



PLANNING TO USE THE SHORT L&D INDEX

I. Practical and logistical planning:

Question	Answer
How many facilities do you supervise?	
How many of these facilities have an adequate volume for delivery observation? (At least 2 deliveries/day)	
Can anyone assist you in delivery observation?	
Has this person(s) been trained in clinical observation using the Short L&D Index?	
How many deliveries can you and your assistant(s) practically observe at a facility visit?	
How often do you visit each facility you supervise?	
How frequently can quality be assessed through delivery observation? Annually? Quarterly?	
Realistically, can you use the comprehensive version of the Short L&D Index or should you use the delivery-only version?	

II. Purpose of using Short L&D Index scores

Which of the following describes how you plan to use the Short L&D Index scores?

	Yes	Maybe	No
Track facility performance over time?			
Compare facilities to each other to identify stronger/weaker care settings and target quality improvement support?			
Understand the causes of quality gaps?			
Verify the performance of specific actions, for example if performance-based incentives are being provided?			
Conduct pre/post comparisons in a setting where a quality improvement program is being implemented?			
Verify quality assessment findings from regular record review?			
Other (please describe below)?			

Other planned use:

III. Structures for applying Short L&D Index findings

Which of the following structures are available to you for using/discussing/applying findings from observations using the Short L&D Index?

	Yes	Maybe	No
Group or one-on-one feedback meetings at health facilities?			
Discussion of Short L&D Index Scores at existing QA/QI Committee meetings?			
Discussion at district/regional supervisory meetings?			
Increased frequency of supervision at facilities with lower scores?			
Readiness audit at facilities with lower scores (to assess whether absence of equipment/supplies/providers underlies poor quality care)?			
Verify quality assessment findings from regular record review?			
Other (please describe below)			

Other structure for applying Short L&D Index findings:

IV. Barriers and enablers to using the Short L&D Index

What barriers may keep you from being able to use the Short L&D Index as part of your quality assessment toolkit?

How can you address or reduce these barriers?

Are there any factors that may encourage or enable your use of the Short L&D Index for quality assessment?