



Regional System Design workshop e/mHealth systems in Uganda

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Presentation Outline

- Overview of eHealth in Uganda
- Developing Policy Guidelines (Group Work)

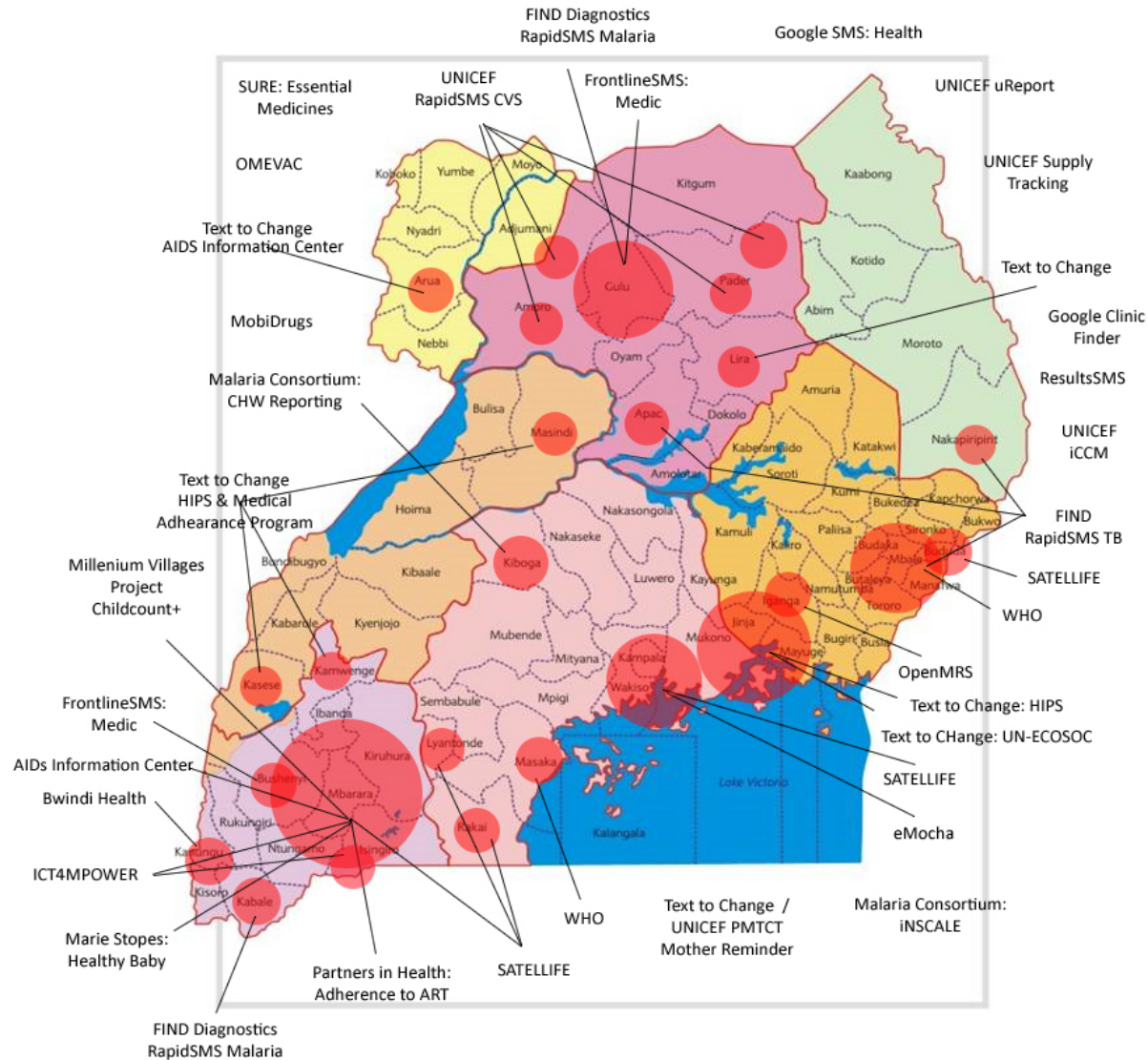


Background



- While technology plays a significant role in Universal Health Care, it has been observed that there exists a large number of eHealth projects/initiatives across the country that:
 - Are not harmonised, and remain at pilot stage
 - Contain significant duplication of work
 - Require significant, often unplanned resources for national scale and subsequent support
 - Have high recurrent costs, threatening long term sustainability

Active or planned eHealth pilots





HIS Framework



At the Ministry of Health, there was no formally approved guiding framework for Health Information Systems or centralized approval system for eHealth systems

- It was therefore necessary to put in place an enabling environment guided by a clear eHealth Policy and Strategic Plan
- MoH eHealth TWG was therefore formed to steer the process

Composition of E-Health TWG

- Development Partners (WHO, USG, UNICEF)
- Ministry of ICT
- National IT Authority of Uganda (NITA-U)
- National Medical Stores (NMS),
- Medicines & Health Service Delivery Monitoring Unit
- Representative of the Faith-based Medical Bureaus
- Hospital Director from Hoima RRH
- District Health Officer from Luwero
- Technical Programs of MoH
- MoH Resource Centre



E-Health Consultants



Consultants have been recruited to facilitate the process and support the eHealth TWG:

- MoH has recruited two short term consultants with support from WHO
- In addition, we hope to recruit a long term consultant with support from UNICEF



Group Activity - 1



- If you were the eHealth Consultants in Uganda, what would you advise the MOH on eHealth policy. Please recommend guiding principles in the following areas:



Group Activity



- Governance
- Interoperability model
- Policy framework to enable innovation while maintaining coordination
- eHealth tool evaluation criteria
- Cost model and sustainability
- System and data hosting policy
- Access to government data

