



Enhancing Strategic Information (ESI) Project Phase 2

Project Description:

The Enhancing Strategic Information (ESI) project is regional strategic information program implemented by the Institute for Health Measurement and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and co-managed by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The ESI project's main focus is to develop sustainable information systems in Swaziland and Lesotho.

The ESI project has been designed on operating principles that focus on local ownership, building and linking of existing health information systems, providing attention to technical, organizational and behavioral constraints to strategic information capacity building and lastly focusing on the enhanced use and quality of strategic information.

Over the course of the project's second year of implementation in Swaziland, ESI draws on the lessons learned in year 1 to develop an ambitious plan for continuing on the successes and challenges of the first year to provide technical assistance to revamp the HMIS in the Strategic Information Department - MoH

Duration:

August 27, 2012 - December 31, 2013

Location: South Africa, Swaziland and Lesotho

Partners:

USAID

PEPFAR

CDC

MSH

GKOS

IHM

Key Activities:

- In **Swaziland** ESI streamlined its TA to the SID to:
- Strengthen the M&E units' capacity to utilize health statistics for program development and growth.
- Support the HMIS unit in conducting a review of the HMIS aimed at establishing the bases for the development of a Client Management Information System (CMIS) guided by the following set of key principles:
 - Use of a Patient Unique Identification number
 - A Functional modularization of the system
 - High flexibility and scalability
 - Interoperability



In **Lesotho**, ESI has structured its SI interventions to address:

- Enhance M & E capacity of MOH and support HMIS
- Strengthen data quality review of HIV program data and other programs
- Decentralize data capability to the districts and rationalize data flow through districts
- Support Geographic Information System (GIS) and establish catchment populations for community level health facilities
- Strategically plan for support to MOHSW in surveillance, evaluation, & research