Making decisions to improve patient access
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Who are we?
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In the nation of Heahulo, only 55% of citizens have access to treatment for Adrina Disease. 4.5 million of the 10 million members of Heahulo were unable to access treatment for Adrina.

Heahulo consists of 3 provinces. Each province has a Provincial Hospital and many district health centers. Patients seek Adrina testing and treatment from the nearest health center. Health Centers send patient samples to the Provincial Hospital to determine if the patient has Adrina or not. Health practitioners are working 8-hour days to test and treat patients for Adrina.

You must make some decisions to improve patient access to treatment and reduce that number to 1 million in the next 3 years in order to procure more funding.
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Based on the information you’ve been provided, what action do you want to take first?

1. Collect data from the Ministry of Health about current patient treatment numbers at the health centers and hospitals

2. Identify all stakeholders to understand their priorities and contributions to the treatment of Adrina

3. Purchase additional disease treatments to be distributed evenly between all existing provinces
Hold on! Do we have all the information?

1. Collect data from the Ministry of Health about current patient treatment numbers at the health centers and hospitals

Are we making the right assumptions about data?
- What data is available from Ministry of Health?
- What relevant data don’t we have?

3. Purchase additional disease treatments to be distributed evenly between all existing provinces

Are we making the right assumptions about the problem?
- Do we know it’s a supply problem?
- What might we not know about population and treatment placement?
- What about budget and political changes?
- Patient result turn-around times?
System Design Approach

2. Identify all stakeholders to understand their priorities and contributions to the treatment of Adrina

- This will create the blueprint: Look at what would an efficient supply chain look like? How should the components fit together and interact?
- What are the current bottlenecks of the system as per the different stakeholders
- What is the baseline look like – how are patients served - how changes will affect the overall system?
Meet the Stakeholders
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Health Practitioner

Ministry of Health Officer

Implementing Partner

Donor
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<td>Clinician first</td>
<td>Access to health care products to treat patients</td>
<td>Treat and get results back to patients in a timely manner.</td>
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<td>Ministry of Health Officer</td>
<td>Mandate spans entire health system</td>
<td>Budget • Must cover what donors don’t • Must abide by political processes</td>
<td>Budget maximization&lt;br&gt; Increase access to treatment for Adrina through a functional, affordable, and sustainable supply chain</td>
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<td>Donor</td>
<td>Provide 20% of Heahulo’s drug &amp; equipment budget</td>
<td>Competing priorities for funding across multiple programs</td>
<td>Improved Results: prevalence rates, % meds procured vs. used/wasted</td>
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<td>Provide separate funding to Implementing Partner</td>
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<td>Budget maximization: cost/dose or cost/pill</td>
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<td>Implementing Partner</td>
<td>Partner to Ministry of Health&lt;br&gt; Tasked to improve supply chain for Adrina programme</td>
<td>Receive funding</td>
<td>Show good results in the supply chain for the Adrina program</td>
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<td>Help guide MoH to cost effectively allocate the $1M budget.</td>
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Roles
Everyone is assigned one of the four roles.

Each role has access to certain data.
Heahulo Overview

Early indications show there are enough treatments within country to treat every patient.
As a team, work together and compare data to determine what you should do next

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System design is a collaborative, iterative process with all stakeholders helping to inform the way ahead with the MoH.

May provide an immediate solution, but would this be a lasting solution?

**Examples of additional data that could inform these decisions:** inventory levels, storage capacities, treatment consumption rates, network design details

Would flexing Health Practitioner hours solve patient access to treatment?

Do you have a full view of the system?
- Do we know which locations could benefit from a change in Health Practitioner hours?
- You may end up putting resources into the wrong efforts

Is this true collaboration?
- Collecting information is just the first step
- If not all stakeholders are involved and aligned, gaps can remain hidden
System Design Approach

Data Collection

- Iterative process
- Developing an understanding of existing system performance
- Identify gaps and weaknesses in the existing system

Everything is Connected

- When one component of the supply chain is not working optimally, it impacts the entire system.

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Additional Data Gathered
- Detailed disease prevalence data
- Diagnosis rates by province
- Patient results turn around times
- Cost per sample

What is the status quo performance?
With this information, Heahulo stakeholders have a more in-depth understanding of how the Adrina program is performing and can validate the current state.

What are options for change and their impact?
From this, the stakeholders embark on a journey to use the data to develop and assess the likely impact of different improvement options with the MoH objectives.
Heahulo Overview

- Population: 1.5 Million
- Patients Treated:
  - Less than 60%
  - Between 60% - 80%
  - Over 80%

- Population: 5 Million
- Population Density:
  - Low
  - High

- Population: 3.5 Million
- Service Delivery Point
- Provincial Hospital
- National Hospital
With a more informed picture of the Adrina programme from all stakeholders involved, what action should you take next?

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<td>Make decisions that allow treatment &amp; diagnosis machines to be placed closer to patients in need</td>
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<td>Make decisions to alter referral flow among health centers &amp; provincial hospitals</td>
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<td>Make decisions to modify the test collection and result delivery frequency</td>
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<td>Improve data collection and communication processes among stakeholders</td>
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System Design Approach

• Each country is unique; possible improvements could be varied
• Decision-makers need high-quality, current data
• Weigh and test options for long-lasting improvements:
  • Continuous data collection
  • Collaboration among stakeholders
  • System Design Workshops
  • Modeling
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Overview of System Design engagement (especially Key Output)

Three-hub design projected to ensure more efficient use of vaccine storage capacity and result in yearly savings of approximately $1M in OpEx and CapEx costs.

Informed push implemented in about five (5) states with increased vaccine availability. Currently being evaluated for scale-up.

Why System Design?

• Efficient in-country distribution of vaccines
• Preparation for planned vaccine introductions e.g. Rota, IPV
• Inefficient utilization of original vaccine storage space

Via what mechanism(s) was the system design analysis conducted?

• National Primary Health Care Development Agency Team (NPHCDA)
• Private Sector partners
• National Primary Health Care Development Agency in MOU states, Implementing partners and Private Sector

What System Design Scenarios were considered?

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<td>Approx $8m</td>
<td>Approx $3.5m</td>
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<td>Approx $4.8m</td>
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<td>Operational efficiency</td>
<td>Low utilization of storage spaces</td>
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Source: Nigeria Vaccine Supply Chain: path towards 2020 national vaccine storage expansion
**Objective:** Gain feedback to inform the creation of a global health focused learning game

**Feedback Questions:**

1. Do you understand better what system design can do for you?

2. Would you be interested in learning more about a web version of a system design activity?

3. Were your roles clear?

4. Was the objective clear?

5. What would make this game more useful for you?

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