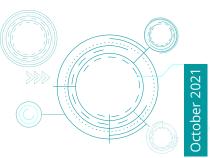




HMIS Data Validation Tool





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1. Overview

The automated validation check tool is an offline python-based desktop application, which is open-source software, thereby making the tool cost-efficient, easy to use, without having any dependency on the network which often creates a barrier in the remote areas of the country. The automation will help HMIS staff in checking the data inconsistencies at one go without doing any manual checking. The system will be beneficial to the staff present at the national, state, and district levels for undertaking quick data quality assessment checks and providing feedback to data entry operators at facility levels as well as maintain the quality of data. The automated system will enable faster data validation and save time by preventing manual quality checks. This will result in reducing the time lag from data collection to data finalization and analytics.



2. Prerequisites for start

- 1. Operating system: Windows
- 2. Compatible on 32/64-bit system.
- 3. Start with .exe file



4. Background



HMIS gathers, aggregates and analyses routine data pertaining to health service delivery captured at facility levels. However, the reported data are often subjected to inconsistencies affecting the overall quality. National Data Quality Forum (NDQF) in collaboration with HMIS team manually applied existing validation checks to HMIS data to assess the performance of checks at facility level in HMIS 2.0 system. The team mapped data items to aggregate data; modified validation rules, and prepared validation summary reports at facility levels for Delhi, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir and Mizoram. To reduce human intervention and to reduce the time taken for manually checking the inconsistencies, the NDQF team developed an offline, automated, validation tool. After the first demo given to the HMIS team, the check output was modified between the indicators and categorization of the checks were done as inconsistent, consistent, probable reporting error and blank.



5. Flow Chart

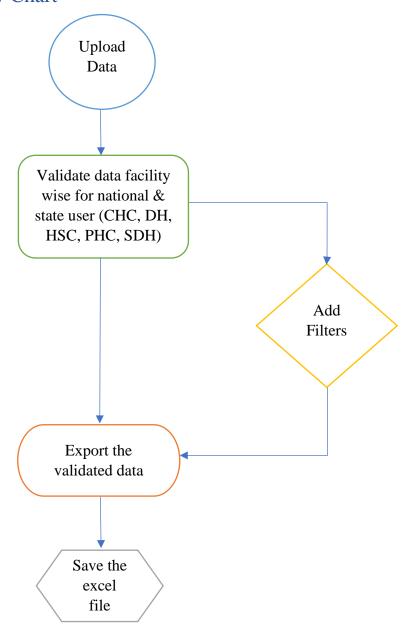


Fig 1: The flow chart of the tool box and the steps to perform validation checks facility wise



6. Introduction Steps and Brief guidelines to download & perform validation **Data Validati** Link from where the data is uploaded into the tool Facility name, **Upload** Your uploaded file name will display here ... Guidelin Month, year A manual having shown as per Upload data in .xls / .xlsx format for one month and one facility type only. complete the uploaded information Facility Type selected will display here ... Month, Year **Validate User Mar** regarding the * Press Validate button to perform validation check or tool. Select Filters 3 (optional) -- All Selected ---- All Selected --State **Health Block** Download District -- All Selected --Rural / Urban **Sub-District** -- All Selected --**Ownership** -- All Selected --Reset Block -- All Selected --**Facility Name** -- All Selected --

Fig 2: The toolbox window to perform validation checks

- Toolbox performs validation checks for all facilities (HSC, PHC, CHC, DH, SDH) and generate detailed reports to highlight the error.
- Data uploading
- Filters available for facility type, month, state, district, facility name
- Four outputs integrated into one sheet in Excel format
 - Validated data for each observation
 - Indicator wise summary sheet
 - Facility specific summary sheet
 - Top 10 facilities requiring attention



7. Getting started

Start with the data validation by pressing the upload button to upload the raw data downloaded from the HMIS portal for one month facility wise

7.1 Validation without filters

Step-1: Upload the data in the tool.

Step-2: The facility name will be reflected over the window and then press validation button to validate the data.

Step-3: Press Export button to export the validated data in the excel format.

Step-4: Press reset button to start again with the validation.

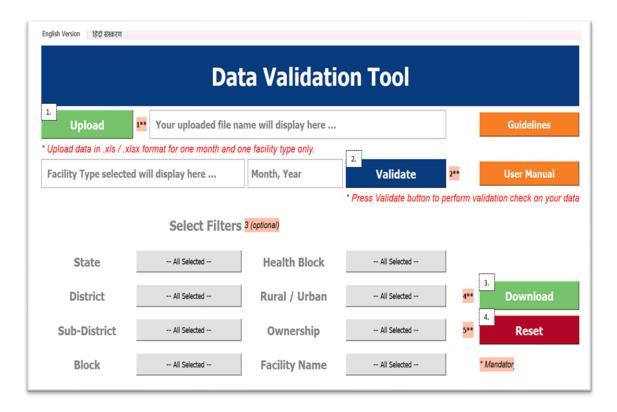


Fig 3: The toolbox window to perform validation checks step wise

7.2 Validation with filters

Step-1: Upload the data in the tool.

Step-2: The facility name will be reflected over the window and then press validation button to validate the data.

Step-3: Select filter (District, Rural/Urban, Ownership, facility name) in the chronological order.



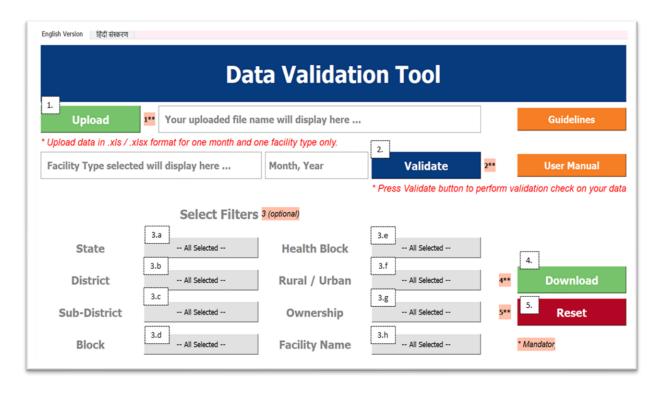


Fig 4: The toolbox window to perform validation checks with filters step wise

The filters are further shown as 3.a, 3.b, 3.c, 3.d, 3.e and are explained as follows:

3.a. It shows the state drop down for the uploaded Datasets if the data set is uploaded for the national level at the centre level for one particular facility.

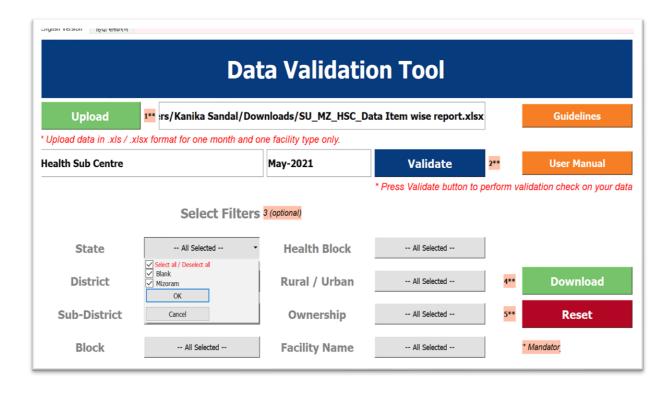


Fig 5: The toolbox window showcasing the first filter of the state category.



3.b. It shows the district drop down for the uploaded Datasets

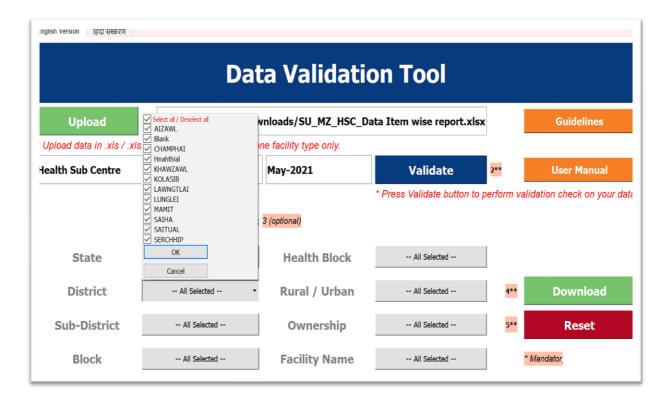


Fig 6: The toolbox window showcasing the district filter.

3.c. It shows the sub district drop down for the uploaded Datasets

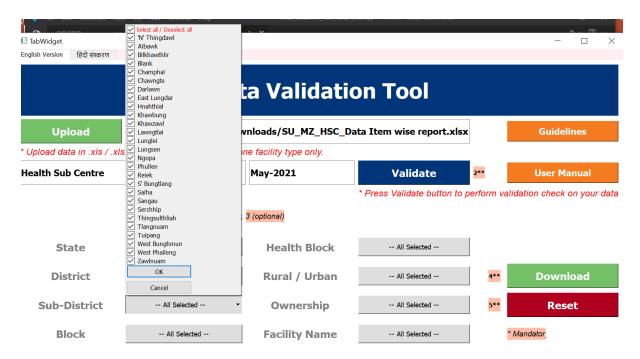


Fig 7: The toolbox window showcasing the sub district filter.



3.d. It shows the block drop down for the uploaded Datasets.

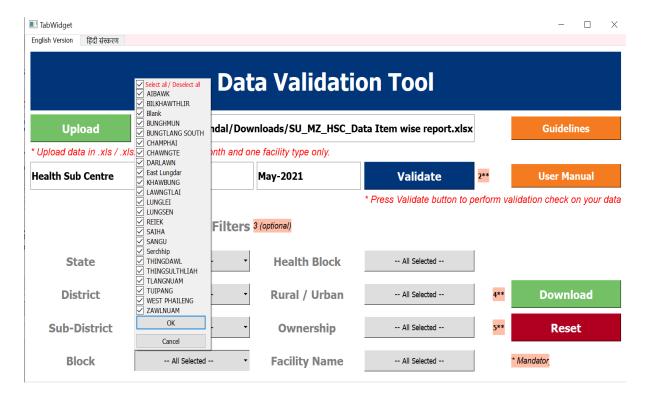


Fig 8: The toolbox window showcasing the block filter.

3.e. It shows the health block drop down for the uploaded Dataset.

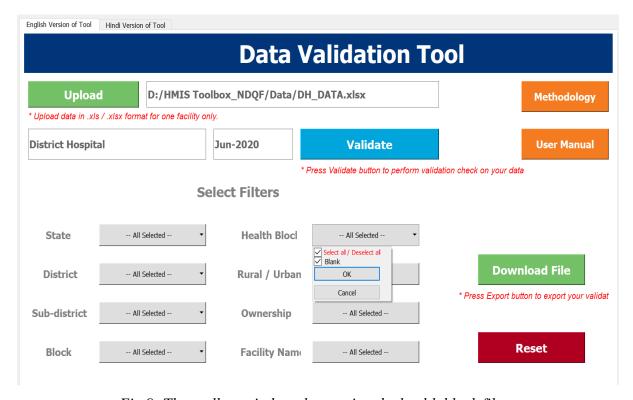


Fig 9: The toolbox window showcasing the health block filter.



3.f. It shows the rural/urban drop down for the uploaded Dataset.

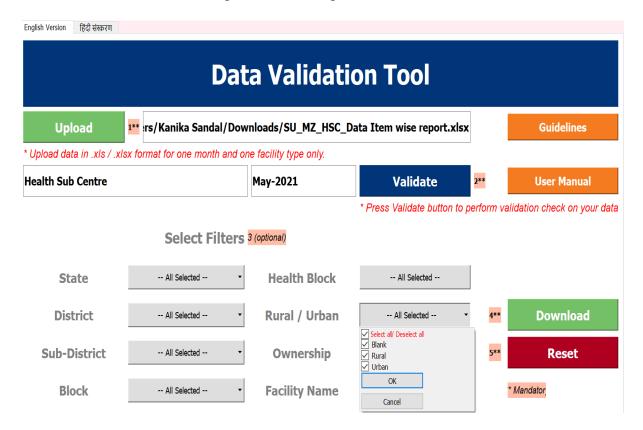


Fig 10: The toolbox window showcasing the rural/urban filter.

3.g. It shows the ownership drop down for the uploaded Dataset.

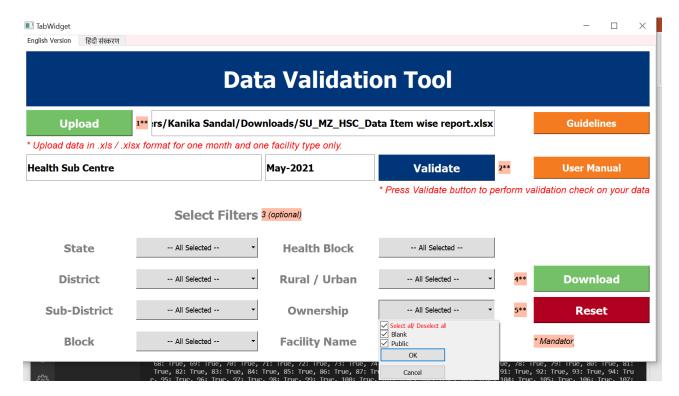


Fig 11: The toolbox window showcasing the ownership filter.



3.h. It shows the facility name drop down for the uploaded Datasets in the alphabetical order.

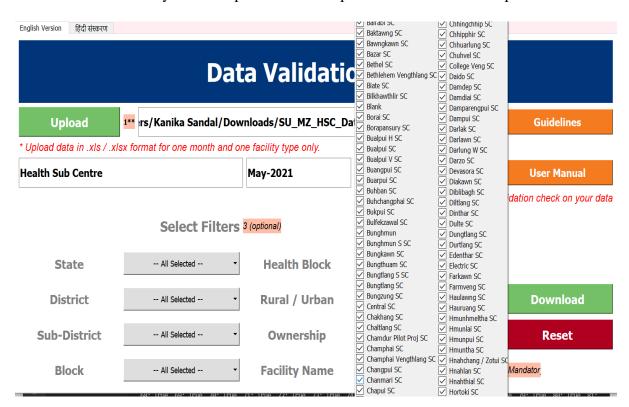


Fig 12: The toolbox window showcasing the facility name filter.

- **Step-4:** Press Export button to export the validated data in the excel format.
- **Step-5**: Save the excel sheet in your system.
- **Step-6:** Press reset button to start again with the validation



8. Summary Sheet (Downloaded File)

The validation tool generates the excel sheet (.xls) which gives detailed summary sheets for the validation checks focus on the error like Inconsistencies and Probable reporting error within the datasets.

8.1 Description Sheet (sheet -1)

This is the first sheet of the generated summary sheet from the validation toolbox that gives a glimpse and introduction to the user of the particular sheet uploaded by the user. The sheet also provides you with the type of the data set and the facility type of the sheet uploaded by the user. It also provides the examples with some of the examples of the check implemented.

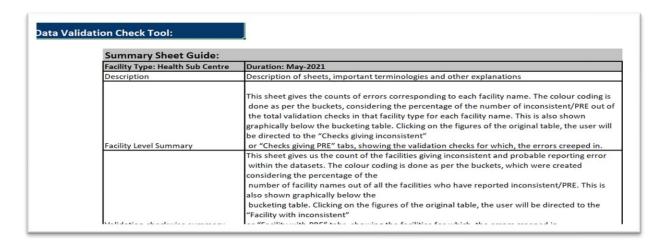


Fig 13: The first sheet of the downloaded file from the validation tool box giving brief information regarding the dataset uploaded and sheet description.

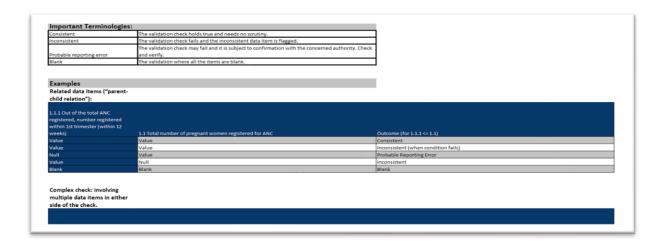


Fig 14: The first sheet of the downloaded file from the validation tool box giving brief information regarding important terminologies and related examples.



8.2 Facility Level Summary (Sheet -2)

It cabinets the count of the validation checks giving inconsistent and probable reporting error with reference to the facility involved and also gives the information about the facilities which are having all blank entry for the indicators of the particular facility.

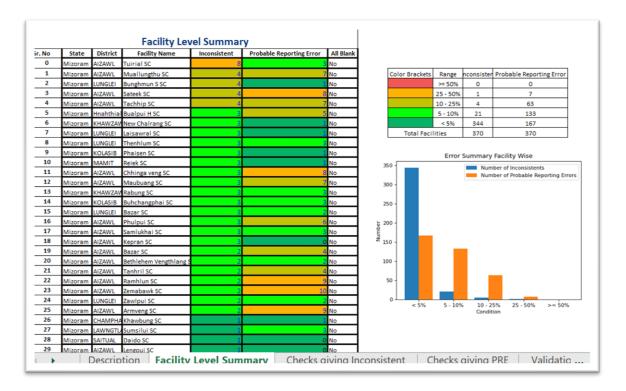


Fig 15: The second sheet of the downloaded file providing error information facility wise.

To analyse the level of error the count is divided into the colour brackets which gives a brief summary of number of inconsistent and probable reporting error encountered. The colour bracket is divided into five categories, i. e

- 1) <5%: Highlighted by dark green colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is very good.
- 2) 5% -10%: Highlighted by light green colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is good.
- 3) 10% -25%: Highlighted by light yellow colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is moderate.
- 4) 25% -50%: Highlighted by orange colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is poor.
- 5) >=50%: Highlighted by orange colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is very poor.



Calculation to calculate %:

To segregate the number of consistent and probable reporting error for particular facility into percentage the following formula is used:

% of
$$Inconsistent = \frac{\text{Number of Inconsistent in particular check}}{\text{Total Number of check}} X 100$$

% of
$$PRE = \frac{\text{Number of PRE in particular check}}{\text{Total Number of check}} X 100$$

After calculation of all the percentages individually the facilities percentages into the colour brackets to give a brief summary of errors in the file is done.

Visualization:

The data showcased in the colour bracket for the total number of inconsistent and probable reporting error is shown in a bar graph to give a better idea of the number of checks. The orange bar represents the Probable reporting error and blue bar represents the inconsistent error.

Hyperlinks:

Hyperlinks are added to both the columns i.e., Number of inconsistent and probable reporting error that takes the user to the next separate sheets for both inconsistent and probable reporting error named as checks giving inconsistent and checks giving probable reporting error. The detailed of these sheets are explained in the F and G section.

8.3 Checks with Inconsistencies (Sheet-3)

This sheet provides the list of the checks give the number of inconsistent errors within a facility and also the input provided by the user in the given indicator of the check. This sheet is directly hyperlinked with the sheet no 2, i. e. facility level summary.



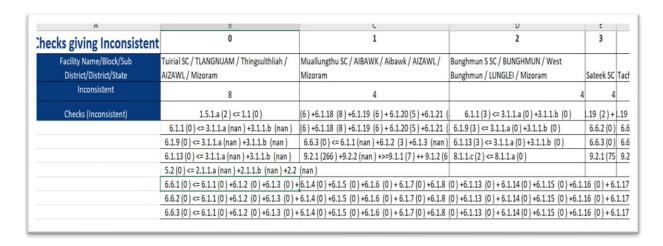


Fig 16: The third and the hyperlinked sheet of the downloaded file providing inconsistent detailed information

8.4 Checks with Probable Reporting Error (Sheet-4)

This sheet provides the list of the checks give the number of PRE error within a facility and also the input provided by the user in the given indicator of the check. This sheet is directly hyperlinked with the sheet no 2, i. e. facility level summary.

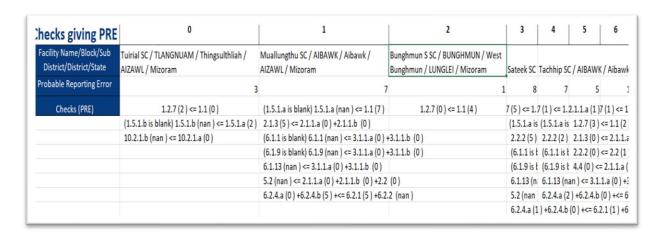


Fig 16: The fourth and the hyperlinked sheet of the downloaded file providing PRE detailed information

8.5 Validation Check wise summary (Sheet 5)

This sheet gives us the count of the facilities giving inconsistent and probable reporting error within the datasets.



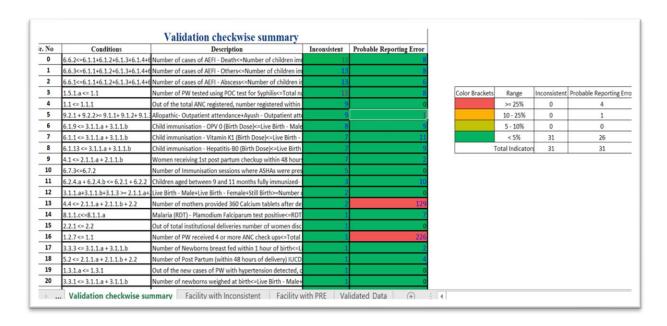


Fig 17: The fifth sheet of the downloaded file providing error information check wise.

To analyse the level of error the count of the facilities is divided into the colour brackets which gives a brief summary of number of inconsistent and probable reporting error encountered. The colour bracket is divided into five categories, i. e

- 1. <5%: Highlighted by dark green colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is very good.
- 2. 5% -10%: Highlighted by light green colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is good.
- 3. 10% -25%: Highlighted by light yellow colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is moderate.
- 4. 25% -50%: Highlighted by orange colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is poor.
- 5. >=50%: Highlighted by orange colour to showcase the number of facilities falling into this category which is referred to as result that is very poor.

Calculation to calculate %:

To segregate the number of consistent and probable reporting error for particular facility into percentage the following formula is used:

% of
$$Inconsistent = \frac{\text{Number of Inconsistent in particular facility}}{\text{Total Number of facilities}} X 100$$



% of
$$PRE = \frac{\text{Number of PRE in particular facility}}{\text{Total Number of facility}} X 100$$

After calculation of all the percentages individually the facilities percentages into the colour brackets to give a brief summary of errors in the file is done.

8.6 Facility with Inconsistencies (Sheet – 6)

This sheet provides the list of the facilities giving Inconsistencies within the dataset with the count and the condition and the description of the condition.

acility with Inconsistent	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Conditions	6.6.2<=6.1.1+6.1.2+6.	6.6.3<=6.1.1+6.1.2+6.1.	6.6.1<=6.1.1+6.1.2+6.1.3+6.1.4	1.5.1.a <=	1.1 <= 1.1.	9.2.1 + 9.2	6.1.9 <= 3.	6.1.1 <= 3	6.1.13 <=	4.1
Description	Number of cases of A	Number of cases of AEF	Number of cases of AEFI - Abso	Number o	Out of the	Allopathic	Child imm	Child imm	Child imm	Wo
Inconsistent	13	13	13	13	9	9	8	7	7	
acilities(Name) Showing Inconsistent	Maubuang SC	Maubuang SC	Maubuang SC	Tuirial SC	Borapansı	Muallungt	Kepran SC	Kepran SC	Kepran SC	Ra
	Muallungthu SC	Muallungthu SC	Muallungthu SC	Bethlehen	Sumsilui S	Sateek SC	Tuirial SC	Tuirial SC	Tuirial SC	Sa
	Phulpui SC	Phulpui SC	Phulpui SC	Tanhril SC	College Ve	Tachhip S	Bazar SC	Armveng :	Bazar SC	Kh
	Samlukhai SC	Samlukhai SC	Samlukhai SC	Muallianp	Thingkah !	Armveng :	Chhinga v	Tanhril SC	Chhinga v	Lu
	Sateek SC	Sateek SC	Sateek SC	Phaithar S	Putlungas	Chaltlang	Republic S	Phaisen S	Phaisen S	Ţι
	Tachhip SC	Tachhip SC	Tachhip SC	S. Lungphe	Damparer	Ramhlun :	Phaisen SO	Bunghmu	Bunghmu	Za
	Tuirial SC	Tuirial SC	Tuirial SC	M. Kawnp	Marpara S	Zemabaw	Bunghmui	Thenhlum	Thenhlum	Se
	New Chalrang SC	New Chalrang SC	New Chalrang SC	Mamit SC	Tuipuibari	Zuangtui S	Thenhlum	SC		Г
	Rabung SC	Rabung SC	Rabung SC	Tuidam	Chhiahtlai	Kawrthah	SC			
	Buhchangphai SC	Buhchangphai SC	Buhchangphai SC	N.Khawlek	SC					Γ
	Bazar SC	Bazar SC	Bazar SC	Daido SC						Γ
	Laisawral SC	Laisawral SC	Laisawral SC	Sihfa SC						
	Reiek SC	Reiek SC	Reiek SC	Vanbawng	SC					L
		2								\vdash

Fig 18: The sixth and the hyperlinked sheet of the downloaded file providing inconsistent detailed information check wise

8.7 Facility with Probable Reporting Error (Sheet -7)

This sheet provides the list of the facilities giving probable reporting error within the dataset with the count and the condition and the description of the condition.



cility with PRE	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Conditions	6.6.2<=6.1.1+6.1.2+6.1.3+	6.6.3<=6.1.1+6.1.2+6.1.3+6.1.4	6.6.1<=6.1.1+6.1.2+6	1.5.1.a <= 1.1	1.1 <= 1.1.1	9.2.1 + 9.2.2>= 9.1.1+ 9	6.1.9 <= 3.
Description	Number of cases of AEFI	Number of cases of AEFI - Othe	Number of cases of	Number of PW tes	te Out of the total ANC re	Allopathic- Outpatient a	Child imm
Probable Reporting Error	8	8	6	8	0	1	9
Facilities (Name) Showing PRE	Armveng SC	Armveng SC	Armveng SC	Maubuang SC	D	Maubuang SC	Maubuan
	Chaltlang SC	Chaltlang SC	Chaltlang SC	Muallungthu SC			Muallung
	Chhinga veng SC	Chhinga veng SC	Chhinga veng SC	Sateek SC			Phulpui S
	Ramhlun SC	Ramhlun SC	Ramhlun SC	Sialsuk SC			Sateek SC
	Tanhril SC	Sairang SC	Zemabawk SC	Tachhip SC			Tachhip S
	Zemabawk SC	Zemabawk SC	Zuangtui SC	Armveng SC			Vaphai S
	Zotlang SC	Zotlang SC		Chaltlang SC			Parva SC
	Zuangtui SC	Zuangtui SC		Zemabawk SC			Mualcher
							Maite SC

Fig 19: The seventh and the hyperlinked sheet of the downloaded file providing PRE detailed information check wise

8.8 Validated Data (Sheet -8)

This sheet is the complete raw data with the checks embedded with the sheet which gives a detailed information, row wise identification of the inconsistent and PRE with the problematic indicators because of which the user is getting errors in its dataset

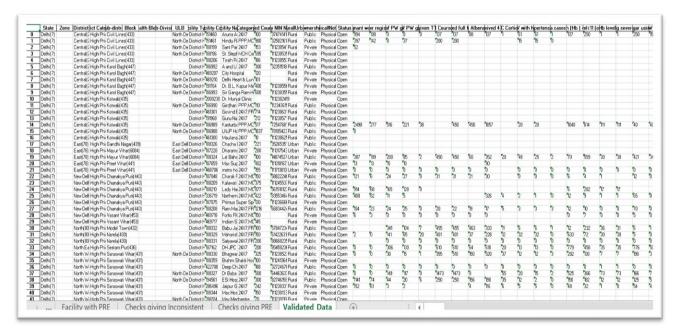


Fig 20: The eight sheet of the downloaded file providing a complete dataset uploaded by the user plus the result of the checks and the results showcased individually row wise highlighting the error present in the dataset.



9. Real Time Test Scenarios

Download report the District Hospital data from the portal https://hmis.nhp.gov.in/#!/login and open the excel sheet and save it in .xls/.xlsx format.

- 1) Upload the DH data into the tool (A pop up message will show that the file is uploaded into the tool and also the link from where the file has been uploaded will be shown and also the facility type and duration will be coming).
- 2) Press Validate button to validate the dataset (A pop message will come showcasing the validation is complete for the district hospital facility).
- 3) Insert four types of filters in the chorological order to filter out the dataset according to the area of interest of the user.
- 4) Press downloaded button to export the validated data for the tool and save the file in your desktop as per the desired location of the user (A pop up message will be coming showing that the file has been saved at your desired location).
- 5) Open the Summary sheet to check your errors in the datasets.



10. Important Terminologies & Classification of checks

- 1. **Consistent:** The respective validation check holds true and needs no scrutiny.
- 2. **Inconsistent:** The respective validation check fails and the inconsistent data item is flagged.
- 3. **Probable Reporting Errors**: The respective validation check may fail and it is subject to confirmation with the concerned authority. Check and verify.

10.1 Classification of checks

For related data items ("parent-child relation"):

- If the child data item has data, then the parent data item is blank, check will be interpreted as blank and needs to be highlighted.
- However, if the parent data item has a value and the child data item doesn't, then it may be highlighted as a probable reporting error. It is further subject to assessment through case studies and discussion with the state teams.

1.1.1 Out of the total ANC registered, number registered within 1st trimester (within 12 weeks)	1.1 Total number of pregnant women registered for ANC	Outcome (for 1.1.1<=1.1)
Value	Value	Consistent
Value	Value	Inconsistent (when condition fails)
Null	Value	Probable Reporting error
Value	Null	Inconsistent
Blank	Blank	Blank

For unrelated data items: When there is no relationship between the data items being compared:

1.5.1 Number of PW tested for Blood Sugar using OGTT (Oral glucose tolerance test)	1.1 Total number of pregnant women registered for ANC	Outcome (for 1.5.1<=1.1)
Value	Value	Consistent
		Inconsistent
Value	Value	(when condition fails)
Null	Value	Probable Reporting error
Value	Null	Inconsistent
Blank	Blank	Blank



For recurring data items: wherein service for one data items may be provided over months. It was suggested to have a permissible limit of +-50% i.e if the disparity in the two data items is more than suggested limit then it is a probable reporting error. We need to decide upon the threshold limit for these data item. These could be discussed with a public health specialist. However, the consistent and inconsistent outcome will change to probable reporting error if data items like 1.2.4 fails the threshold criteria.

1.2.4 Number of PW given 180 Iron Folic Acid (IFA) tablets	1.1 Total number of pregnant women registered for ANC	Outcome (for 1.2.4<=1.1)
Value	Value	Consistent
		Inconsistent (when condition
Value	Value	fails)
Null	Value	Probable Reporting error
Value	Null	Probable Reporting error
Blank	Blank	Blank

Complex Check: Involving multiple data items in either side of the check.

14.3.3 Number of Left Against Medical Advice (LAMA) cases	14.3.1.a+14.3.1.b+14.3.2.a+14.3.2.b Inpatient (Male)- Children<18yrs+Inpatient (Male)- Adults+ Inpatient (Female)- Children<18yrs+Inpatient (Female)- Adults	Outcome (for 14.3.3<=14.3.1.a+14.3.1.b+14.3.2.a+14.3.2.b)
Value	Value	Consistent
Value	Value	Inconsistent (when condition fails)
Null	Value	Probable Reporting error
Value	Null	Inconsistent
Blank	Blank	Blank