorials' (wrench and gear icon), 'What's New in DATIM' (lightbulb icon), 'PEPFAR Guidance' (document with pencil icon), 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)' (speech bubbles icon), 'Data Import and Systems Administration' (circuit board icon), and 'PEPFAR/MoH Data Alignment Activity' (person at computer icon). The right sidebar has two sections: 'Guidance Highlights' with links for 'PEPFAR Data Calendar', 'COP Guidance', 'DATIM Data Import & Exchange Resources', and 'MER Indicator Reference Guides'; and 'Technical Support' with links for 'Submit a Request', 'Your Profile', and 'Ticket Status'. A red box highlights 'Submit a Request' and a red arrow points to it from the right.



Thank you!