Institutional Partner: Ministry of Health (Kenya)

Project dates: May 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

Project Title: Improving Information on Causes of Death in Communities in Kenya

Project Objectives:
• Streamline and standardize resources for verbal autopsy (VA) implementation in Kenya
• Disseminate resources for relevant stakeholders across the country
• Make resources easily available for anyone pursuing VA implementation in Kenya

Project Outcomes and Impact:
• Developed and launched the Kenya Verbal Autopsy (KeVA) Resource/Management Hub, an online platform that serves as a national repository of data for the collection and analysis of information related to cause of deaths.
  o The KeVA Hub will serve as a tool for policymakers, government institutions, organizations, and other relevant stakeholders in the promotion and scale-up of VA implementation in Kenya by providing users with valuable VA resources and materials, as well as a platform to share VA data and insights.
• Drafted and published a set of guidelines and SOPs for VA implementation in Kenya that includes KeVA training materials.
• Developed additional guidelines for VA implementation, covering topics ranging from VA scale-up and institutionalization to mortality surveillance VA data visualizations.

Project Sustainability:
• The KeVA hub shares in-demand resources related to the standardization, scale-up and institutionalization of the national CRVS system.
• The KeVA Hub was specifically designed to require minimal maintenance costs, ensuring its continued use as a cost-effective VA database management system.
• Engagement with relevant in-country partners has generated momentum and yielded additional contributions in the form of technical and financial support.

Project Outputs:
• The Kenya Verbal Autopsy Resource Hub

“"This grant provided an avenue for showcasing how VA implementation can improve mortality and cause of death statistics [in Kenya]""

Samuel Cheburet, Kenya Ministry of Health

Figure representing Integration of VA within Kenya’s CRVS system