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Best practices for rolling out new Information Management systems

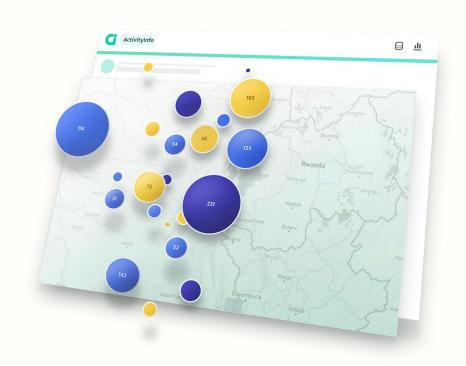


## INTRODUCTIONS

#### Presented by the ActivityInfo Team

# Monitoring & Evaluation Software

- Track activities, outcomes
- Beneficiary management
- Surveys
- Work offline / online





# POLL

## **POLL**

- 1. How would you describe your role?
  - a. M&E or IM officer in a central MEAL department supporting the whole organization
  - b. Program Officer or Program Manager responsible for program implementation
  - c. IT staff responsible for implementing IT solutions
  - d. Senior leadership providing governance and oversight
  - e. Other (type in the chat)
- 2. At what stage are you in your roll out of a new Information Management System?
  - a. I haven't started yet
  - b. I'm planning out what the system will look like
  - c. I'm currently building the system
  - d. I'm in the process of launching the system
  - e. I have just recently launched the system

## Agenda

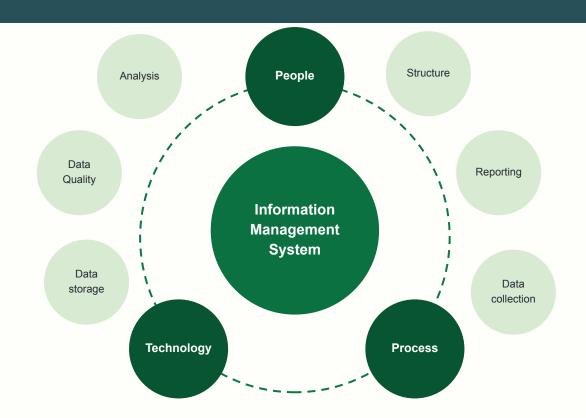
- 1. Understanding information management systems
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- 3. How to roll out a new information management system
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- 5. Q&A



# Understanding information management systems

## What is an Information Management System?

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# Change management

## Why is change management so important?

The Information Management System represents a significant part of your organization's operations.

Expect **resistance** to change.



## Why is change management so important?

Significant investment of time and effort

Reliance on established ways of working

RESISTANCE

Negative expectations based on previous experience

Fear of the unknown

Loss of control

Perceived threat



## Why is change management so important?







## Change Management Best Practices

Know your stakeholders

Identify champions and recruit allies

Communicate often and maintain open lines of communication

Celebrate wins and build momentum

#### **TRUST**



# How to roll out a new information management system

## Before you even begin

Define your





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#### Example:

"ABC organization is rolling out a new IM System to reduce the time it takes for our staff to complete their reports so that we can **make decisions more quickly**."



## Stages in rolling out a new IM System





## Stage 1: Assessment

#### **Key tasks:**

- Consult stakeholders
- Measure your baseline
- ☐ Review existing documentation
- Determine your readiness for change

#### **Output**

★ A thorough understanding of the current situation and clear expectations of what the new system will look like



#### Stage 2: Design

#### **Key tasks:**

- → Process: Develop procedures, documentation
- People: Develop structures, roles and responsibilities
- ☐ Technology: procurement, configuration
- Alignment and testing

#### **Output**

★ A functional system ready for launch

#### Resources



Guide for choosing a software solution



#### Stage 3: Launch

#### **Key tasks:**

- ☐ Internal launch event
- Training and onboarding sessions
- Dissemination of resources

#### **Output**

★ Staff are empowered to use the new system

#### Resources

- Tips for effective capacity development
- Best practices for developing internal training materials



## Stage 4: Adoption

#### **Key tasks:**

- Monitor usage
- → Collect feedback
- → Troubleshoot issues
- Make necessary adjustments

#### **Output**

★ Sustained usage of the system according to expectations



## Common pitfalls and how to overcome them

Not having leadership buy-in

Going it alone

Aiming for perfection

Keeping your colleagues in the dark

Making it difficult to reach out for help

Identify a senior sponsor

Assemble a working group

Create a safe space, pilot and iterate quickly

Create a communication plan

Establish support channels



# Q&A

Book a 30-minute consultation

https://savvycal.com/jeric/chat

