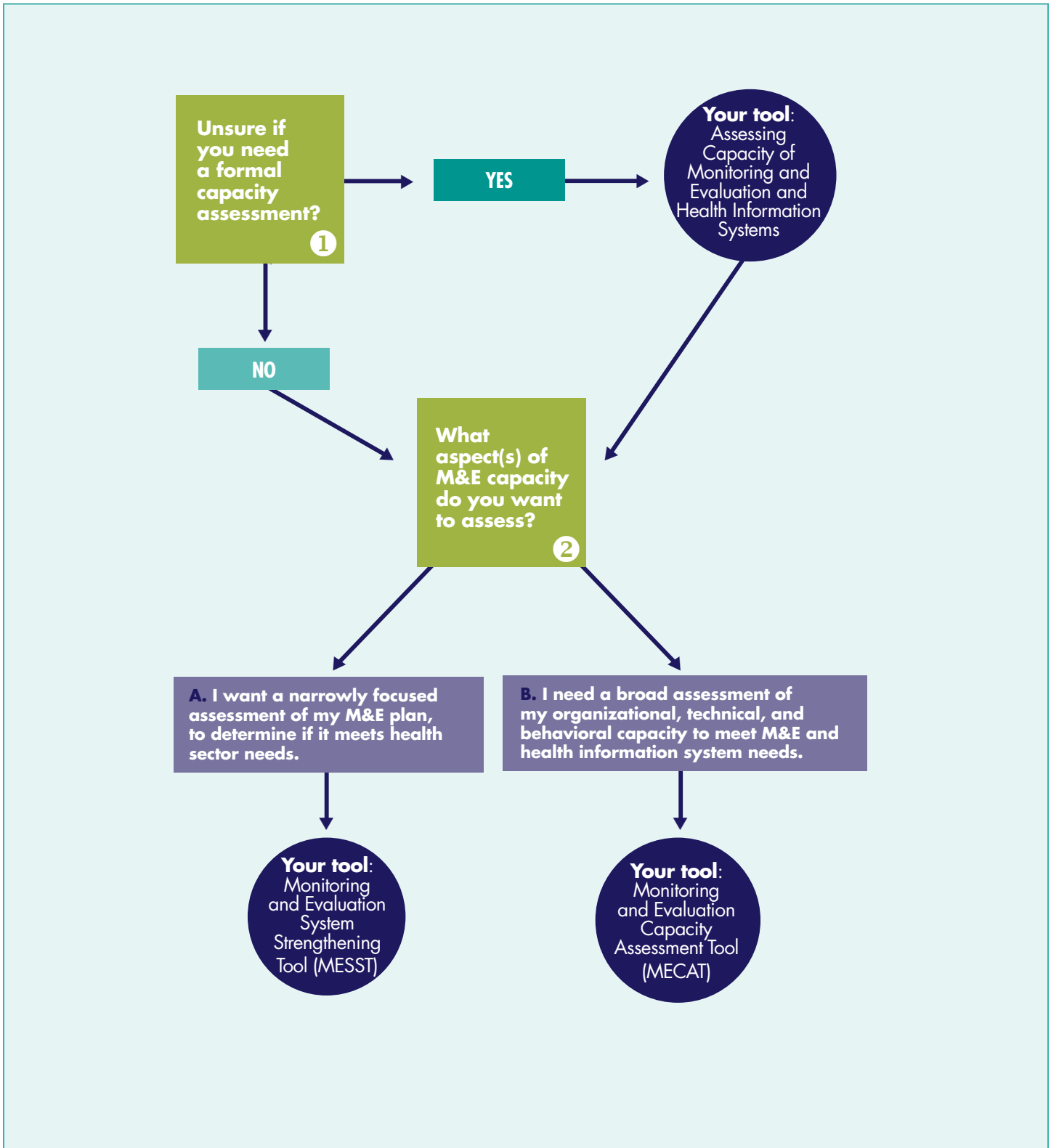


Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of health information systems (HIS): What is my organization’s capacity to meet M&E needs?



① Do I need a formal capacity assessment? Which assessment should I choose?

Your tool: Assessing Capacity of Monitoring and Evaluation and Health Information Systems
<https://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/publications/tr-18-237a>

Intended user: Individuals, teams, organizations, or systems working to improve capacity in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) or health information systems (HIS)

What: A guidance document that presents best practices for assessing capacity and developing a capacity building plan to strengthen HIS and M&E systems

Investment: No cost to implement but does offer considerations of time and budget for choosing a formal capacity assessment method

Tool output: Describes best practices in choosing an assessment tool to meet organizational needs

② What aspect(s) of M&E capacity do you want to assess?

A. I want a narrowly focused assessment of my M&E plan, to determine if it meets health sector needs.

Your tool: Monitoring and Evaluation System Strengthening Tool (MESST)
<https://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/publications/ms-07-18>

Intended user: National-level M&E officers

What: Assesses M&E data collection and reporting systems and helps identify M&E capacity gaps and remedies

Investment: 1- to 2-day workshop with stakeholders, to complete three checklists and have them reviewed by a third party

Tool output: A summary dashboard identifying gaps in reporting systems by program area; assists with costed action planning to strengthen national M&E, and enhances planning and program management

B. I need a broad assessment of my organizational, technical, and behavioral capacity to meet M&E and health information system needs.

Your tool: Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Assessment Tool (MECAT)
<https://www.measureevaluation.org/pima/me-capacity/me-capacity>

Intended user: National, subnational, or program teams

What: Uses standardized group assessment, individual self-assessment, desk review, and key informant interviews to assess M&E capacity, by measuring the status, quality, and sustainability of current M&E activities

Investment: A 3-day workshop with stakeholders plus time for individual self-assessment, desk review, and interviews

Tool output: Assessment of organizational capacity status, quality, and technical and financial autonomy for M&E and for generating and using high-quality data to inform planning; findings indicate gaps and areas of strength and weakness in M&E capacity to guide decisions on developing a capacity-building action plan