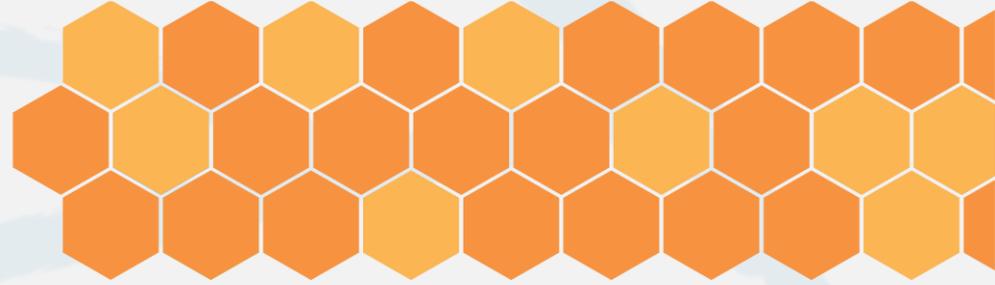




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Improving cause of death data :experiences from Fiji

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Identify two achievements relevant to the topic

- ◆ Policy changes have been made to update the medical certificate of death to ensure consistency with the ICD.

- 👍 Training of medical doctors on medical certification of death certificates (MCDC) by internal trainers

- ◆ Use of automated coding tool IRIS

- 👍 IRIS is an interactive coding system

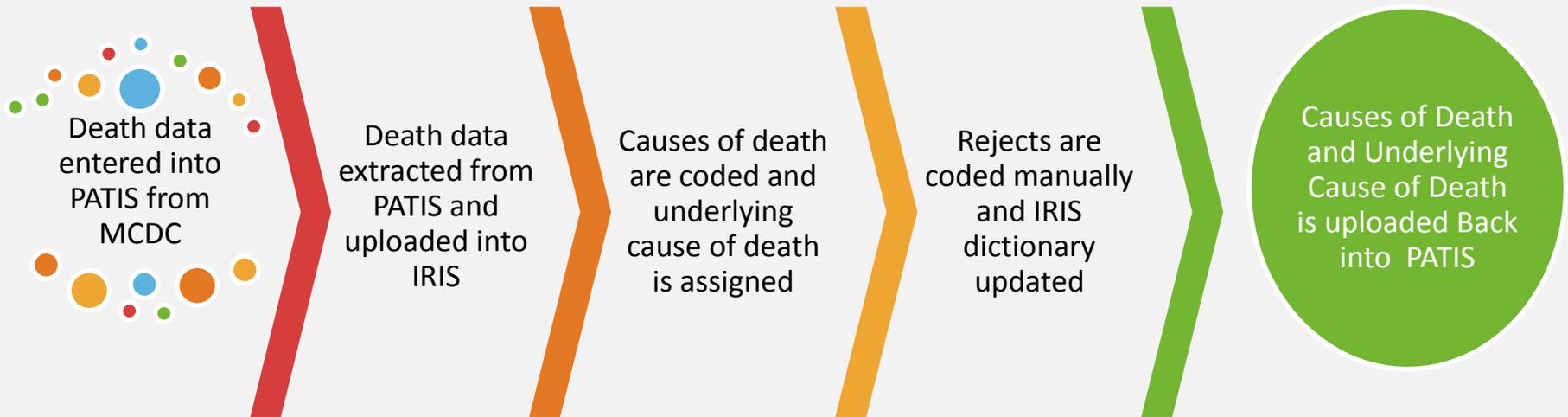
- 👍 Codes causes of death automatically and

- 👍 Selects the underlying cause of death automatically

- 👍 Improvement in the overall IRIS tool automated coding from 40% to 60%.



Death Data Coding in IRIS flow diagram



Describe two major challenges and how they can be addressed?

- ◆ Enforcement of legislation (BDM Act) and Review of Health Medical records policy (inclusion of physical storage, archival, EMR, social media concerns).
- ◆ Lack of adequate medical recorders and clinical coders that require training for coders on ICD10 and ICD10AM



Highlight a couple of recommendations that could be given to other countries based on this experience.

- ◆ Leadership and Governance
- ◆ Get technical support and assistance from experts
- ◆ Documentation of processes
- ◆ Sustainability options
- ◆ Investment into appropriate resources



Discuss the potential roles of regional support in further progress

- ◆ Support the trainings for coders on ICD10 and ICD10AM
- ◆ Establishment of a regional coding or training centre
- ◆ Establishment of a team of experts that provides roving support to countries on IRIS implementation
- ◆ Establish mechanisms that enable south-south collaboration between countries with adequate funding resources.
- ◆ Assist countries to write up and jointly publish success stories (IRIS, Information Systems, Outreach, National Committee) that can be shared through common medium (GetinthePicture website, social media, accredited journals etc.)