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Climate Change: Impacts on Public Health

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SAMPLE ABSTRACT

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Impact of Quality and Access on Use of Routine Health Data: Concerns and Implications

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Objective: To explore the quality, access and use of routine health information systems (RHIS) data in Trinidad and Tobago.

Methods: A qualitative study utilising thematic analysis was conducted. Purposive sampling was used to recruit 23 users and producers of RHIS data to participate in key informant interviews. Online interviews were conducted using Zoom and all interviews were recorded and transcribed. Pseudonyms were used to protect participants' identity. Transcripts were cleaned and analyzed using Dedoose (v 9.0.17).

Results: Of the invited key informants, 19 were interviewed. There was significant underutilization of RHIS data beyond patient management primarily due to data access and quality challenges. Access to the data was stymied by bureaucratic processes, paper-based recording and storage systems, and ownership/security concerns. Data quality was adversely affected by lack of standardization of data collection forms and processes, training of staff, data completeness, and technological and infrastructural constraints. Key opportunities for the increased use of RHIS data included the need for a national electronic health information system, adequate training of staff involved in data management, and a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation plan.

Conclusions: For greater use in evidence-informed policymaking, the country's RHIS data governance and management system urgently need to be reviewed. The focus should be on improving data quality and access with the expedited implementation of an interoperable national electronic data recording and storage system, accompanied by investments to ensure adequate staffing, timely training, appropriate infrastructure and technological support.

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