

		YES	NO	COMMENTS
VALIDITY - Data should represent the intended result clearly and adequately.				
1	Does the information collected measure the intended result clearly and adequately			
2	Do results collected fall within a plausible range?			
3	Is there reasonable assurance that the data collection methods being used do not produce systematically biased data (e.g., consistently over- or under-counting)?			
4	Are sound research methods being used to collect the data?			
RELIABILITY - Data should reflect stable and consistent data-collection processes and analysis methods over time.				
1	When the same data collection method is used to measure/observe the same thing multiple times, is the same result produced each time?			
2	Are data collection and analysis methods documented in writing and being used to ensure the same procedures are followed each time?			
TIMELINESS - Data should be available at a useful frequency, should be current, and should be timely enough to influence management decision-making.				
1	Are data available frequently enough to inform program management decisions?			
2	Are the data reported the most current practically available?			
3	Are the data reported as soon as possible after collection?			

PRECISION - Data have a sufficient level of detail to permit informed management decision-making.

1	Is the margin of error less than the expected change			
SUMMARY				
	collect the data is +/- 5 percent, then the tool is not precise enough to detect the change.)			
2	Has the margin of error been reported along with the data? (Only applicable to results obtained through statistical samples.)			
3	Is the data collection method/tool being used to collect the data fine-tuned or exact enough to register the expected change?			
4	Would an increase in the degree of accuracy be more costly than the increased value of the information?			
5	Are the margins of error acceptable for program decision making?			

INTEGRITY - Data collected should have safeguards to minimize the risk of bias, data transcription or manipulation.

1	Are procedures or safeguards in place to minimize the risk of bias, or data transcription errors?			
2	Is there independence in key data collection, management, and assessment procedures?			
3	Are mechanisms in place to prevent unauthorized changes to the data?			

QUALITY INDICATORS

1	Is the acceptance rate for the research high?			
2	Is there a high level of readership?			
3	Is the research important to the field?			
4	Can the research be conducted despite its complexity?			

Based on the assessment relative to the six standards, what is the overall conclusion regarding the quality of the data?
Significance of limitations (if any):
Actions needed to address limitations:

IF NO DATA ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE INDICATOR	COMMENTS
If no recent relevant data are available for this indicator, why not?	
What concrete actions are now being taken to collect and report these data as soon as possible?	
When will data be reported?	
Reference: USAID	

