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What is CHISU?

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The Country Health Information Systems and Data Use (CHISU) program is a six-year USAID-funded cooperative agreement (2020–2026) focused on strengthening health information systems to increase the quality, availability, and use of health data to improve the health of communities around the world.

As USAID's flagship data and health information system project, CHISU's work centers around four strategic objectives:



Strengthened governance and enabling environment of host-country HIS



Increased availability and interoperability of quality health data and information systems



Increased demand and use of health data and information to address health priorities, gaps, and challenges



Strengthened organizational development of local partners for sustained health data use.

Across these four strategic objectives, CHISU incorporates considerations around gender, data security, and learning.

CHISU is the only USAID-funded global mechanism focused on integrated program-agnostic HIS strengthening. The program has a defined, measurable, and repeatable approach, tailored to each country or regional context and strategy, that can clearly demonstrate progression in a country's HIS. We stand ready to support country governments and USAID missions to respond to the HIS strengthening needs in their context through in-country or remote technical assistance with our global network of partners. We are well-equipped for rapid start-up and can operate through local and regional (above national) offices, as well as remote modalities.

CHISU is currently implementing HIS intervention activities in Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Niger, Serbia, Sierra Leone, and Thailand, as well as the Eastern and Southern Caribbean and Latin America and the Caribbean regions. We completed activities in the Middle East and North Africa. These activities span several funding earmarks, including COVID-19, Global Health Security, HIV, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Maternal and Child Health, and Population Health.





Our work within countries has included:

Burkina Faso

CHISU supported implementation, scale-up, and support for the One Health information system to enable joint investigations of public health events by the ministries responsible for health, animal resources, and environment. CHISU is taking the lessons learned from Burkina Faso to develop similar systems in Mali and Côte d'Ivoire.

Eastern and Southern Caribbean

CHISU embedded consultants in Ministries of Health (MOH) across the region focused on validation and quality assurance of COVID-19 vaccination and syndromic surveillance data.

Kenya

CHISU is programming malaria outbreak threshold alerts in Kenya's HIS, guided by global guidelines and considering malaria seasonality, so that country-level MOH staff can respond quicker to malaria outbreaks.

Malawi

CHISU is automating the quarterly malaria bulletins in the national health management information system (HMIS) so that the MOH and stakeholders can have access to more current data and use these data for the country's malaria response. CHISU is taking the lessons learned in Malawi to develop automated malaria bulletins in Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, and Sierra Leone.

Ghana

CHISU completed a human resource capacity needs assessment to help plan the transition of hosting and maintaining the country's Integrated Disease Surveillance Response (IDSR) using the Surveillance Outbreak Response Management & Analysis System (SORMAS) from a third-party IT company to the Ghana Health Service (GHS). CHISU will support GHS to fully deploy and manage the IDSR to effectively respond to disease outbreaks in Ghana.

Indonesia

CHISU is supporting the Digital Transformation Office and the Center for Data and Information Technology to remove the burden on health care workers (HCWs) of duplicate data capture into multiple systems and streamline data that needs to be collected. By October 2023, 2,339 health facilities were registered to SATUSEHAT (the national health information system), 1,528 were verified, and 574 health facilities actively sent data to the platform.

Core activities have fostered cross-country learning, digital tool development, and other global goods and HIS strengthening efforts.

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