
Questions from CHAMPS' Webinar, *A Deeper Dive into CHAMPS Data*

These answers were provided by Dr. Dianna Blau and other CHAMPS staff members

Q: “What can we do to improve the community engagement in early notifying?”

A: To increase the community notifications would require strong community engagement activities and strong network of informants or community reporters. We encourage you to [watch the recording from our webinar](#) in November, 2021 with the CHAMPS Social-Behavioral Sciences team for more information.

Q: “At the national level in Ethiopia, malnutrition is underlying cause of death in 1/3 of cases, but yours's looks lower. Any explanations?”

A: If only looking at the non-neonatal deaths (28d-less than 5 years) in Ethiopia, then 67% of those deaths had malnutrition as an underlying cause.

Q: “If the data is showing a high percentage of causes of death being preventable, what plans does CHAMPS have in linking those findings on the causes of death with International Health NGOs focusing their activities on those preventables to reduce the under-five mortality rate in various countries?”

A: This question aligns with the efforts by the CHAMPS team in Kenya to map stakeholders working in the catchment areas. Dr. Dickens Onyongo, one of the Site Directors for CHAMPS in Kenya, envisioned bringing the stakeholders with a focus on maternal and child health together to highlight CHAMPS findings and promote integration of preventable action into their work.

There is a guidance document created by Leslie Ambibola that is a good start for sites which want to map and engage stakeholders in their area. I recall that one stakeholder participant stated in an interview, “I wish we had CHAMPS results before we made plans for our resources.” This highlights the potential for NGOs to utilize CHAMPS findings to guide resource allocation and action.
