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## USAID/Zambia HEALTH EVIDENCE FOR HEALTH

A quality Health Management Information System (HMIS) ensures the production, analysis, dissemination and use of reliable and timely information related to health determinants, health systems performance, and health status. Drawing its data from routine service and administrative records, an HMIS provides an ideal source for frequent indicator review to monitor and refine program implementation. The Evidence for Health (E4H) project will strengthen overall monitoring, evaluation, and research in Zambia’s health sector for improved evidence-based decision making and planning in the Zambian health sector.

- **Life of Project:** March 2020 - March 2025
- **Geographic Focus:** National; Central, Copperbelt, Luapula, and Northern Provinces
- **Partner:** Management Systems International
- **Chief of Party:** Celia Kakande
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Evidence for Health aims to strengthen the national Health Management Information System owned and managed by the Government of the Republic of Zambia's Ministry of Health. E4H will improve HMIS data collection, analysis, dissemination, and use policies and standards of practice at all levels. The project will also build the capacity of health sector staff to collect, analyze, and use data. These efforts will support improved health sector decision making to maximize resources, develop targeted interventions, ensure timely programmatic responses.

E4H also supports and improves monitoring, evaluation, and research capacities within government institutions and key non-governmental research institutions. This supports accountability and management for results in the health sector.

### Expected Results

The E4H project will support the Ministry of Health to harmonize fragmented systems, standardize policies and practices, and integrate applied research to enhance the evidence base for planning and decision-making. By facilitating improved decision-making, E4H activities will enhance existing approaches to health programming in HIV, nutrition, family planning, maternal and child health, and malaria.