

Community Based Data Collection

ACTIVITY	WHO and HOW?	TO WHOM?	NOTES
<p>Identification: Any death that occurs to a woman of reproductive age (15-49) should initiate the MDSR process</p>	<p>Anyone can report the death of a woman aged 15-49. This includes family members, neighbours, religious or traditional leaders, Health Development Army members etc.</p>	<p>A local Health Extension Worker should be informed of the death</p>	<p>Identification of a woman's death should occur <i>within 24 hours</i></p>
<p>Notification: Reporting <i>all</i> deaths of women aged 15-49 to Health Centres</p>	<p>Health Extension Workers should fill out the first 2 parts of Annex 1 from the National Guidelines</p>	<p>Notification forms will be delivered to the Health Centre Head or staff member responsible for supervising HEW, usually a lead midwife or medical director.</p>	<p>Notification of a woman's death should occur <i>within one week</i></p>
<p>Classification/Screening: Assessing whether the death <i>could</i> have been from maternal causes</p>	<p>The HEW will answer the questions in the 2nd part of Annex 1 to determine whether the death <i>could</i> have been a direct or indirect cause of pregnancy, delivery, or its complications. This might require information from the family.</p>	<p>The Health Centre Head review this form to decide whether a visit to the community is required for a <i>Verbal Autopsy</i>. The Health Centre Head (or designated staff member) will need to fill out questions 6-9 in the 2nd part of the Notification Form.</p>	<p>Screening should also occur <i>within 1 week</i> of the woman's death. The Health Centre Head should determine whether a VA is required in time to make the necessary arrangements, i.e. coordinating with local HEW, arranging travel to the community.</p>
<p>Data Collection: Conducting a Verbal Autopsy in the community</p>	<p>The assigned staff member will visit the community in order to conduct the Verbal Autopsy, using the VA data collection form provided as part of Annex 1.</p>	<p>Annex 1 should be completed during the Verbal Autopsy data collection and submitted to the Health Centre Head, who is responsible for ensuring the data are presented at the next MDSR review meeting.</p>	<p>The Verbal Autopsy should be completed <i>between 3-4 weeks following the death</i>, but this may depend on a suitable mourning period or other sensitivities related to the death.</p>