


Review the numerator quality parameters

- While still in More-Administration, click on the tab labeled “Numerator Quality Parameters”. Don’t worry if, at first, you find this busy page to be a bit overwhelming. Fortunately, the Tool comes with default quality parameters. You do not need to adjust any of these parameters until you understand how they function and have thought about how you might want to re-set them.

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Administration

This module is used for configuring the Data Quality Tool, and mapping the proposed data quality indicators to data elements and indicators in the DHIS 2 database. This configuration is used as the basis for the Annual Report, and the n the Dashboard.

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Numerator parameters

Modify parameters for each numerator. Only data elements/indicators mapped to the database are displayed.

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- Missing/zero values:** Whether to compare consistency over time across organisation units, or to the expected change (e.g. constant or increasing/decreasing).
- Missing/zero values:** Threshold for missing/zero values for variable completeness. Note: when zero values are not stored for a data element, zeros and missing are not differentiated.

Group	Reference indicator/data element	Local data element/indicator	Moderate outlier (SD)	Extreme outlier (SD)	Consistency (%)	Expected trend	Compare orgunit consistency with	Missing/zero values (%)
Human resources	Number of physicians	Doctor	2	3	33	Constant	Overall result	90
Immunization	DPT 1	Penta1 doses given	2	3	33	Constant	Overall result	90
Immunization	DPT 3	Penta3 doses given	2	3	33	Constant	Overall result	90
Maternal Health	ANC 1	ANC 1st visit	2	3	33	Constant	Overall result	90

Dataset completeness

Set the thresholds for various completeness in the table below. Only dataset linked to indicators are displayed.

- Completeness:** Threshold for completeness of reporting.
- Timeliness:** Threshold for timeliness of reporting.
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- Compare orgunit consistency with:** Whether to compare consistency over time across organisation units, or to the expected change (e.g. constant or increasing/decreasing).

Data set	Completeness (%)	Timeliness(%)	Consistency (%)	Expected trend	Compare orgunit consistency with
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Reproductive Health	90	75	33	Constant	Overall result
Staffing	90	75	33	Constant	Overall result

- As one example, let us consider the parameters set for Completeness at the bottom of the page. We can think of a threshold as being like a target. By default, a threshold/target is set for 90% completeness. Suppose that reporting completeness for a particular data set averages only 80% nationwide. In this case, if you used a threshold of 90% to assess each district, you might find that almost all districts failed to meet this threshold/target.

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In that case, it would be appropriate to lower the completeness target to identify only those districts which had especially low completeness. You can do this by placing the cursor in the cell. Up and down arrows will then appear which permit you to change the threshold (or you could simply type a number in the cell). Click on the blue “Save changes” button in the lower right of the page and the Tool will then use the adjusted threshold. The screen will not change when you click the button but the Tool will have indeed saved the change.

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