Phase I:
Household Questionnaire used to list number of persons and deaths by sex and age

Household Questionnaires administered to 240,000 households selected from the 10 administrative regions

226,209 households completed interview

4,203 female deaths at ages 12-49yrs within 5 yrs of survey identified

Other deaths excluded

PHASE II
Verbal Autopsy Questionnaire administered to enquire into the 4,203 female deaths

3,598 non-maternal deaths excluded

Final sample: 605 maternal deaths at ages 12-49yrs identified by ICD 10 codes