DHIS2 Data Quality Validation Rules and Notifications

DQ Academy, Day 4 - Oct 22

Part 1 - Building validation rules

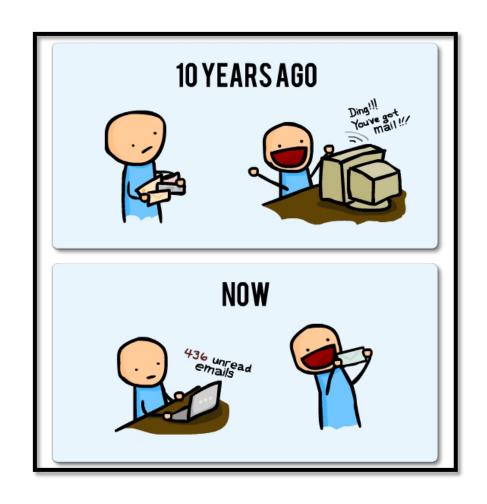


Objectives – Bring DQ to the user

- 1. Understand the logic behind validation rules
- 2. Know how to **build** validation rules



Our email is everything.









- Send data quality issues to the user.
 - Data use is low because data trust is low.
 - Data trust is low because people can not see the DQ issues.
 - Data quality issues are a feature of the system not a failure.
 - The failure is not being able to do something about it.
 - Make it so everyone can see the DQ issues.
 - Send DQ alerts to where people spent their time:
 - Email
 - SMS
 - Whatsapp
 - In the alerts tell them what they need to do based upon defined SoPs
 - Don't make people guess or figure it out on their own.



Understanding the Logic of Validation Rules

A way to assess the quality of Data that have been entered in DHIS2

Based on a set of predefined rules set for the data

 This does NOT allow you to FULLY assess whether or not reported numbers are completely accurate

Validation Rules

- An expression that defines a relationship between a number of data elements
- Expression has Left side, right side and an operator
- Common operators are: less than, equal to or greater than
- You create Validation Rules based on what you know to be true e.g.

'Malaria RDT positive' should always be LESS THAN 'Malaria RDT tested'

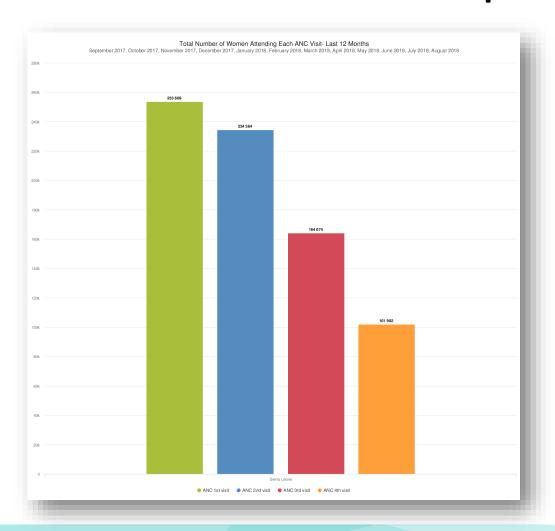
When to use validation rules:



- During aggregate data entry
 - Will be triggered during data entry
 - Can be used to block data entry if not passed
 - Only use for well trained users
- Can be run manually at any time in the data quality application
 - Can be done before supervision visits or planning meetings
 - Can trigger email or SMS alerts if validation rule notifications have been configured.
- Scheduled to run automatically
 - Any validation rule can be schecheduled to run at any point.
 - Can trigger email or SMS alerts if validation rule notifications have been configured.



Let's make an example of a validation rule



What are some possible validation rules?

Let's make ANC4

<= ANC1



Building Validation Rule: Steps

- 1. Make the validation rule
- 2. Assign it to a validation rule group
- Test the validation rule
- 4. Make a validation notification
- 5. (Optional) schedule the validation rule group to run automatically
- 6. Write protocol and guidlines on how to use validation rule group

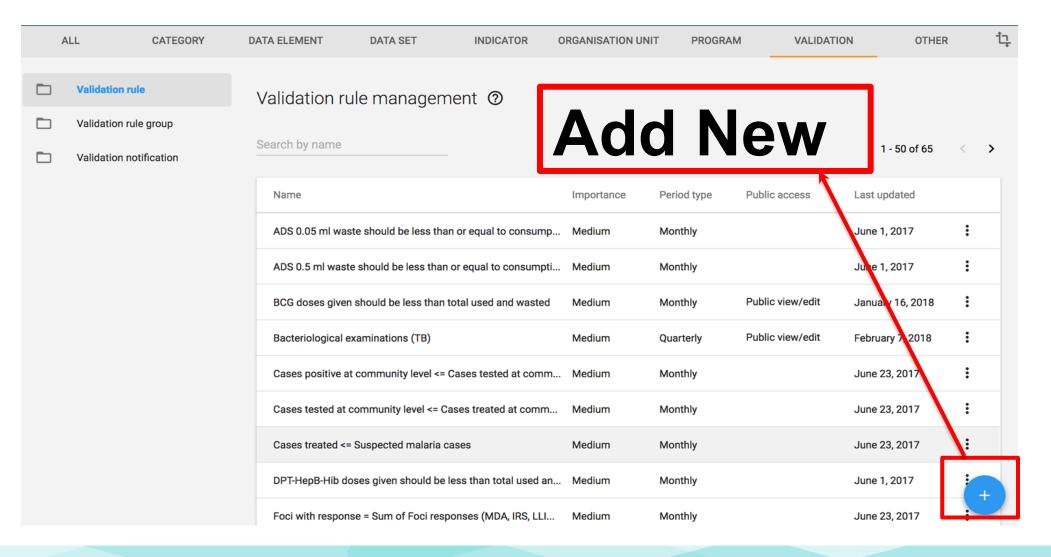


Make a validation rule

https://academy.demos.dhis2.org/dqapp-config/



Building Validation Rule





1. Add a name:

ANC 4 <= ANC 1 - YOUR NAME

2. Add description:

ANC4 should not be greater than ANC3.

3. Add instructions:

ANC4 should not be greater than ANC1. Please check these two values and correct.

4. Importance:

Medium (High for things you know to be wrong or disease outbreak)

5. Period type:

Monthly (Should be at least the same as the frequency of data capture)



Left Side – ANC 1

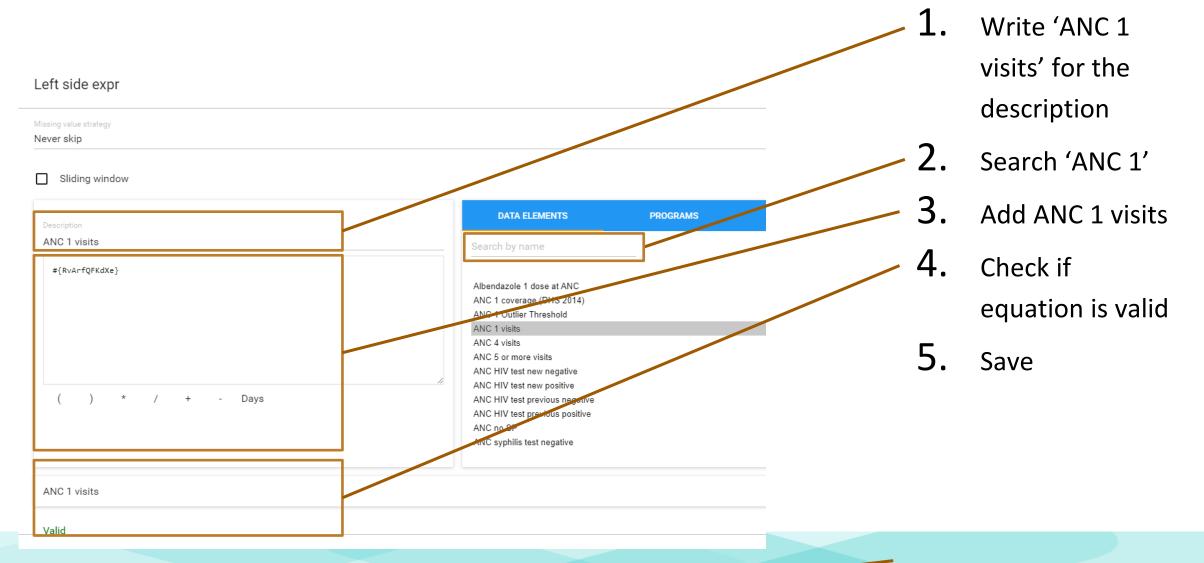
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	ANC 1 coverage (DHS 2014) ANC 1 Outlier Threshold
	ANC 1 visits
	ANC 4 visits
	ANC 5 or more visits
	ANC HIV test new negative
\	ANC HIV test new positive
() * / + - Days	ANC HIV test previous negative
	ANC HIV test previous positive ANC no SP
	ANC syphilis test negative

Choose
Missing
value
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Left Side – ANC 1





Choose Operator

Instruction

ANC4 should not be greater than ANC1. Please check these two values and correct.

Equal to

Not equal to

Greater than

Greater than or equal to

Less than

Less than or equal to

Compulsory pair

Exclusive pair

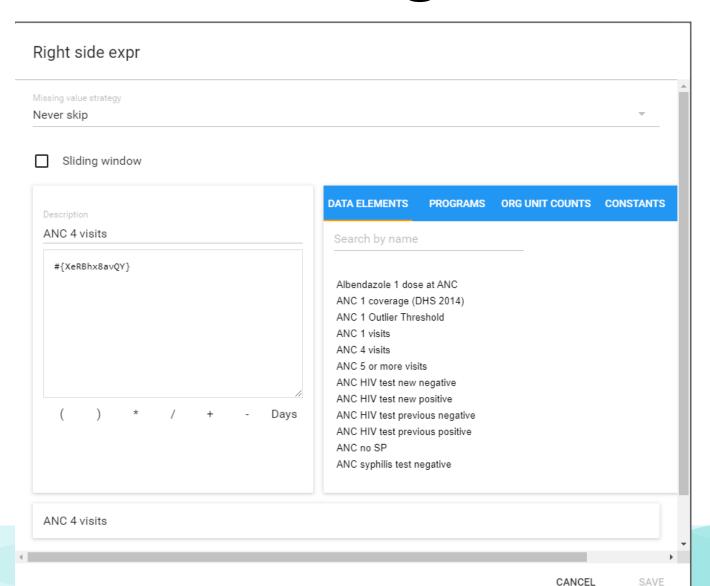
Right side expr

ANC 4 visits

Select
 'Greater
 than or
 equal to'



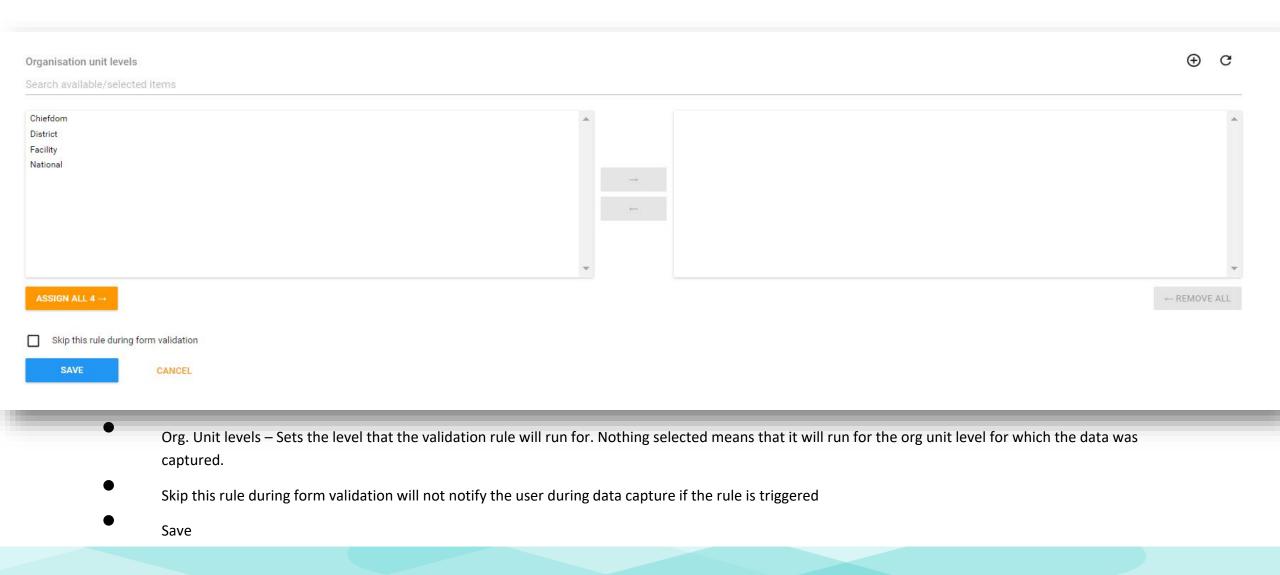
Right Side – ANC 4



- 1. Write 'ANC 4 visits' for the description
- 2. Search ANC 4 visits
- 3. Add ANC 4 visits
- 4. Equation is valid
- 5. Save



Save the validation rule





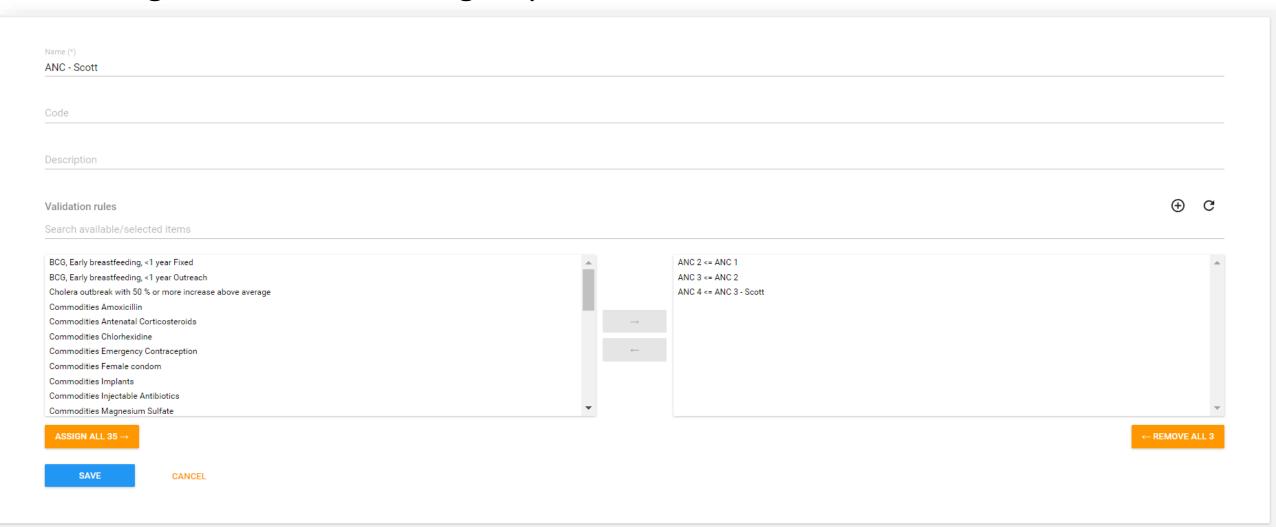


Creating Validation Rules & Group

- Once you have created a set of validation rules, you need to put them in groups e.g. malaria for ease of analysis
- This group is what you will select in your Validation Rule Analysis
- The output will test every rule in the Group and show you <u>EVERY</u>
 <u>TIME</u> a rule was violated within your specified time and place!



Making the validation rule group: ANC – YOUR NAME



Data Quality/Validation and Validation rules Notifications

Part 2 - Running and scheduling validation rules

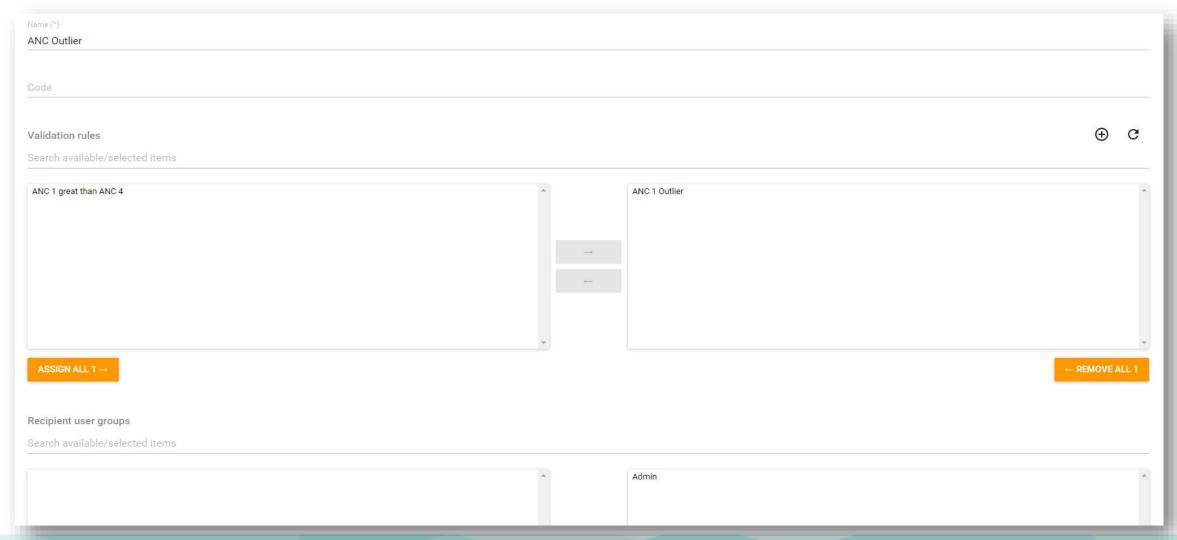


Learning Objectives

- 1. Be able to set up validation rules notifications
- 2. Be able to run validation rule analysis
- Be able to schedule validation rules to run automatically

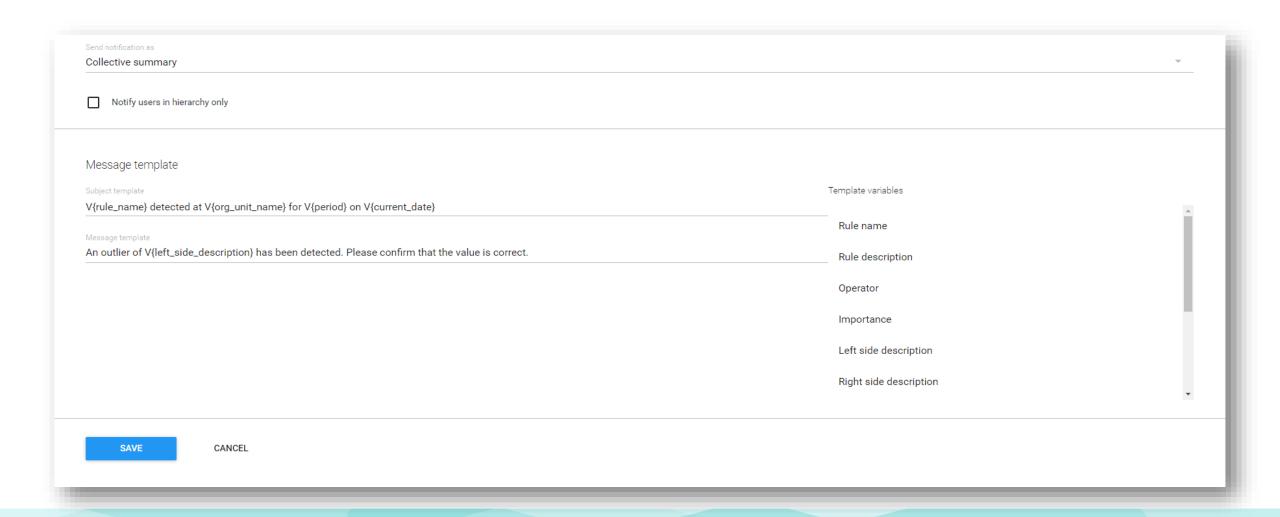


Make validation rule notification



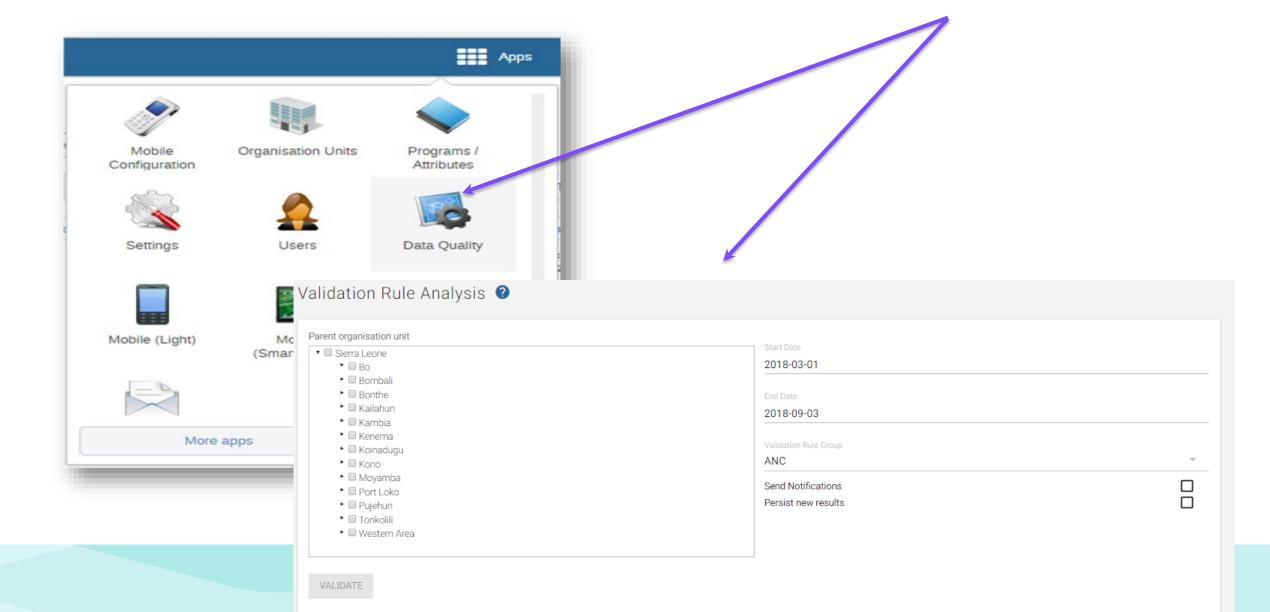


Make validation rule notification

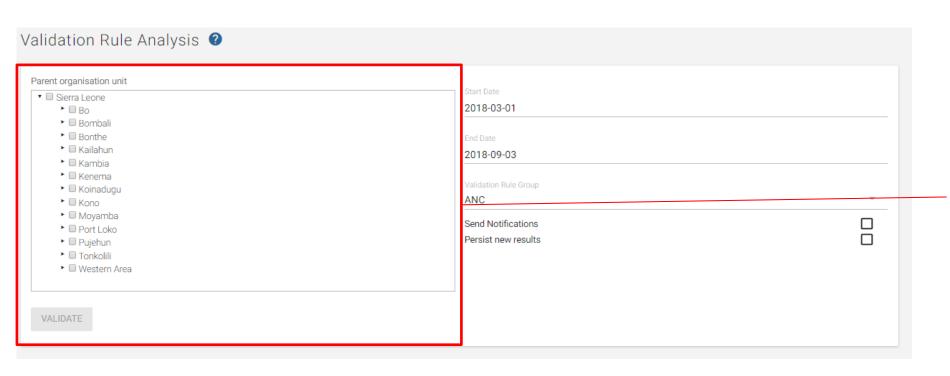




Running Validation Rule Analysis: Finding WHERE to do this



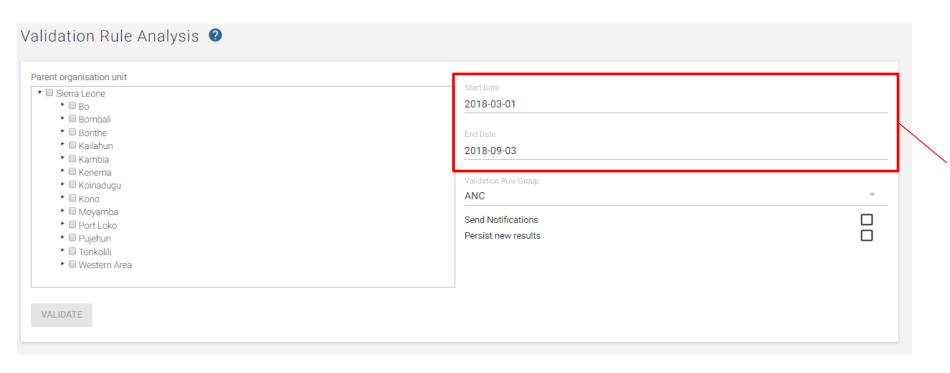




1. Select your organisational units

Selecting the whole country may return hundreds of alerts (and takes a while and may crash the system)

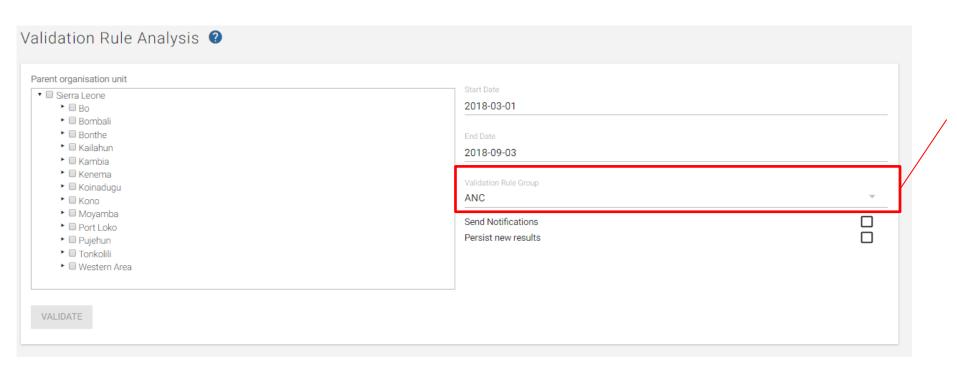




2. Select your date range

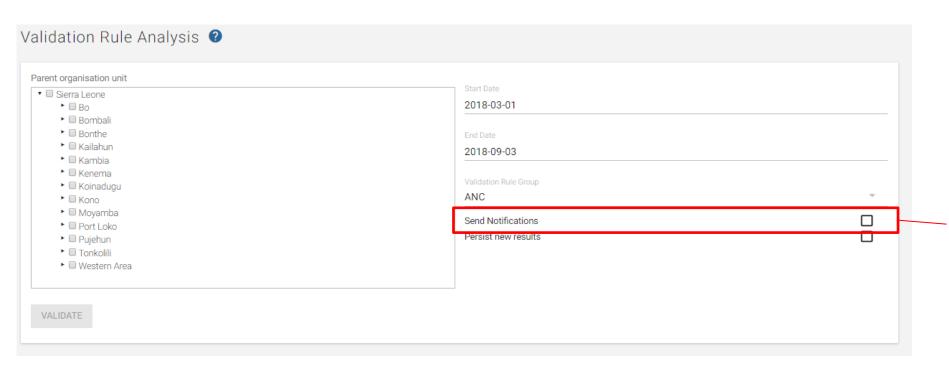
Selecting a large date range may return hundreds of alerts.





3. Select your validation rule group





4. Choose if you want to send notifications

Will send notifications as defined by the validation notification

Nothing will be sent if there are not configured notifications



arent organisation unit Sierra Leone Bo Bombali Bonthe Kailahun Kambia Kenema Koinadugu Kono Moyamba Port Loko Pujehun Western Area	Start Date 2018-03-01 End Date 2018-09-03 Validation Rule Group ANC Send Notifications Persist new results	
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5. Select if you would like to presist new results

This will save the results of the validation rule analysis. Saved results can then be accessed via the API. Becomes more important when we talk about scheduling validation rules



Running Validation Rule Analysis Finding out HOW to do this

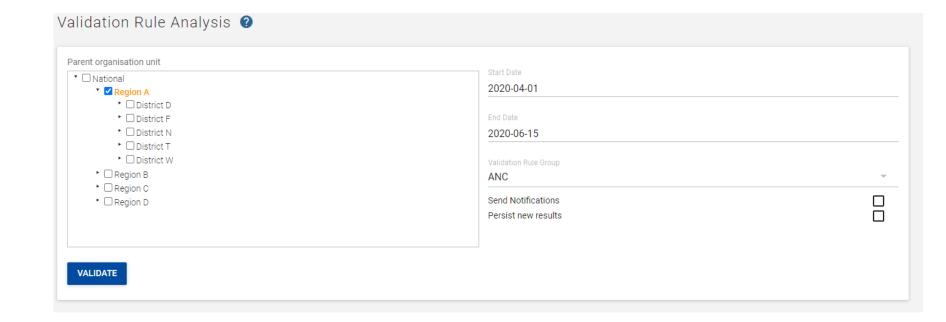
Start Date: April 1

End Date: Today

Validation Rule Group: ANC

Organisation unit: Region A

Click Validate



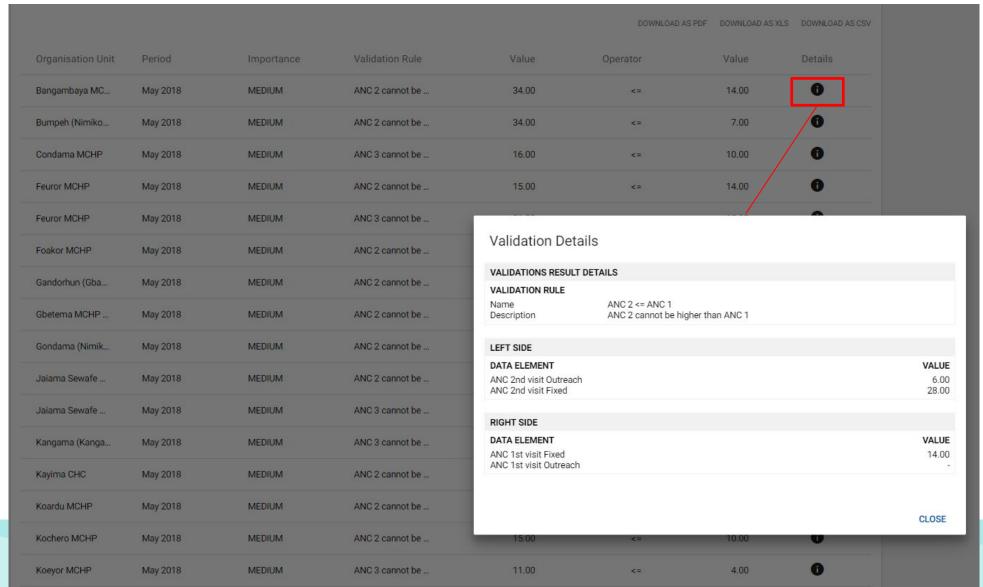


Demo

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Running Validation Rule Analysis Seeing the results

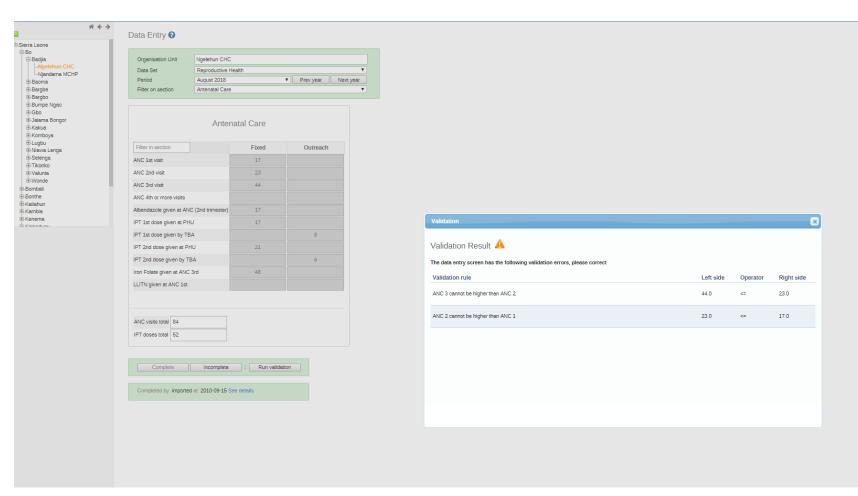






When to run validation rules:

 Validation rules can run automatically or manually during data entry



When to run validation rules:

- Validation rules to prevent data completion
- This can cause confusion, frustration, and hurt reporting completeness

When to do this:

- Validation rules are well formed, tested, and verified
- For well trained district or higher officers

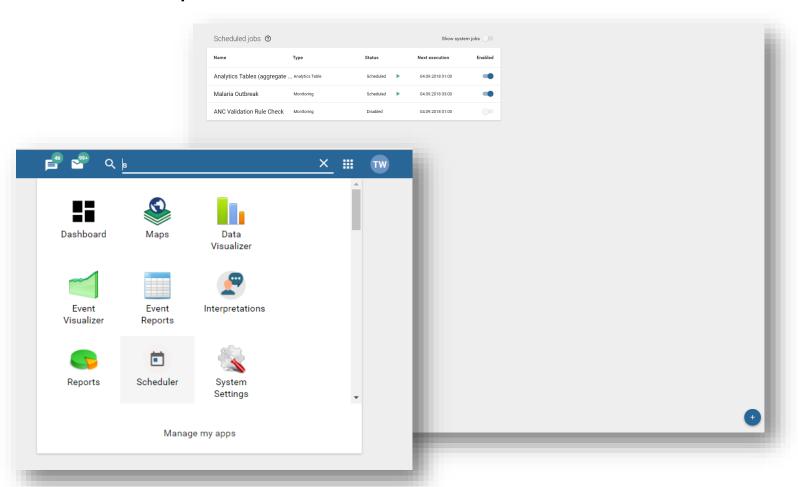
Not for community health workers or poorly trained staff.

Reproductive Health
Short name
Reproductive Health
Code
DS_359593
Description
Expiry days
0
Open future periods for data entry
Days after period to qualify for timely submission
10
•
Period type (*)
Monthly
DATA INPUT PERIODS
Category combination (*)
None
Complete notification recipients
Send notification to completing user
Data approval workflow
Enable for Java mobile client
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All fields for data elements required
✓ Complete allowed only if validation passes
Missing value requires comment on complete



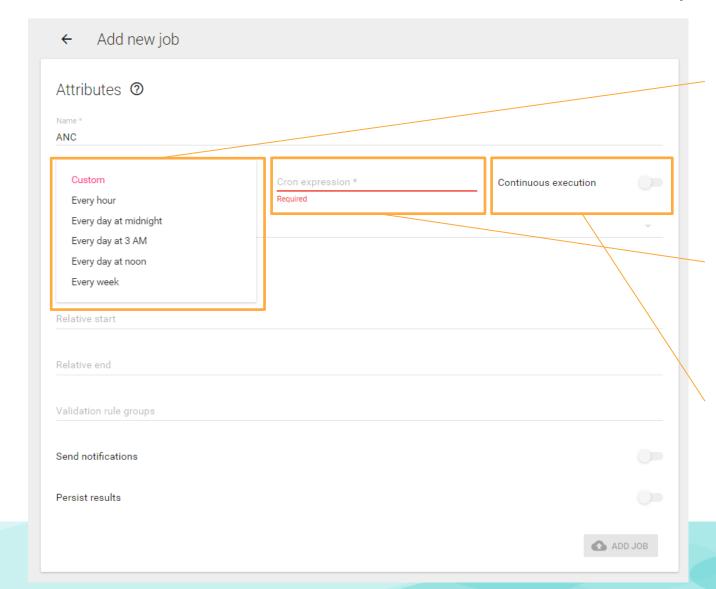
When to run validation rules: Automatically scheduled

 Use scheduling app to make a new 'monitoring job'





When to run validation rules: Automatically scheduled



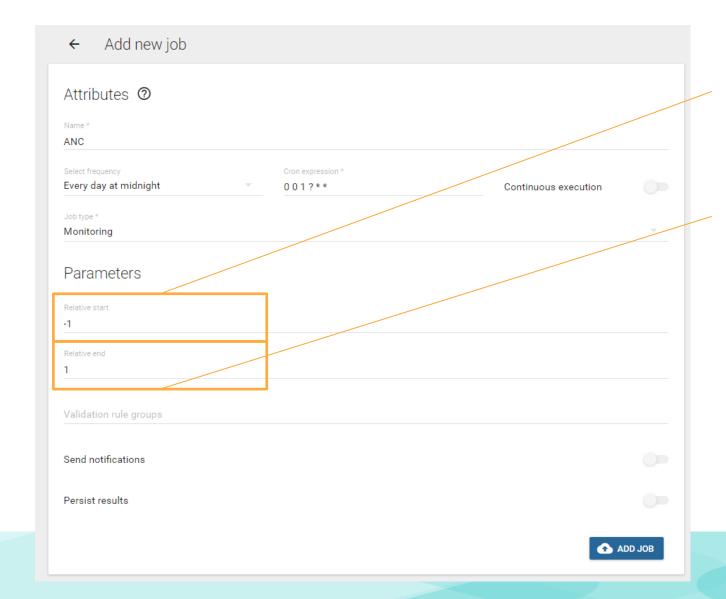
Choose a premade

Freiguentew cron expression

OR

Continuous expression – will constantly be running. Good if using for disease surviallance. Bad for many validation rules over long period





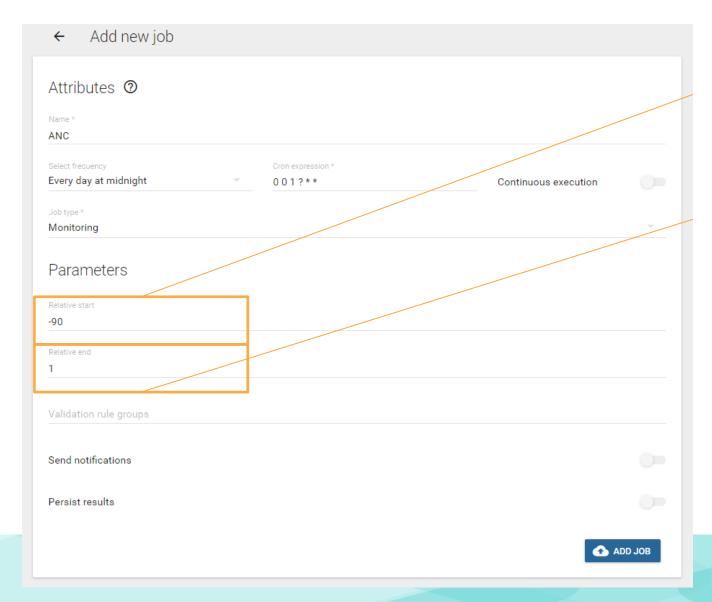
The number of

future to run the validation rules for.

tomorrow; therefor, any data entered for any period that covers voterday through tomorrow.

- 3 days
- 1 month, quarter, year, etc.





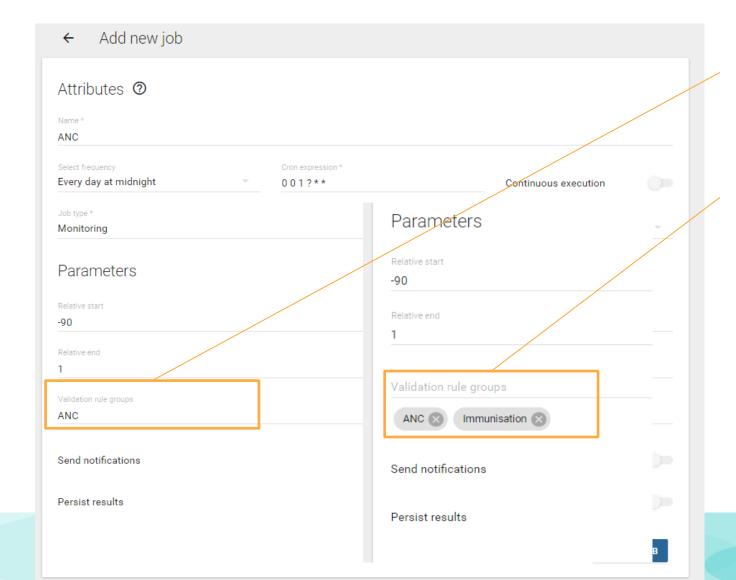
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March tambrow

Between March 24th and tomorrow there is

- 91 days
- 4 months (including March.)
- 2 quarters
- 1 year





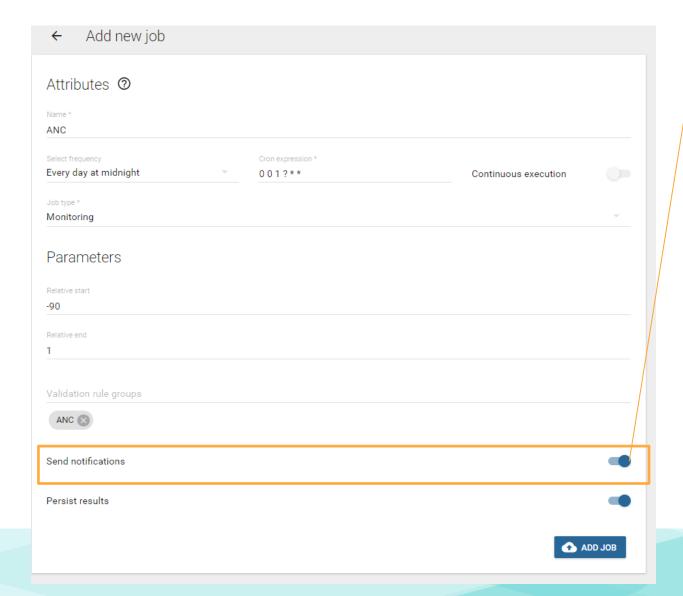
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Validation rule

selected groups by typing

and selecting

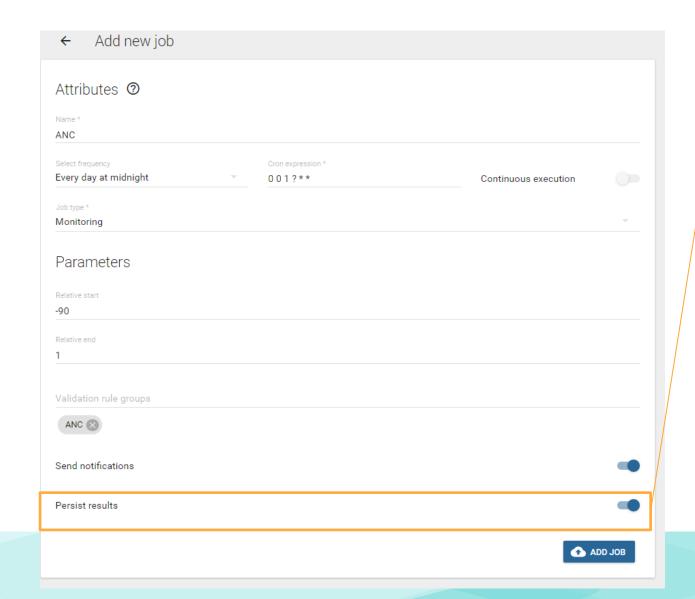




Will automatically send notifications via email and sms if:

- notifications are configured
- email server is configured
- sms gateway is configured
- user is configured to recieve emails and sms





Will 'persist' or save results, so that only new validation alerts are produced if they are detected

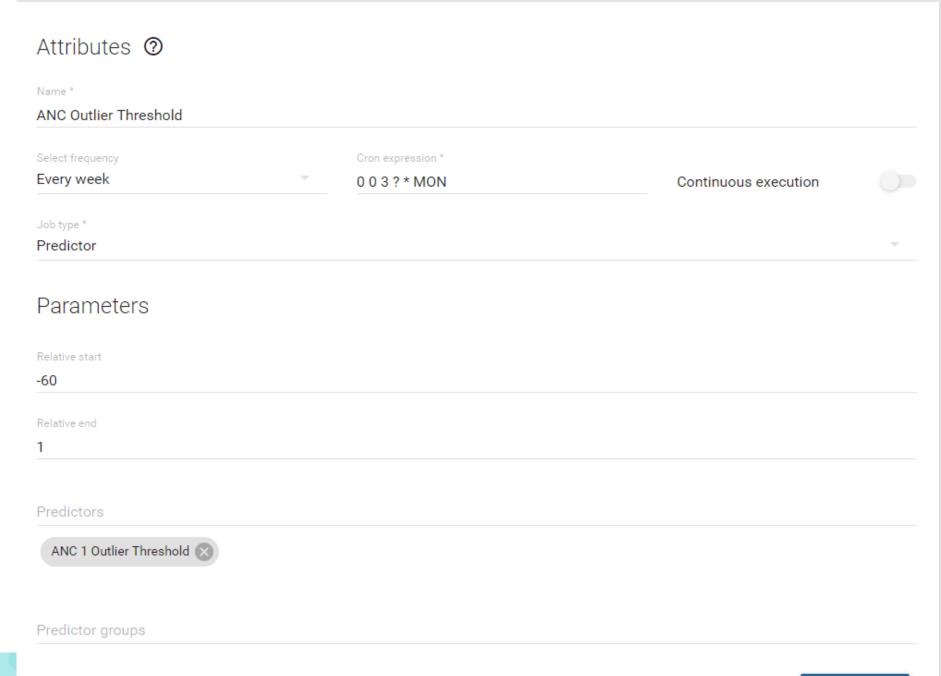
Scheduling predictor

1. Name

2. Select frequen

cy: Every

week







A couple of best practices:

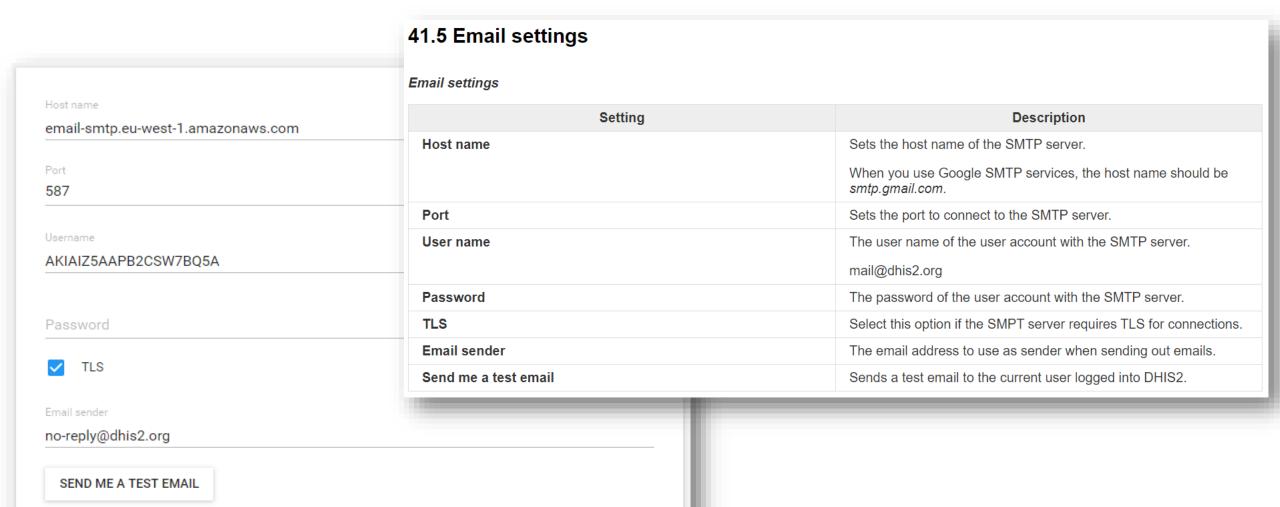
- Schedule predictors to run before analytics tables
- 2. Schedule analytics tables before validation rules
- 3. Schedule just a few critical validations to run nighly or more frequently disease surveillance and persist results
- 4. Schedule more, routine DQ checks to run weekly, monthly, or less frequently and make the relative

Scheduling Running

- 1. Predictors 23:00 SUNDAY
- 2. Analytics tables 24:00 SUNDAY
- 3. Validation Rules Alers 03:00 Daily



About Email – Get the information from your email host.





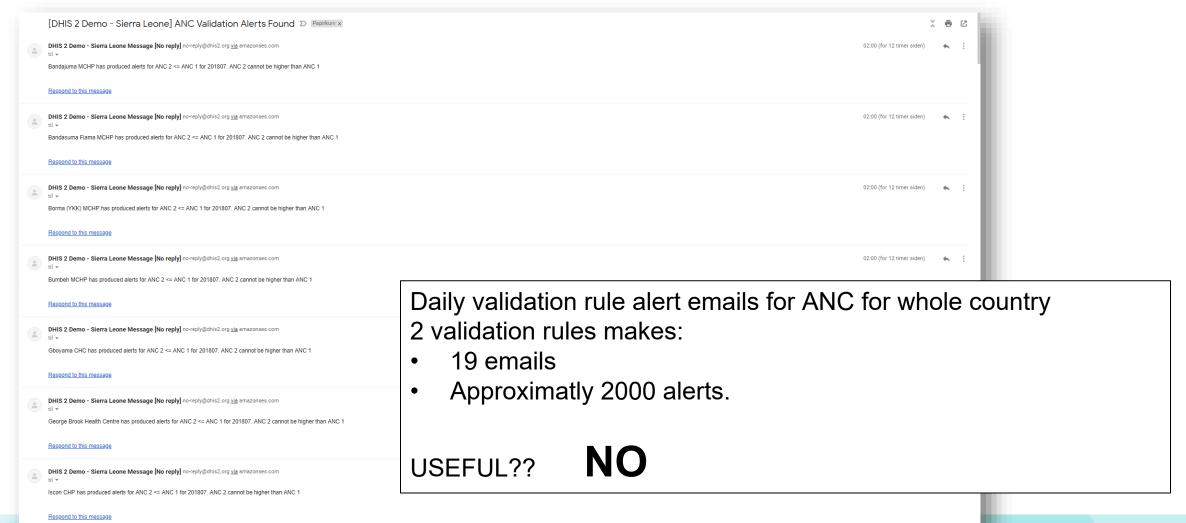
Automatic email alerts

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02:00 (for 12 timer siden)

Automatic email alerts



DHIS 2 Demo - Sierra Leone Message [No reply] no-reply@dhis2.org <u>via</u> amazonses.com till **
Loppa CHP has produced alerts for ANC 2 <= ANC 1 for 201807, ANC 2 cannot be higher than ANC 1

How and for whom can automatic validation email alerts be useful?

Example from Rwanda outlier ditection to district officers on monthly basis ->

From: "Rwanda HMIS Message [No reply]" < trainmutali@gmail.com>

Date: June 6, 2019 at 10:00:00 PM PDT

To: Undisclosed recipients: ;

Subject: [Rwanda HMIS] Validation violations as of 2019-06-07T07:00:00

Violations: High 23, medium 0, low 0

A violation of the Penta 3 outlier data validation rule was detected at Batsinda HP for 201905 on 20 Please confirm that the value is correct of Penta 3

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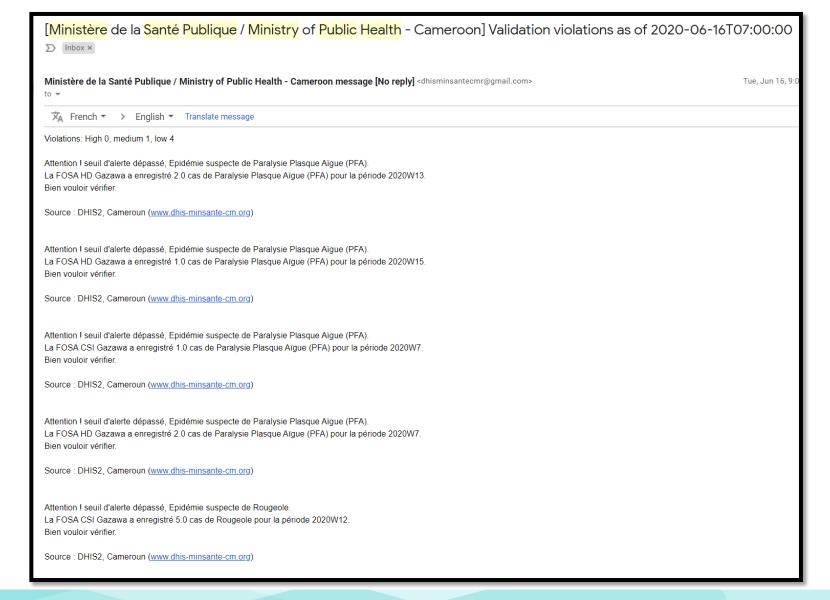
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Example from Cameroon on disease surviallance on a dialy basis to national IDSR team →





Data Quality SoPs

- Defines what actions to take by everyone.
 - What is the process for each person
 - What automated messages does each person recieve
 - User groups for messages
 - Org unit contact details are updated