# eCHIS and DHIS2 health data exchange: the use cases, development, and lesson learnt

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# **Information Revolution Roadmap**





# Ethiopia eHealth Architecture (eHA)

The **Ethiopia eHealth Architecture** is a conceptual model that depicts the information systems, data sources, and integrations that the Ministry of Health proposes to implement and maintain to help achieve its strategic goals.

#### Ethiopia eHealth Architecture



# Why eHealth Architecture (eHA)?

The eHealth Architecture provides a foundational plan to support the acquisition, exchange, sharing and use of health data.



#### TRACKING

MOH health indicators and goals longitudinally

#### **INTEROPERABILITY**

Supports reuse of software applications with efficient components, standardized data and a plan for integration



# **The Systems**

- Point of service systems source of routine data
  - National implementation : community-based systems eCHIS
  - Electronic Community Health Information System (eCHIS), based on Commcare, a mobile-based platform
  - Widely used by health extension workers (HEW)
  - FMOH plans to expand eCHIS implementation to all the HPs in agrarian, urban, and pastoralist settings of the country



# **The Systems**

• National health management information systems - source of aggregate

data in various dimensions

- DHIS2 -HMIS implementation
- of different reporting periods such as yearly, quarterly, monthly, and daily reports
- DHIS2 is configured with more than 37 data sets and 4322 data elements
- National implementation



## Challenges

- Lack of integration of those systems is resulting
  - fragmented reports and thereby data inconsistency and imposing difficulty for
    - a full and interlinked report of certain indicators.
  - a large variety of data generated daily
  - Not aligned with eHA



## **Our approach**

- Stakeholder's engagement
- Define current and future use cases
- Must be aligned to eHA



# Stakeholder's Engagement

- Building a sense of ownership for the solution
- End users are the ones that will need to use the solution
- A co-developed solution will better represent user needs

- Ministry of Health (MoH)
  - Policy and Planning Directorate (PPD)
  - HIT Directorate (HITD)
- Universities
- Technical staff



## **Current State Analysis**





## **Current State Analysis- Scenario** Human / User Perspective

"Helen is a health extension worker who works in the local health post that is part of the health center that is a few miles away. The Health Post does not yet have reliable internet. Because of this, Helen's monthly reporting process is paper-based. She uses the paper records system to record information on the patients that she sees. On a typical day, she sees ten patients and records their data in the appropriate health cards as well as the appropriate standard registers and tally sheets that she has been given by the Woreda. Every month, she aggregates the data on her spreadsheets; data is moved to the (service and disease) reporting forms. She gives her paper reports to the HMIS focal person at the health center at the end of the reporting period.

Alemu is the HMIS focal person at the Health Center. He must take all of the tally sheets from the HEWs like Helen and enter the data into DHIS2. This takes several hours a month and it is challenging to get all of the information tabulated and entered correctly. "





### **Current State Analysis- Scenario** Human / Process Perspective







## Current State Analysis- Scenario Human / Technology Perspective

- Identify eHA component used
- Understand and document existing technology
  - Interfaces avalable(web, app)
  - APIs spécification



#### **Ethiopia eHealth Architecture**





### Future State Analysis- Scenario Human / Process Perspectives





## Future State Analysis- Scenario Technology Perspective





#### **Ethiopia eHealth Architecture**





## Future State Analysis- Scenario Technology Perspective - Standards

#### Data Exchange roles

- Sending system
- Receiving system
- Interoperability layer authentication, verification, audit log
- Shared services





## Future State Analysis- Scenario Technology Perspective





## Future State Analysis- Scenario Technology Perspective – Application Architecture







## **Initial results**

- Focus upon specific indicators and disaggregation under that indicator
  - Contraceptive Acceptance Rate
  - Health Post monthly service report
- Successfully manage to exchange health data between the system
- Plan to deploy at a national level



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## Lesson Learnt

- Effective collaboration between different stakeholders/teams
- Managing requirements and defining scope to implement such kind of imitative
- Constant learning and local skills improvement while developing interoperability solutions
- The Service Oriented Architecture of eHA supported the interoperability operations
- A showcase implementation of interoperability solutions between more than three HIS



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