

Data Quality and Limitations

USAID Data Quality StandardsPossible Data Quality Threats/Limitations

Timeliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Late delivery● Out of date information● Collected too infrequently
Validity/Accuracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Poorly structured instruments● Reliance on proxy measures● Inconsistencies in data collection process● Instruments not always completed● Transcription errors● Small or possibly biased sample/not representative● Under-skilled or under-supervised data collectors
Reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Data collection technique is unstructured● Data collection too costly to repeat● Changes were made in the instruments
Precision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Response categories not sufficiently fine grain● Rounding at too high a level● Unacceptable margin of error
Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Incentives in the data delivery system● Incentives in the partner performance arrangements● Uncertainty about data quality from secondary source