



# **Drones for Social Cause...Last Mile Delivery**

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# Drones for Social Goods

- Many industries are increasingly trying to become responsiveness-heavy to get close to rapid delivery performance;
- Next day → Same day → Two hours
- Drone deliveries initially proposed by Amazon is all expected to revolutionize the distribution networks of supply chains, especially Rapid “click-ship” product delivery



# Advantages of Drones

- Delivering packages for online sales
- Distribution Center goods movement
- Potentially accompany transit modes such as trucks, trains, or ships, flying ahead to report on potential hazards and delays, and assisting in streamlining delivery
- Does not impact the world trade flows



# Drones for Global Health



- Dramatically increase the efficiency and speed of organ donations, key medications, and vaccines etc..
- Healthcare more accessible in urban spaces: bypassing road and rail traffic congestions, as well as to rural and third world locations where insufficient infrastructure might typically cause detrimental delays.

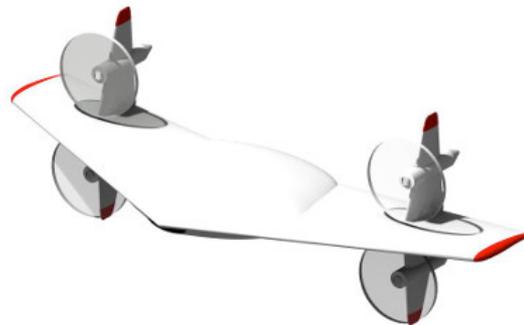


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# IDI Snowmobile & Dr. One



- IDI Snowmobile is a startup out of the Netherlands that is focusing on developing socially responsible solutions with small drones.
- Dr. One is one of their small drones that can be used to deliver small medical goods to remote locations
- Many others are coming up in this space...



# Mayo Clinic Testing

Blood delivery using Drones:

- Cheaper
- Faster

Blood Delivery using helicopter and ambulance:

- Expensive
- Time-consuming



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# Mayo Clinic Testing

## Demand

Minimum <b>Plasma</b> Inventory	Critical Access Hospital	Regional Hospital	Tertiary Hospital
Type O	2	10	531
Type A	2	10	739
Type B	2	10	181
*Type AB	2	20	96
Total	8	50	1547

Minimum <b>Cryoprecipitate</b> Inventory	Critical Access Hospital	Regional Hospital	Tertiary Hospital
Type O	0	2	84
Type A	0	2	82
Type B	0	2	20
*Type AB	0	4	13
Total	0	10	199

Minimum <b>Platelet</b> Inventory	Critical Access Hospital	Regional Hospital	Tertiary Hospital
Total	0	4	30



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Blood supplies in small and large hospitals

A single patient needing massive transfusion can deplete the blood supply of smaller hospitals.



# UNFPA & Drones



- UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering effective supply chain solutions wanted to
- expand the possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy and productive lives.
- The UNFPA and USC Center for Global Supply Chain Management conducted a prefeasibility study focused their efforts on innovations in last-mile logistics
- Understanding how emerging technologies such as drones could really help make significant positive changes.



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# Define

- **UNFPA** (United Nations Population Fund)
  - Luichi Hara & Ruben Vellenga
- **IDI Snowmobile** & **NLR** (National Aerospace Lab of Netherlands)
  - Gerald Poppinga
- **Amref Flying Doctors & Dr.One**
  - Mirjam Jansen op de Haar
- **USC Marshall GSCM** (University of Southern California)
  - Nick Vyas - Six Sigma Master Black Belt
  - Pallavi Basu - PhD Candidate
- **Ghana Health Services**



# Purposes



- To develop a long-term, sustainable solution to the last-mile delivery system in Ghana that will not only lead to an overall more efficient and cost effective system, but one that will make meaningful impacts in the realms of disease prevention and reproductive health.

- Ghana lacks infrastructure to ensure timely delivery of medical goods & supplies to remote areas. Last-mile delivery is difficult and has led to high rates of unwanted pregnancies and poor maternal health.
- Remote hospitals overstock medicines/vaccines due to unreliable last-mile logistics, resulting in high holding costs and high quantity of medicines/vaccines going to waste due to expiration.
- As employment of drones is both more reliable and faster than existing motorcycle transport, it is suggested that drone implementation would improve timely delivery, lower holding costs and reduce medicine/vaccine wastage.

# Assumptions

- Drones are part of the solution
- Upper East Ghana is a good test pilot location (stable government, established supply chain, and identified need)
- Ghana government approves of this study, is ready to test and implement this process if proven successful





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# SWOT Analysis



## Strengths:

- Operating costs are much lower than motorcycles (per km)
- Can operate where and when motorcycles cannot
- Fast (150kph) and reliable for small emergency shipments





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# SWOT Analysis



## Weaknesses:

- Can only carry 5 kg at a time
- Initial costs are much higher than motorcycles (\$2000 more)
- Technology is still very new and no experts in the field in Ghana
- Reverse Logistics
- GPS location for many rural facilities are often incorrect





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# SWOT Analysis



## Opportunities:

- As market/ technology advances, capacity could increase, and costs could decrease
- Could become the benchmark program for the future
- Create a lot of interest from outside inventors to help with startup
- Could create new, local drone industry in Ghana – e.g manufacturing, retail, repair, operations
- Can facilitate reverse logistics for small items such as lab samples and data forms



## Threats

- Potential lowering of gas prices or advances in alternative fuels could make motorcycles much cheaper
- Flight regulations could put a hamper on or stop operations
- No current regulations for drones
- Issues on where and how to store drones



## Increasing the timely delivery of medical goods Upper East Ghana

### Inputs (Xs)



Transportation  
Personnel (Nurses/Doctors/Pharmacist)  
Medication

**Delivery of  
Medical  
Products**

### Output (Ys)

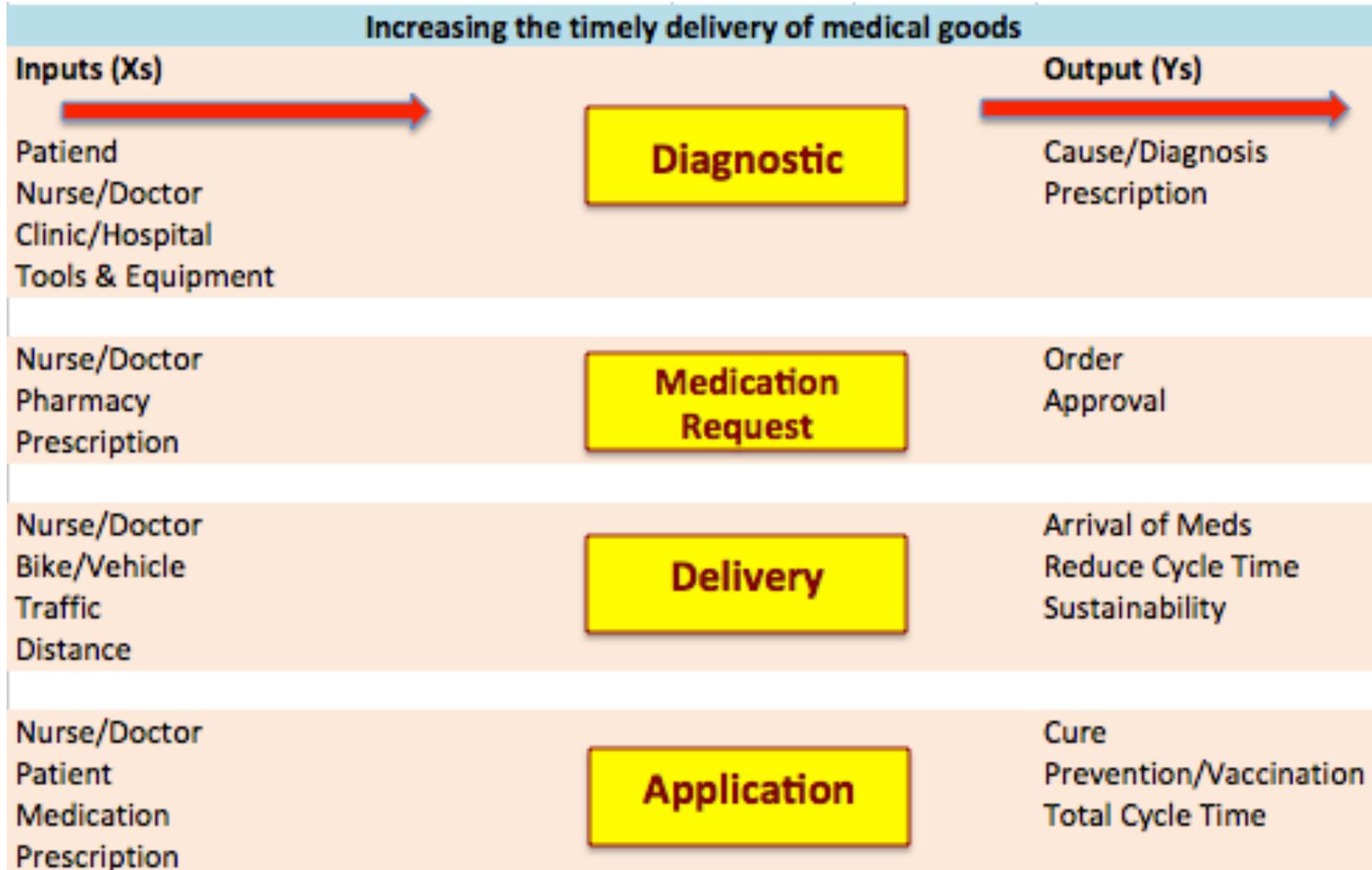


Reduce Cycle Time  
Reduce Liability  
Sustainability  
No Defective Products



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# Process Map – 5K





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# Measure

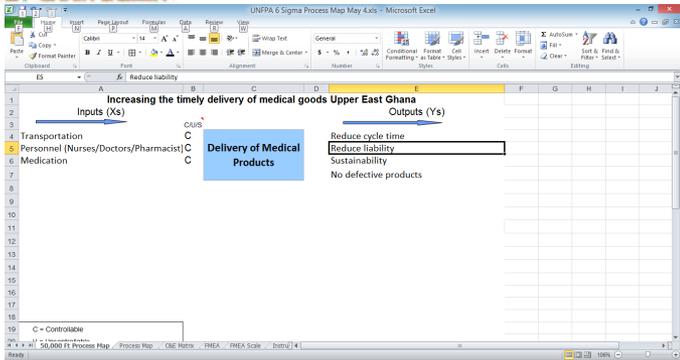


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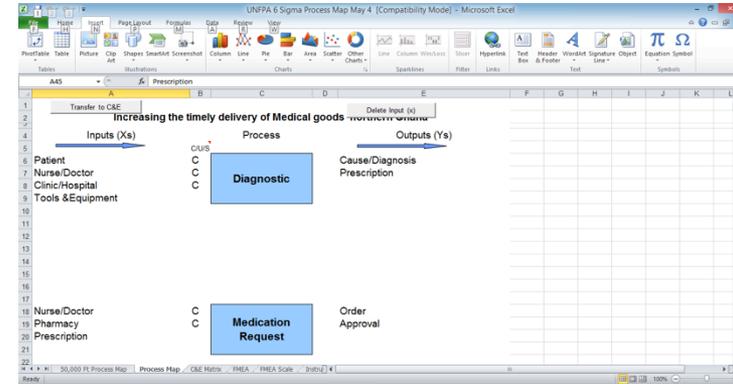
# Measure Tools



**1: 50,000 foot**



**2: 5,000 foot**



**4: FMEA**

Process Step	Key Process Input	Failure Modes - What can go wrong?	Effects	S E V	C A U S E S	O C C	D E T	R P N	Actions Recommended
9	Delivery	Bike/Vehicle	Stockout	9	Patients don't receive treatment on time	9	3	270	Regional DC to set up shelves instead of hospitals
10	Application	Prescription	Waiting for medication	10	Patient could lose life	10	2	200	Regional DC to set up shelves instead of hospitals
11	Application	Nurse/Doctor	Medicine not available on site	10	Patient might lose life	10	2	200	Regional DC to set up shelves instead of hospitals
12	Application	Prescription	Medicine Expired	10	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	10	2	180	Inventory Stock review
13	Application	Prescription	Medicine Expired	10	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	10	2	180	FFO Inventory System
14	Application	Prescription	Medicine not available on site	10	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	10	2	180	Regional DC to set up shelves instead of hospitals
15	Application	Diagnosis	Diagnosis not available on site	9	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	9	3	144	Stockout of medicines on site

**15 Inputs**

**3: C&E Matrix**

Process Step	Process Inputs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
1	Diagnosis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	204
2	Delivery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244
3	Application	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212
4	Application	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216
5	Application	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212
6	Application	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	204
7	Application	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
8	Application	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148
9	Application	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144

Microsoft Excel  
97-2003 Worksheet





# Present State Measurement

- Overstocking Cost of Malaria medicines as high as \$500K/yr
- Ghana Healthcare logistics cost = \$14 million/yr
- Data Identified:
  - Motorcycles & Drones
    - Operating costs
    - Capacities (speed, payload capacity)
  - Medicine & Vaccines
    - Overstocking & Understocking
    - On-time delivery percentage
    - % of hospitals that can store vaccines (cold chain capabilities)
  - Patient Percentages
    - Needing malaria vaccines
    - Malaria deaths in Upper East Ghana for past 5 years
- Analyzed process flow of goods through healthcare supply chain and role of motorcycles



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# Analyze



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# Drones VS Motorbikes



	Motorcycles	Drones	Difference (for Drones)
<i>Initial Cost</i>	\$1500.00	\$3500.00	+\$2000.00
<i>Cost (USD/ km)</i>	\$.0828/km	\$.024/km	-\$0.0588/km
<i>Speed (kph)</i>	50 kph	150 kph	+100 kph
<i>Capacity (kg)</i>	50 kg	5 kg	-45 kg
<i>Capacity (km)</i>	300 km	100 km	-200 km
<i>Refueling/ Recharging Time (hrs)</i>	.15	1	+.85 hrs



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# FMEA



Process Step	Key Process Input	Failure Modes - What can go wrong?	Effects	S E V	C L A S S	Causes	O C C	D E T	R P N	Actions Recommended
Delivery	Bike/Vehicle	Stockout	Patients don't receive treatment on time	9		Bike/Vehicle takes too long to deliver medication	10	3	270	Regional DC to set up deliveries instead of hospitals
Application	Prescription	Waiting for medication	Patient could lose life	10		Stockout of medicine on site	10	2	200	Regional DC to set up deliveries instead of hospitals
Application	Nurse/Doctor	Medicine not available on site	Patient might lose life	10		No inventory record	10	2	200	Regional DC to set up deliveries instead of hospitals
Application	Prescription	Medicine Expired	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	10		Prescription available but expired	9	2	180	Inventory Stock review
Application	Prescription	Medicine Expired	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	10		Prescription available but expired	9	2	180	FIFO Inventory System
Application	Prescription	Medicine not available on site	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	9		Stockout of medicine on site	10	2	180	Regional DC to set up deliveries instead of hospitals
Application	Prescription	Waiting for medication	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	9		Stockout of medicine on site	10	2	180	Use Drones and set up Distribution Channels and
Diagnostic	Tools & Equipment	Diagnosis tools not working	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	9		Clinic/Hospital not equipped properly	5	4	180	Inventory Stock review
Medication Request	Prescription	Medicine not available on site	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	9		Stockout of medicine on site	10	2	180	Regional DC to set up deliveries instead of hospitals
Diagnostic	Tools & Equipment	Patient misleading doctors with wrong symptom description	Issue may get worse	6		Miscommunication	2	9	108	Training
Diagnostic	Tools & Equipment	Diagnosis tools not available on site	Patient cannot receive immediate treatment	9		Inavailability of medical equipments	4	3	108	Inventory Stock review



# Road vs Straight-Line

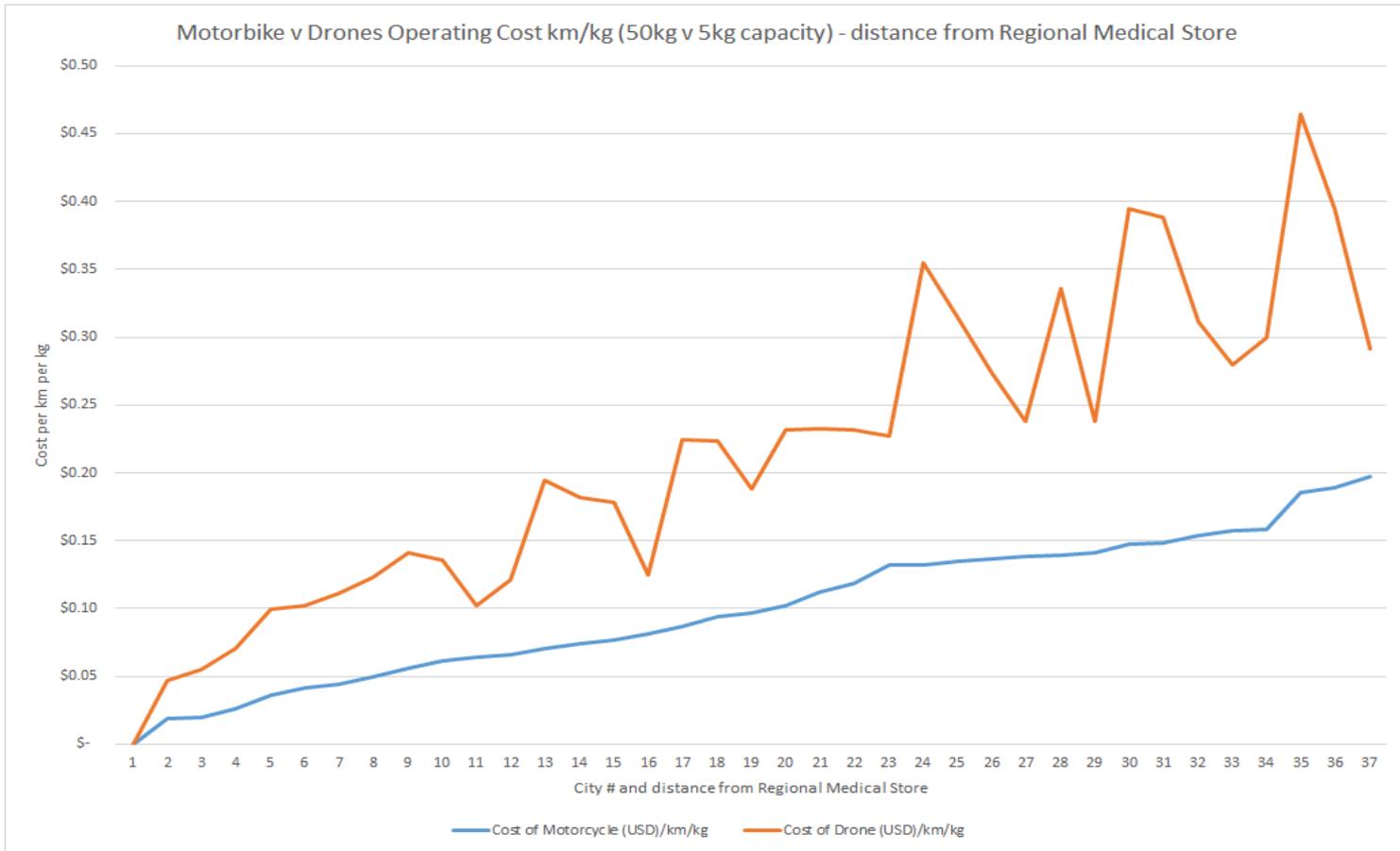
- Developed list of 37 town/cities in Upper East Ghana
- Measured straight-line and road distance from Capital
- Road distance x \$.828/km = Motorbike cost/km
- Straight-line x \$.024/km = Drone cost/km





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# Operating Costs/km/kg





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# Capacity and Maintenance



	<i>Motorcycles</i>	<i>Drones</i>
<b>Constraint 1 (Motorbike = kph, Drone= battery)</b>	50	100
<b>Average Distance Traveled (km)</b>	60.24324324	44.65083784
<b>Trips/ Hour</b>	0.829968596	2.239599632
<b>Work Day (hrs)</b>	14	14
<b>Jobs per day (before charging/ refueling)</b>	11.61956034	31.35439485
<b>Average Distance Traveled (km)</b>	36.40694444	28.44152778
<b>Average Distance Per Day (km)</b>	423.0326878	891.7668921
<b>Constraint 2 (Motorbike = fuel tank, Drone = speed)</b>	300	150
<b>Stops per Day</b>	1.410108959	5.945112614
<b>Charging/ Refueling Time (hrs)</b>	0.15	1
<b>Stoppage Time (hrs)</b>	0.211516344	5.945112614
<b>Actual Hrs per Day</b>	13.78848366	8.054887386
<b>*Actual Trips per day</b>	11.44400842	18.03972283
<b>*Actual Distance Per Day</b>	416.6413787	513.0772779

	<i>Motorcycles</i>	<i>Drones</i>
<b>Initial Cost</b>	\$ 1,500.000	\$ 3,500.00
<b>Operator Salary (\$)/ month</b>	\$ 130.000	\$ 207.00
<b>Tire Maintenance/ Km</b>	\$ 0.027	\$ -
<b>Engine Maintenance/ Km</b>	\$ 0.032	\$ -
<b>Drone Maintenance/ year</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Insurance Cost (.5%)/ year</b>	\$ 75.000	\$ 175.00
<b>Average Distance Traveled</b>	60.24324324	44.65083784
<b>Trips per day</b>	8	18.03972283
<b>Distance Per Day</b>	300	513.0772779
<b>Days per year (5 day work week + holidays)</b>	251	251
<b>Drone Maintenance</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Tire Maintenance/ year</b>	\$ 2,048.16	
<b>Engine Maintenance/ year</b>	\$ 2,409.60	
<b>Operator per year</b>	\$ 1,560.000	\$ 2,484.00
<b>Insurance Cost (5%)/ year</b>	\$ 75.000	\$ 175.00
<b>Cost of maintenance + insurance/ year</b>	\$ 6,092.76	\$ 3,659.00



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# Design



# Potential Solutions

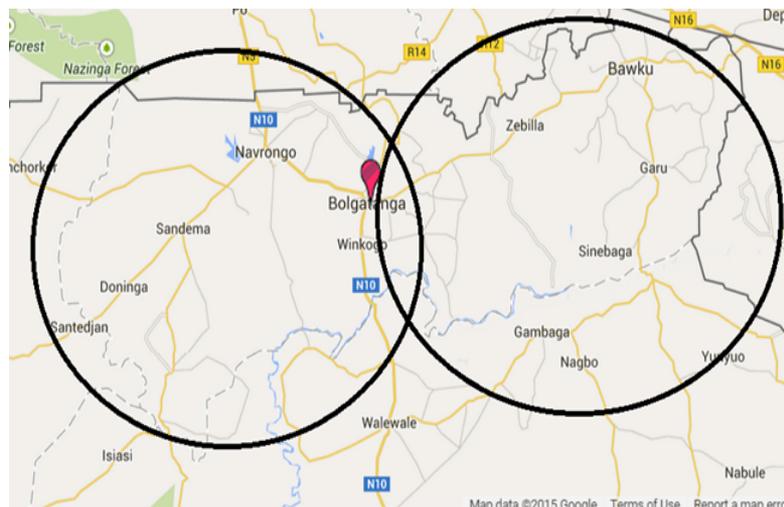
- Logistics Decision Making:
  - Regional DC control to set-up delivery (presently controlled by hospitals)
- Medicine/Vaccine Procurement
  - Regional DC control (unless emergency) (presently controlled by hospitals)
- Inventory Stock Review and Delivery Plan
  - Handle on a Weekly basis
- FIFO Inventory system



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# Potential Solutions

- 3 drones for Upper East Ghana
  - 2 drones (1 Eastern/1 Western Sector) for shipments 10kg or less (non-emergency)
  - 1 drone to cover emergencies throughout Upper East Ghana





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# **Validate**



# Current State VS Future State



- Monitor operating/maintenance costs for reductions
  - Maintenance = 50% decrease expected
  - Cost/Shipment - As drones have lower operating costs and wear & tear, cost/shipment should decrease
- Current system metrics (e.g. overstocking/understocking costs, overstocking rates, Malaria deaths, unavailability of contraceptive, unwanted pregnancies) should all decrease
- Track hospitals that need emergency deliveries the most, and develop “heat map” to route drones
- Prove “cold chain” has expanded = 100% of hospitals



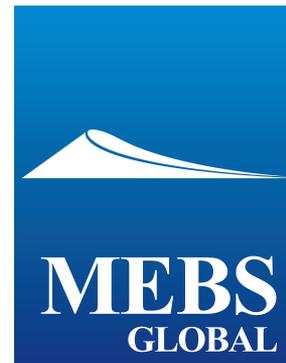
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# Voice of Customers



- On time delivery of medicine to hospital
- Avoid stock out of necessary items
- Reduce liability of hospitals
- Sustainability of program

- Reduce high death rates associated with Malaria
- Reduce high occurrences of unwanted pregnancies
- Improve reliability of transport
- Reduce transit times
- Reduce spoilage of essential medications due to overstocking (and its associated costs)
- Expand cold-chain capabilities with JIT delivery services





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# Q&A

