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Interoperability: Health and Supply Chain information systems to achieve maximum impact

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Value Statement

- **Value 1: Improve Health Outcomes**
- **Value 2: Improve Operating Efficiency**



Common Interoperability Use-cases

- Categories of Systems
 - Supply Chain (LMIS, ERP/WMS, etc)
 - Clinical Systems (EMR, hospital, mobile, etc)

- What do we want to know?
 - Where is it all? Is it where it needs to be?
 - Does everyone have enough?
 - Am I oversupplying some? Can I run leaner?
 - Does everyone know what's on the way and when they'll get it?



How do we get there?

- Why Standards?
 - Form the foundation and make it easier to build. (example: web browser)
 - So too we can make it easier to build at the intersection of health and supply chain.
- Where can standards help?
 - Locations (Where is there supply? Where is there demand?)
 - Products (Which Items? What Lots? What Commodities?)
 - Stock (How much is on hand? What has been consumed?)
 - For data quality and efficiency? (Barcodes that can be read by anyone)



Capabilities

- Locations are the same in all your systems
- Items and Commodities are the same in all systems
- Systems are able to communicate, across firewalls (organizations, networks, etc)
- The canonical definition of any entity (Location, Item, etc) is done in one place, and shared widely.



Tanzania Experience

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Leading Examples:

Immunization Program – IVD

- Barcode functionality enable in VIMS (OpenLMIS)
- Data capturing automated
 - Product identification
 - Expiry date
- Attracted more integration with other systems

Medical Stored Department – MSD

- Fully Barcoded for internal operations

A holistic approach as a Country

- Work to bolster awareness and begin to align stakeholders
- Advocate building a product registry that's GS1 compliant
- Drawing experiences from immunization team and MSD.



Where to start (TZ)

- Alignment
 - Buy-in
 - Governance and Master Data
 - Facility Registry
 - Product Registry
- Regulatory change
- MIS change



Milestones on the way

- Buy-in and regulation/policies support
- Systems support
- Items in country with labels that any machine can read
- Connecting to global standards



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It's a long road





Where is this going to happen?

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OpenHIE Supply Chain sub-community

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Conclusion

- Values
- Standards
- How to get there and milestones
- It's a long road
- Get involved!



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