

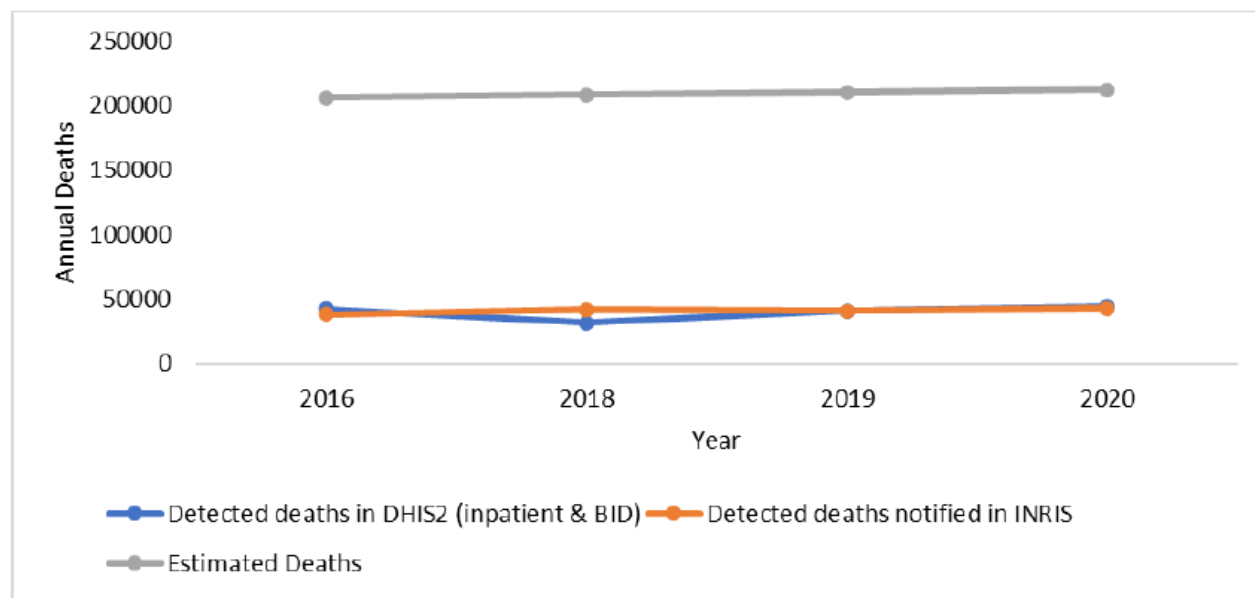
# Building a Sustainable SRS-VS: Lessons in Resource Mobilisation and Investment Strategy from Zambia

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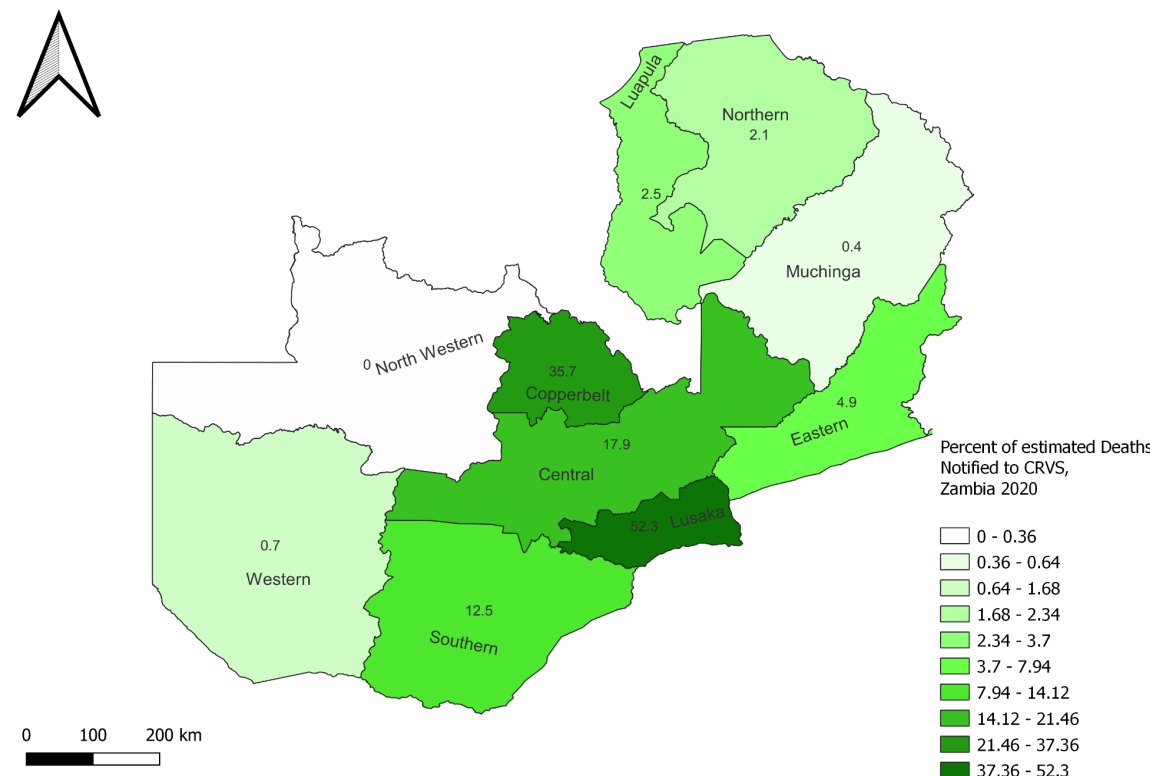
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# Completeness of Existing Death Registration Systems, Zambia-2023

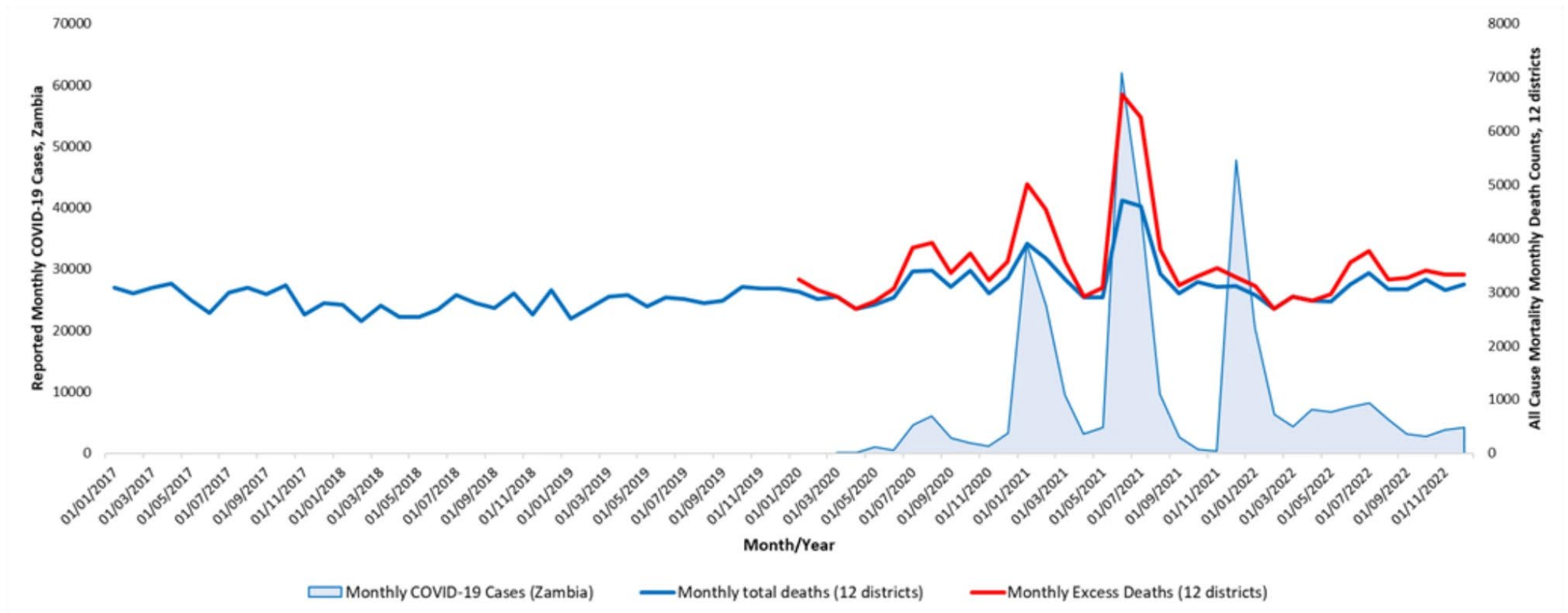
## Annual National Trends in CRVS death Notifications in Zambia, 2016-2020



## Provincial level death notification completeness, Zambia 2020



# The cost of not counting, the African COVID-19 Paradox



An assessment of excess mortality during the COVID-19 pandemic, a retrospective post-mortem surveillance in 12 districts – Zambia, 2020–2022

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# Why investment in SRS matters

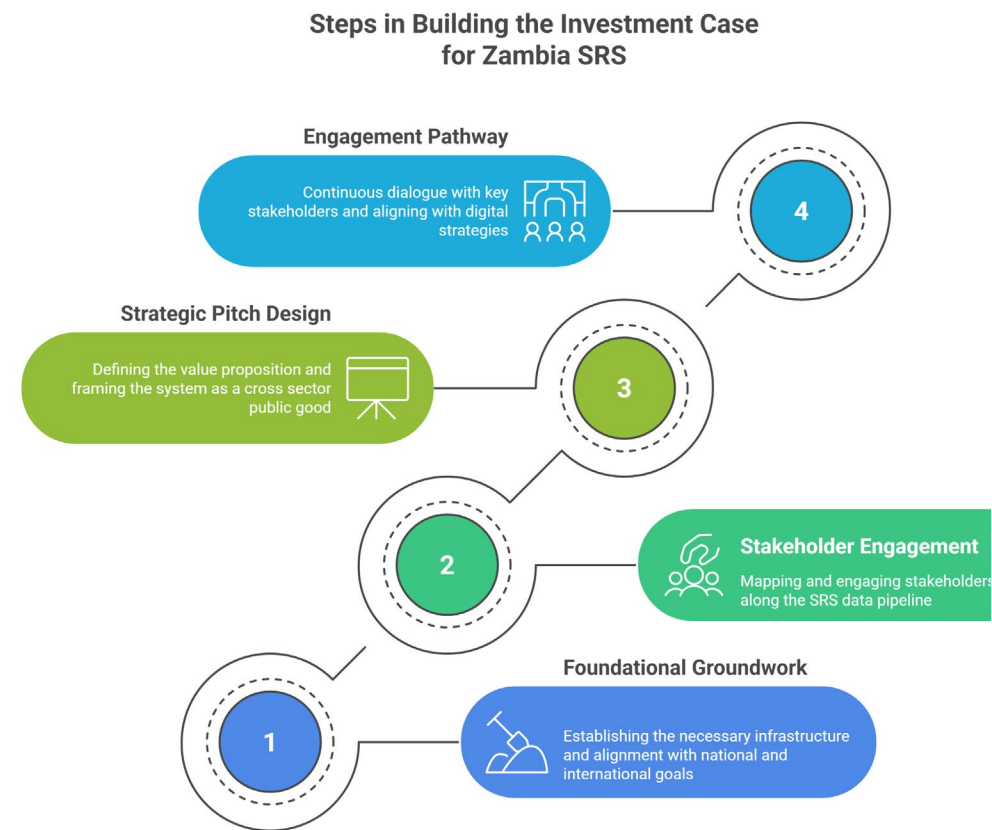
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- Able to bridge the gap in the requirements of representative provisional vital statistics
  - Pregnancy outcomes
  - Deaths
- Timely production of these indicators allows use for public health surveillance/routine health programming
- Provides a nationally and provincially representative platform to nest further population level data collection initiatives

# How Zambia built an investment case for SRS

SRS design value propositions- A cross sector Public good

- Continuous nationally and provincially representative **sample**
  - Public health, CRVS and other needs
- Continuous community-based data collection **personnel**
- Digitally integrated data collection system
  - Adaptable and interoperable

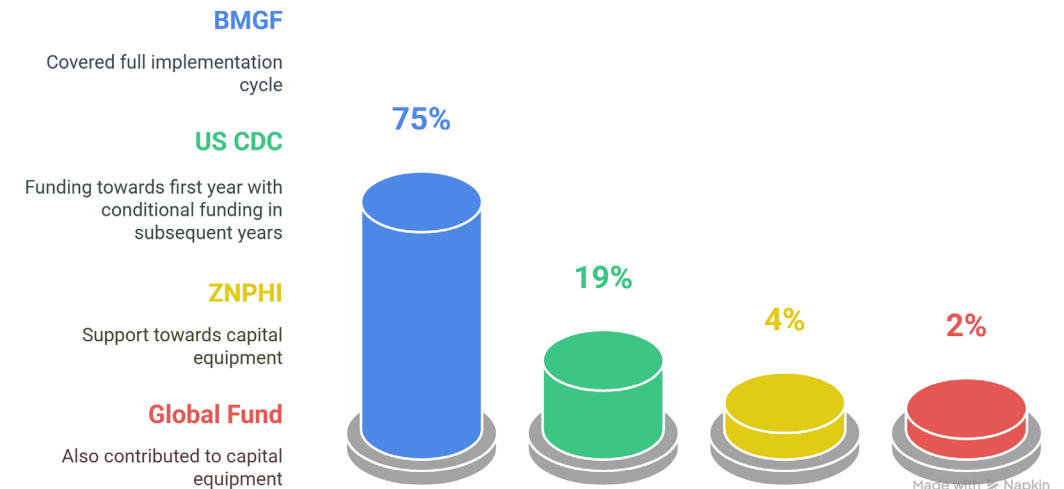


# Overview of Funding Sources for the SRS-VS

## Types of potential funding sources

- Direct financing
  - Funds transferred to project account
    - More difficult to secure
    - Easier to manage and predictable
- Indirect financing
  - Non-monitory support towards operational aspects of the SRS
    - Maybe easier to secure
      - Institutional commitments
    - More difficult to manage maybe unpredictable

Funding Distribution for SRS-VS Project





# Challenges and Lessons learnt

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- Develop mechanisms for continuous stakeholder engagement and feedback
- Approach SRS stakeholder mapping as a cross-sector public good
  - Map stakeholders to SRS operations that aligns with their program/institutional objectives
  - Consider direct and indirect financing strategies
- Ensure a minimum viable product is possible with predictable funding
- Visibility, Visibility, Visibility



# Conclusion

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- Accurate, timely and representative mortality data are integral to public health and developmental planning
- An SRS is a cross-sector public good that can bridge the mortality data gap
- The defining features of an SRS can be used to engage multiple stakeholders across multiple sectors
- Though co-financing is key to sustainability, care must be taken to secure a MVP





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