

# DATA FOR HEALTH INITIATIVE

## Data Impact

**The Data Impact (DI) Program supports a collaborative process that aims to expand the use of data to inform public health decision-making.**

Activities include assessing CRVS systems, enhancing cause-of-death reporting, improving registration practices and producing high-quality vital statistics reports. Through technical assistance, countries are better able to assess existing systems, identify gaps and deploy best practices to strengthen data collection across regions and populations.

The CDC Foundation supports the following key areas of the DI Program:

### DATA TO POLICY (D2P) PROGRAM

The D2P program trains government staff on analytic methods that can be utilized to develop policy briefs on government priority topics. Mentors are trained through a training-of-trainers (TOT) model to guide the participants to develop data-informed policy briefs and support their presentations at policy forums to government officials and partners to share policy recommendations.

### PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN (PHB) SUPPORT

The PHB activities support establishing and strengthening national PHBs and their dissemination of reliable and timely information on emerging diseases, outbreaks and surveillance data. Through ongoing technical assistance, PHB staff in various countries participate in monthly teleconferences, reviewer roundtables, regional workshops, writing workshops and communities of practice.

### SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATIONS (SC) TRAININGS

The core SC training guides participants through the process of developing scientific manuscripts and abstracts, strengthening the government's capacity to communicate data effectively. Mentors are trained through a TOT model to guide the participants to publish or present their abstracts or manuscripts at local or international conferences. The SC team also provides a risk and crisis communications workshop that trains government staff on how to address public health emergencies and how to develop a risk and crisis communication plan to better prepare governments to respond to future public health crises.

The CDC Foundation implements the DI Program in the following countries:

- Bangladesh
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Uganda
- Zambia

