







Learn how to geo-enable health information systems and programmes

Join us for a bi-weekly web-series starting 19 June 2024

Demonstrate the potential of geospatial data and technologies in public health

Introduce HIS geo-enabling framework and its implementation in countries

Provide knowledge and resources to implement the HIS geo-enabling framework



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Ongoing registration

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6 Modules of around 2 hours each

Certificates provided on completion by UNICEF & MORU

# **Workshop Objectives**

Disseminate operational guidance materials that can assist countries in implementing the geo-enablement process for health programs in general and the development and implementation of micro plans in particular

### More specifically:

- Demonstrate the potential of geospatial data and technologies in public health
- Introduce the HIS geo-enabling framework and its implementation in countries
- Transfer knowledge, expertise and resources that will allow participants to implement the HIS geo-enabling framework in their respective country
- At the end of this workshop, it is expected that the participants will have a better understanding of what geospatial data and technologies can bring to public health programs and how to geo-enable their health information system in a sustainable way to benefit from this type of data and technologies
- This is not a GIS training











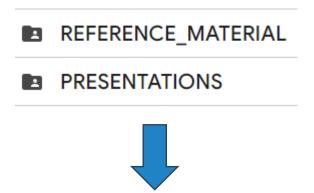


# **Workshop material**









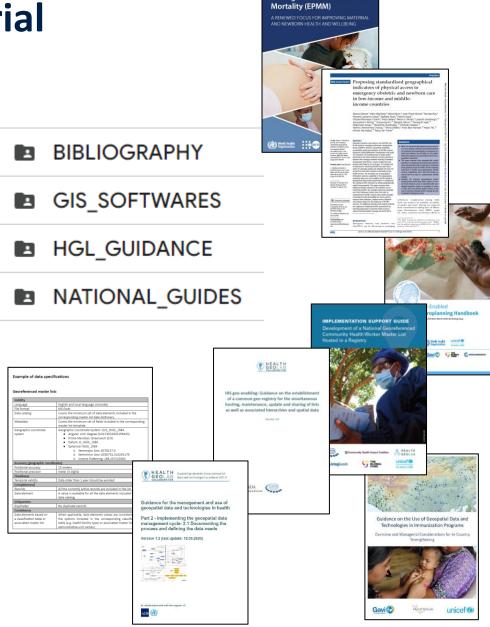
Geo-enabling the Health Information
System, programs or interventions
training workshop for Asia Pacific

Session 1: The geographic dimension and the
potential of geospatial data and technologies in
public health

Glossary of terms: <a href="https://bit.ly/37Wje0v">https://bit.ly/37Wje0v</a>

Recording module 1: <a href="https://youtu.be/kyLvtGKA27Q">https://youtu.be/kyLvtGKA27Q</a>

Recording module 2: <a href="https://youtu.be/oqOC8064buE">https://youtu.be/oqOC8064buE</a>







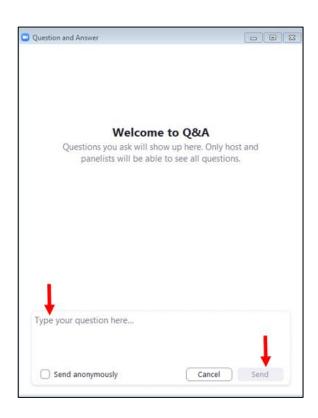








# Questions and knowledge sharing during the modules?



Please post your questions in the Zoom Q&A (not the chat)



System, programs or interventions training workshop Questions from participants steeve.ebener@gmail.com Switch account Your full name Your country Module to which the question refers to

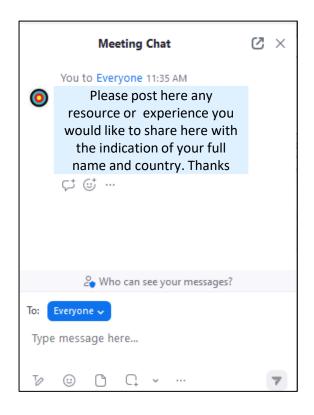
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Geo-enabling the Health Information

You can also ask questions using this short Google form (between modules for example)



We will answer them as much as possible during the modules



You can share any resource or experience you see relevant to the participants in the chat

We will also be using the chat to share information







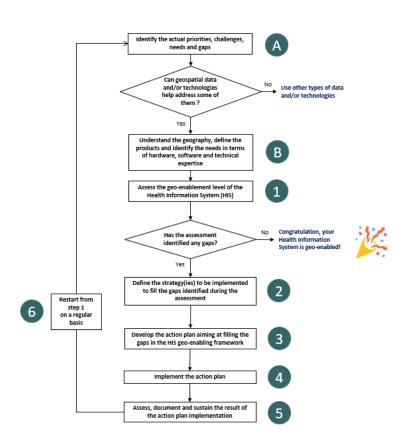




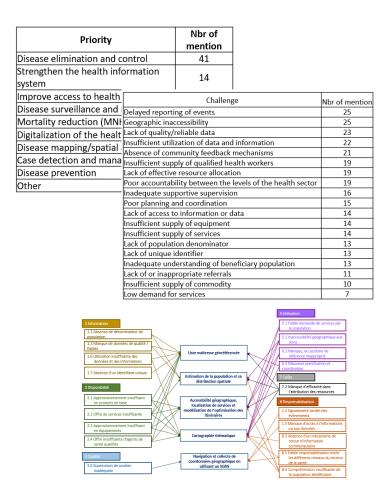




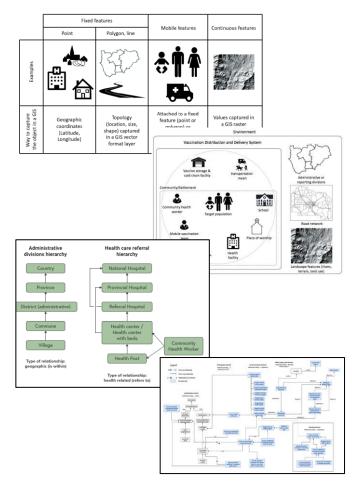
# **Recap of Module 2**



In-country implementation of the HIS geo-enabling framework



Result of the HIS geoenablement level assessment (priorities and challenges)



Understand the geography of the program or intervention













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Module 3













# **Schedule - Module 3**

- 15 min Recap of Module 2 and agenda of Module 3
- 30 min Session 7: Result of the geographic features identification performed by the participants
- 30 min Session 8: Define the purpose, audience, content and format of the final products
- 15 min Session 9: Identify needed hardware, software and technical expertise
- 20 min Session 10: Assess the geo-enablement level of the HIS, program or intervention
- 30 min **Session 11**: Result of the HIS geo-enablement level assessment for Asia and Pacific (9 elements of the HIS geo-enabling framework)



Products and assessment of the current HIS geo-enablement level in countries













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Session 7: Result of the geographic features identification performed by the participants













# **Understanding the geography – Geographic features**

	Fixed f	eatures	NA 1 11 6 .	
	Point	Polygon, line	Mobile features	Continuous features
Examples				
Way to capture the object in a GIS	Geographic coordinates (Latitude, Longitude)	Topology (location, size, shape) captured in a GIS vector format layer	Attached to a fixed feature (point or polygon) or geographic coordinate taken at a given time	Values captured in a GIS raster format layer





Geographic feature = Naturally and artificially-created features on the earth (e.g. house, road, health facility, river, etc.)













# Understanding the geography – Identifying the geographic features

1. Participants identifying geographic features (1 feature per post it, one color per program)



2. Participants placing the post its on a board (one color per program)





4. Post it rearranged by type of geographic feature





3. All the post it submitted by the participants



Defines the ecosystem and demonstrates that most geographic features are in common to all programs





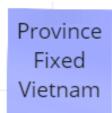






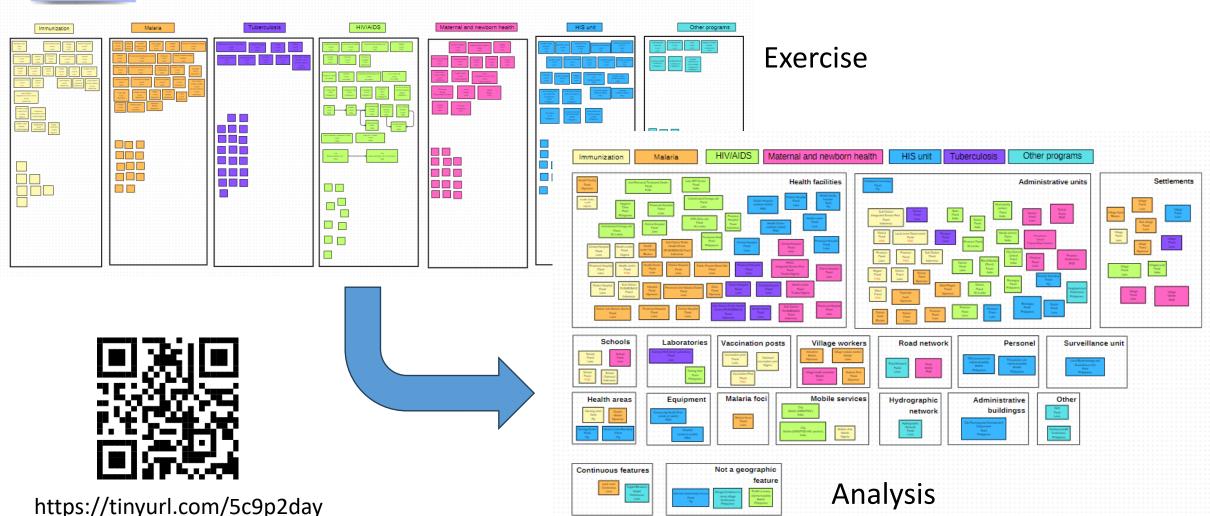






# **Identifying the geographic features - Exercise**

Identification of the geographic features core to each program















# Identifying the geographic features – Result of the exercise

	Fixed f	eatures	NA 1 11 6 .	
	Point	Polygon, line	Mobile features	Continuous features
Examples	<ul> <li>Health facilities</li> <li>Settlements</li> <li>Laboratories</li> <li>Schools</li> <li>Vaccination posts</li> <li>Surveillance units</li> <li>Malaria foci</li> <li>Administrative buildings</li> <li>Wells</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Administrative units</li> <li>Health areas</li> <li>Hydrographic network</li> <li>Road network</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Health personnel         Administrative         personnel         </li> <li>Mobile services</li> <li>Equipment</li> </ul>	Altitude (DEM)     Land cover
Way to capture the object in a GIS	Geographic coordinates (Latitude, Longitude)	Topology (location, size, shape) captured in a GIS vector format layer	Attached to a fixed feature (point or polygon) or geographic coordinate taken at a given time	Values captured in a GIS raster format layer

The geographic features for which you want to prioritize the establishment, maintenance and regular update of a master list















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Session 8: Define the purpose, audience, content and format of the final products









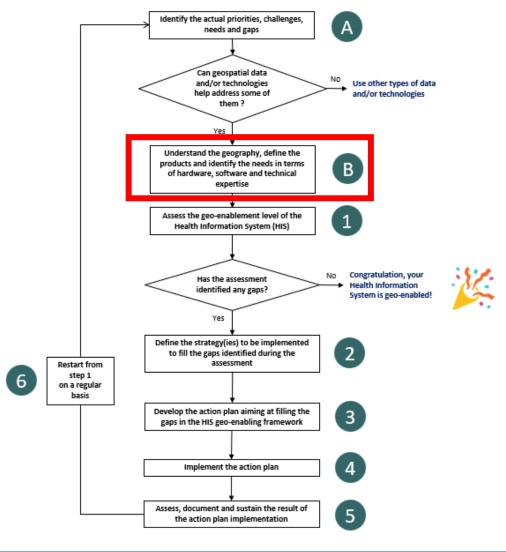




# HIS Geo-enabling framework implementation process

**Step B:** Understand the geography, define the products and identify the needs









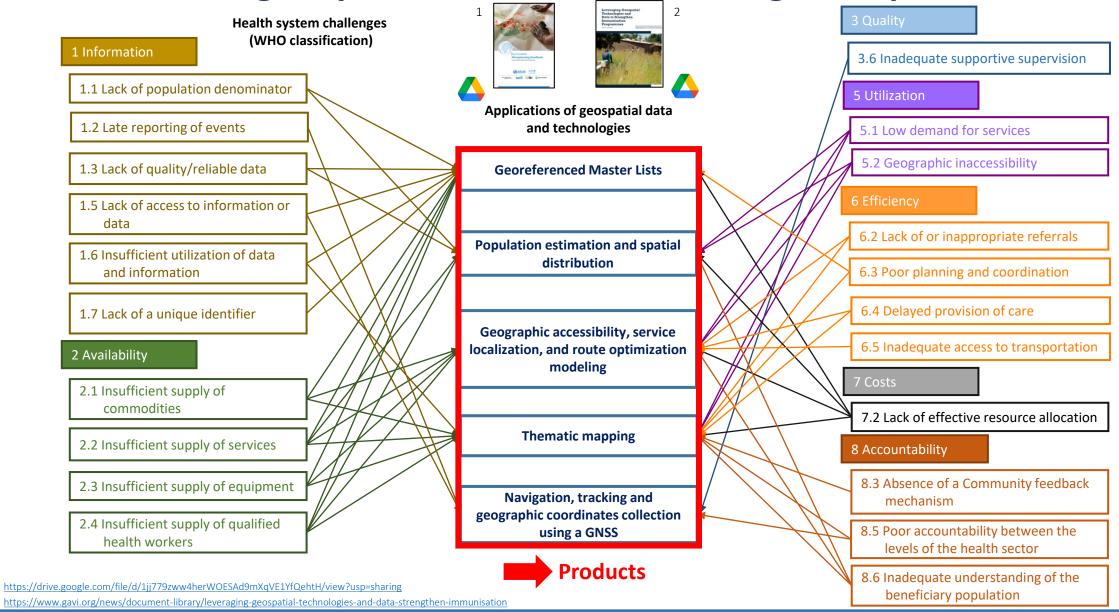








Potential of geospatial data and technologies in public health

















# Products purpose, audience, content and format

The following is to be defined for each product:

#### Purpose:

- What is the product going to be used for?
- What is/are the message/s that the product is meant to convey?
- When and where will the product be used?

#### Audience

- Who will be using the product?
- Is this product meant for internal use or for public consumption?
- Is the audience familiar with the topic covered by the product?

#### Content

- What data and/or information needs to be included in the product?
- Should the data and/or information be presented in a particular way?

#### Format (medium)

- How will the product reach the audience?
- Does the product need to be of a particular size?
- Is there a need for the the audience need to zoom on the map?













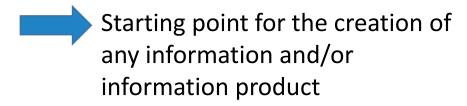
# **Georeferenced master list**

#### Purpose:

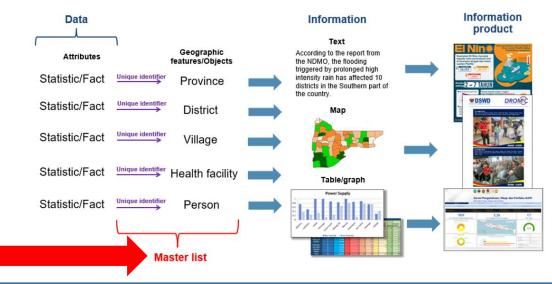
- Ensure data quality across the 6 dimensions of data quality and this for both statistical and spatial data
- Reduce duplication of efforts and therefore cost by maintaining only one list instead of several ones
- Support data interoperability and collaboration across partners as well as promote innovation and data use.
- Provide the denominator for the implementation of any programs or intervention

#### Audience:

All the stakeholders and this across levels (central to the lowest administrative level in the country)



















# **Georeferenced master list**

#### Content

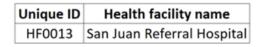
The information that allows to do the following for each of the records in the master list:

- Uniquely identify (unique identifier, name)
- Classify (type, ownership,...)
- Locate (address, administrative division, geographic coordinates)
- When it applies, contact (head name, phone number, email address,...)



- Data elements
- Data dictionary
- Classification tables (types, ownership)
- Coding scheme
- Naming convention





Health facility type	Owernship
Referral Hospital	Government

Address	Province code	Province Name	Latitude	Longitude
20, St Andreas Street	TLK01	Andustar	14.412830	121.033090

Head name	<b>Head position</b>	Phone number
Horm Mada	Director	+99 97 11477917



To be defined through a collaborative process involving all the stakeholders who will generate, manage and/or use the content of the master list



Session 13 for more details











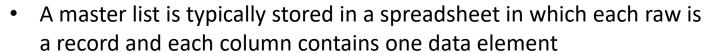




## **Georeferenced master list**

### Format (medium)

HF_ID	HF_NAME_EN	OP_NAME	HF_TYPE_EN	HF_OWN_	LAT	LONG
HF000062	Ywar Thar	2001-07-27	Sub Rural Health Center	Public (MOH)	16.8	96.15
HF002135	Zee Pin Hla	1998-03-27	Sub Rural Health Center	Public (MOH)	21.9769	96.0869
HF004754	Myo Thit	1972-04-29	Sub Rural Health Center	Public (MOH)	19.7475	96.115
HF003336	Ya Thit	1983-07-01	Sub Rural Health Center	Public (MOH)	16.8906	97.6333
HF003302	Let Wea	2005-06-17	Sub Rural Health Center	Public (MOH)	17.3433	96.4981
HF000008	Let Pan Taw	1934-06-15	Rural Health Center	Public (MOH)	12.4394	98.6003
HF002212	Mei Ni ma Kone	1969-06-06	Sub Rural Health Center	Public (MOH)	16.4847	97.6258

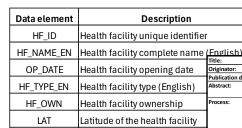


 Ideally accompanied by a summarized version of the data dictionary (data catalogue), including classification tables when applicable, as well as the metadata

Depending on internet connectivity and the need to use master lists in different information systems or applications, versions of the master list can be shared as a standalone spreadsheet file containing multiple worksheets (e.g. MS Excel), through a registry or a Common Geo-Registry (CGR)

In any case, these master lists should be hosted, maintained and regularly updated either in a set of registries (one geographic feature by registry) or a CGR

Session 19



Longitude of the health facility

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Fnølish)	Health Facility Master List for Tolkien Province	
Originator:	Department of Health (DOH)	
Publication date:	January 2025	
Abstract:	This dataset is the official master list of health facilities	
Abstract.	for Tolkien Province	
Process:	This dataset has been generated by combining different sources of information that are validated by the DOH. The geographic coordinates present different level of accuracy depending on the data collection method used	
Progress:	Ongoing (updated regularly)	
Access constraints:	The access to this data is limited to the participants attending the Introduction to geospatial data management and technologies for Malaria Programs training workshop.	
Use constraints:	The use of this data is limited to the participants attending the Introduction to geospatial data management and technologies for Malaria Programs training workshop.	
	This dataset is being distributed without warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied.	
Disclaimer:	The responsibility for the interpretation and use of the data lies with the user. In no event shall the Department of Health be liable for damages arising from its use.	
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Contact Fax Number:	NA	
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# Population estimation and spatial distribution

#### Purpose:

- Provide highly accurate, disaggregated information regarding the size and locations of the program or intervention's target populations
- Accurately and inclusively estimating remote, displaced or marginalized communities
- Capture population changes over time
  - Serve as both data inputs and data products depending on the program or intervention. Examples:
    - Population distribution at the individual or settlement level might be used as origins or destinations in models of geographic accessibility, service location or route optimization.
    - Population estimates at the individual or settlement level might be used for weighting and normalization, while population distribution may be used as origins.
    - Generate population denominators (total number and divided by age and sex)
    - Visualize population distribution, count, and density in thematic maps, including age and sex
    - Summarize and visualize population distribution, count, and density by health facility, administrative area or other catchment areas.

#### Audience

Any health program or intervention within the health sector and their partners













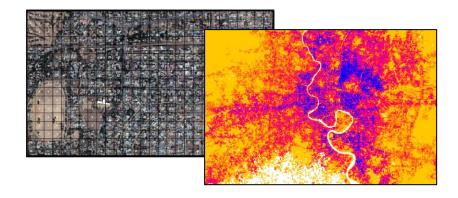


# Population estimation and spatial distribution

#### Content and format

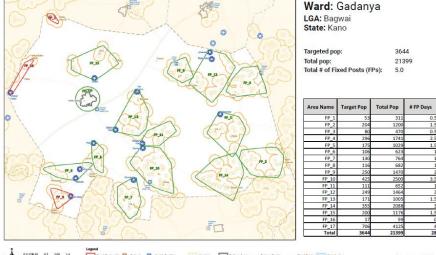
There are three types of population estimate and spatial distribution data products:

- **GIS layers** containing the spatial distribution of the target population (gridded raster format and vector layers).
- **Tables** containing the total or percentage of a target population for a selected level of disaggregation (e.g. administrative unit, health division, health or catchment area, travel time,...).
- Graphs and charts allow for easier data visualization or analysis (e.g. trend analysis)



Gridded raster format

















#### Purpose:

- Assess the coverage level of an existing health service delivery network, for example, measuring the percentage of population located within one hour of a type of health facility (accessibility analysis)
- Optimize the spatial distribution of services, including re-allocating personnel and resources (existing or planned)
- Measure potential improvements in population coverage from proposed interventions, such as adding service delivery points (scaling up)
- Estimate the shortest travel time between the different levels of the health service delivery network (referral)

#### Audience

- Any program or intervention willing to:
  - Estimate how geographically accessible specific services are to the population
  - Optimize the geographic distribution of services
  - Scale up the current health service delivery network to improve population coverage
  - Estimate referral travel time between health facilities



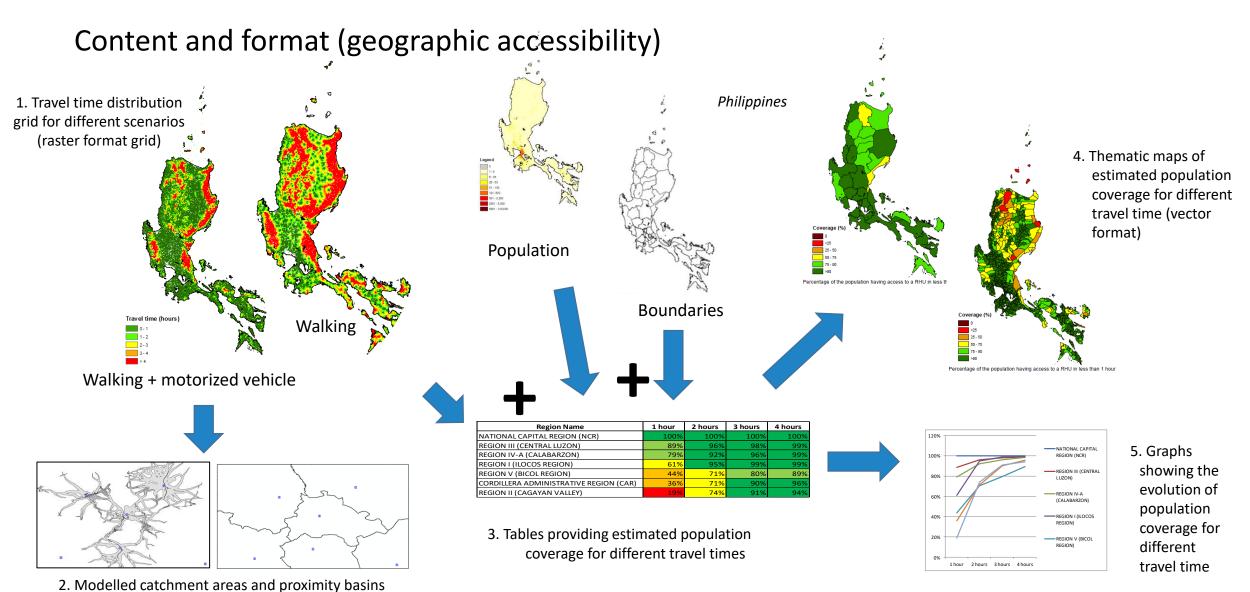
























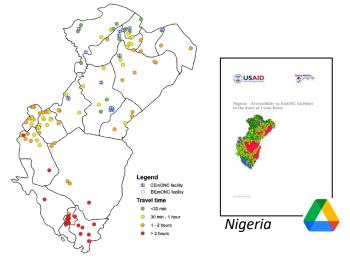
#### Content and format

#### Referral analysis

From health facility ID	From health facility name	To health facility ID	To health facility name	Distance (km)	Travel time (min)
1095	AWUKAM CLINIC	1097	BENSON CLINIC	2	1
1097	BENSON CLINIC	1117	EYO MEDICAL CENTER	32	21
1117	EYO MEDICAL CENTER	1097	BENSON CLINIC	32	23
1452	MATERNITY HOSP MONIAYA	1152	OMEGA CLINIC	31	24
1152	OMEGA CLINIC	1452	MATERNITY HOSP MONIAYA	31	26
1426	SACRED HEART HOSPITAL	1452	MATERNITY HOSP MONIAYA	57	51

1. Table containing the travel time and distance between the different levels of the health service delivery network

2. Maps showing the spatial distribution of travel time between different types of health facilities



Optimization

1. Maps showing the health service delivery network before and after the optimization exercise

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2. Table showing the change in population coverage obtained through the optimization

Before: 82.1%

After: 87.7%

PSGC	Province name	Accessibility coverage	Geographic coverage	Gain in accessibility coverage compare to the existing network	Gain in geographic coverage compare to the existing network
200000	Zamboanga del Norte	66.2%	63.0%	3.1%	3.2%
300000	Zamboanga del Sur	90.1%	84.5%	1.3%	5.3%
300000	Zamboanga Sibugay	85.7%	73.6%	0.7%	2.9%
300000	Bukidnon	87.9%	86.2%	1.4%	-0.1%
800000	Camiguin	99.7%	99.5%	0.3%	0.0%
500000	Lanao del Norte	81.0%	80.7%	0.8%	0.3%
200000	Misamis Occidental	84.9%	82.5%	1.3%	-0.4%
300000	Misamis Oriental	94.8%	93.4%	1.6%	0.4%
300000	Davao del Norte	96.2%	95.3%	0.6%	0.7%
400000	Davao del Sur	89.7%	83.5%	10.1%	12.3%
500000	Davao Oriental	79.4%	75.7%	3.4%	34.5%
200000	Compostela Valley	92.4%	89.4%	2.0%	14.6%
700000	Cotabato (North Cotabato)	85.2%	83.6%	1.0%	-1.0%
300000	South Cotabato	85.7%	85.2%	0.5%	-1.0%
500000	Sultan Kudarat	86.6%	82.9%	1.3%	8.8%
000000	Sarangani	65.3%	63.1%	1.7%	0.2%
800000	Cotabato City (not a province)	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
600000	Lanao del Sur	81.3%	79.8%	1.7%	0.2%
800000	Maguindanao	84.3%	83.2%	0.4%	-0.7%
200000	Agusan del Norte	90.4%	89.5%	0.7%	5.8%
300000	Agusan del Sur	68.2%	65.1%	0.9%	17.5%
700000	Surigao del Norte	97.2%	96.4%	0.6%	-1.1%
800000	Surigao del Sur	86.9%	83.4%	1.1%	27.3%
500000	Dinagat Islands	82.3%	81.3%	1.4%	0.0%
	Study area	85.5%	82.1%	2.1%	5.6%

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\_docs/pa00mdwb.pdf

http://www.healthgeolab.net/KNOW\_REP/PHL\_MCP\_Mindanao\_report\_201013.pdf













### Content and format (scaling up)

1. Table containing the population coverage estimate for the different scaling up scenarios that have been tested

Geographical Geographical scaling-up Province name scenario (%) 0.0 81.0 79.6 56.0 Bokeo 0.0 44.5 96.8 98.8 Bolikhamxai 22.3 95.6 98.5 Champasak Houaphan 9.9 70.5 78.8 Khammouan 22.0 98.1 99.7 Louang-Namtha 0.0 68.8 74.4 Louangphabang 0.3 76.4 83.5 58.9 Oudomxai 71.9 Phongsali 31.0 76.2 89.5 6.9 96.1 99.5 Salavan Savannakhet 11.4 97.6 99.6 0.0 87.7 94.1 Xekong 48.2 93.9 98.5 Vientiane Vientiane Capital 99.2 100.0 100.0

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National

Xiangkhouang

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▶ Scenario 1: expanding the existing network of EmONC facilities (18 facilities) to 83 facilities per the national EmONC improvement plan and the staffing capacity of these facilities to be able to service all births for households located within 2 hours of travel time.



➤ Scenario 2: establishing an MWH near each of the existing 18 EmONC facilities and modelling the capacity that would be required to accommodate all women living between 2 and 6 hours of travel time from these facilities to access these homes prior to giving birth.

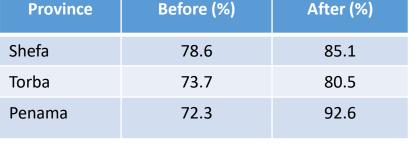


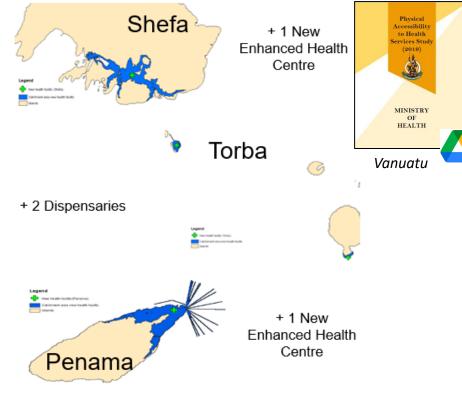
2. Maps presenting the spatial distribution of the health facilities for the different scenarios

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# **Route optimization**

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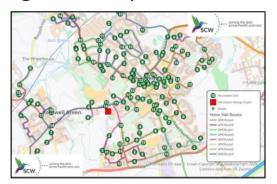
- Identify the most effective routes for routine operations along a transportation network, for instance transporting vaccines between warehouses and vaccination sites.
- Optimize the placement of resources along a new service delivery network established to respond to an emergency or to implement a new program (e.g. warehouses, cold chain facilities)

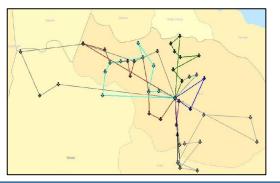
#### Audience

- Any program or intervention willing to:
  - Identify the most effective routes for routine operations
  - Optimize the placement of resources along a new service delivery network

#### Content and format

- Map presenting the optimized (most effective) route along the transportation network
- Table listing each stop and the travel time between them along the optimized route





Start-time: 08:30:00					
#	ID	Name	address	arrival-time	
1	Stop141	Wood Cafe	28 Ty-fry	08:30:58	
2	Stop94	Fox Fruit	35 Pettycr	09:58:29	
3	Stop128	Green N	89 Marsh	10:44:43	
4	Stop122	Evans Fa	33 Claudi	11:11:57	
5	Stop50	White Mo	22 St Ald	11:23:06	
6	Stop9	Davies L	68 Elmle	11:35:58	
7	Stop80	James H	60 Villag	12:10:28	
8	Stop52	Shaw Fru	63 Chard	12:29:33	
9	Stop60	Robertso	55 High	12:56:35	
10	Stop16	Robertso	4 Bakers	13:27:23	
11	Stop40	Kennedy	2 Greenfi	14:16:29	
12	Stop46	Evans An	27 Clos	15:46:48	













# Thematic mapping

#### Purpose:

 Convey information about topics or themes in visual form (e.g. visualize the spatial distribution of a target population or available health services)



Use in almost all the other applications

#### **Audience**

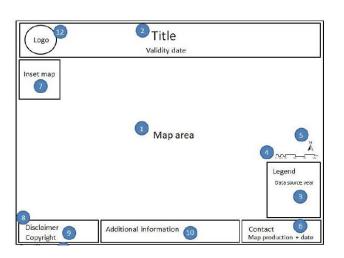
 Any health program or intervention within the health sector and their partners

#### Content

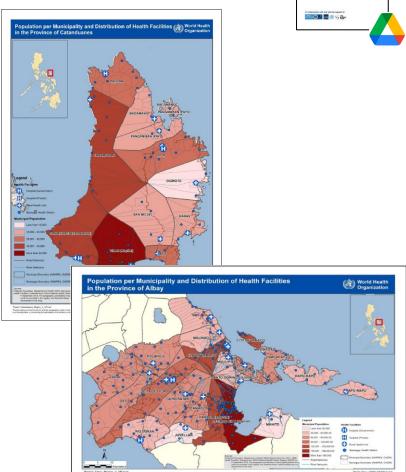
 Geospatial and statistical data and other information useful to the map users



Ideally organized according to a predefined template







1 http://www.healthgeolab.net/DOCUMENTS/Guide HGLC Part2 6 1.pdf







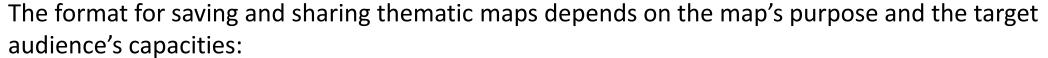






# Thematic mapping

### Format (medium)



- <u>Paper</u>: A printed version of the map is useful when devices or onternet access are not available to view a digital version, such as during fieldwork, or when it is more practical for teams to discuss a large-size map on a wall or table.
- <u>Digital</u>: Digital files are useful for sharing and saving thematic maps. PDF is the preferred file format for digital thematic maps, as the format enables any vector data on the maps to retain clarity and detail while zooming in or out, and because the files are often easier to print. Teams may also wish to export JPEG files of thematic maps for use in reports or sharing on social media.
- Web-based: Depending on technology used and access, dynamic versions of thematic maps
  can be shared in the form of webmaps. These webmaps may exist as standalone products or
  a dashboard component. Webmaps can be designed to allow users to turn layers on and off,
  change symbology colours and edit map data. They can also allow users to easily select and
  view particular districts or catchment areas within a larger map.













# Thematic mapping

# Purpose, content and audience to support microplanning

Phase in the generic microplanning	Thematic map purpose	Thematic	c map Content	Thematic
process		Geospatial data	Statistical data and information	map audience
Determine target population and its current service coverage	Support the identification of target population's spatial distribution, including high-risk groups and individuals	a. Spatial distribution of the target population b. Boundaries of administrative units c. Service delivery points d. Catchment areas e. Transportation network f. Barniers to movement (e.g. rivers) g. Difficult-to-access areas	a. Recent target population statistics down to the subnational level appropriate for microplanning b. Target population by catchment area c. Percentage of uncovered target population down to the subnational level appropriate for microplanning d. Unique identifier and/or name of the service delivery point	Planners, programme managers and major stakeholders
2. Estimate the service delivery requirements 3. Plan for commodities and equipment storage	Suport the estimation of the volume of service required to cover the target population	a. Spatial distribution of the target population b. Boundaries of administrative units c. Service delivery points and other infrastructures (e.g. warehouse, cold chain storage, waste disposal sites, etc.) d. Catchment areas e. Transportation network	a. Target population by catchment area or service delivery point delivery b. Capacity of each service delivery point and other infrastructures	
4. Identify and manage human resources	Provide a visual representation of the spatial distribution of existing human resources	a . Service delivery point b . Boundaries of administrative units c . Catchment areas d . Road network	Number of staff by type at the service delivery point	
5. Plan service delivery	Support service delivery through implementing the microplan	a . Spatial distribution of the target population b. Boundaries of administrative units c. Service delivery points and other infrastructures (e.g. warehouse, cold chain storage, waste disposal sites) d. Catchment areas e . Transportation network f. Barriers to movement (e.g. rivers) g. Area at risk (security, natural hazard)	a. Target population by catchment area or service delivery point delivery b. Capacity of each service delivery point and other infrastructures c. Travel time/distance between storage facility and service delivery point and/ or between fixed and outreach service delivery points	

6. Generate demand and ensure communications	Generate demand and ensure communications	a. Boundaries of administrative units     b. Service delivery points     c. Catchment area	a. Target population by a dministrative unit or catchment area     b. Disease incidence	Communities, influencers and stakeholders
7. Support and monitor implementation	Ensure an effective microplan implementation	a. Boundaries of administrative units b. Location of the service delivery points c. Catchment areas d. Extent of the area of responsibility e. Road network f. Points of interest	a. Target population by catchment area or service delivery point delivery     b. Travel time/distance between fixed and outreach service delivery points	Microplan implementers in the field (district/health facility teams)
		a. Boundaries of administrative units     b. Service delivery points     c. Extent of the area of responsibility	Percentage of program implementation (coverage) by implementation unit	Planners, programme managers and major stakeholders
8. Re-evaluate the microplan	Support the re- evaluation of the microplan	Use of all the maps created for phases 1 to 7	Number of staff by type at the service delivery point	



Large number of different thematic maps possible for just one kind of intervention















# Navigation, tracking and geographic coordinates collection using a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)

		Navigation		Tracking		Geographic coordinates collection
Purpose	•	Reach a given location using the most effective path	•	Remotely monitor in near real time the exact location of assets, vehicles, or people, providing up-to-date information for informed decision-making Identify gaps in service delivery (e.g. vaccination)	•	Collect the accurate location of geographic features for use in a GIS software or for navigation
Audience	•	Any program needing to navigate to specific locations for the implementation of an intervention (service delivery, emergency response,)	•	Any program needing to visually monitor the locations visited during field data collection as well as mobile service or commodities delivery	•	Any program needing the accurate location of specific geographic features Entity in charge of the maintenance of a point type geographic feature master list (e.g. health facilities)
Content	•	Map containing the current location of the person/vehicle, the location of the place to reach and the path to reach it depending on the transportation media overlayed on a basemap	•	Geographic coordinates (latitude/longitude) of the asset captured at a regular time interval overlayed on a basemap (e.g. satellite imagery) or program specific spatial data (e.g. location of the households to be visited)	•	Geographic coordinates (latitude/longitude)
Format	•	Offline or online navigation app	•	Table containing the geographic coordinates captured during tracking Static or dynamic map showing the track of the monitored asset	•	Table containing the geographic coordinates, ideally with the unique identifier and name of the geographic feature coming from the corresponding master list as well as the indication of the data collection method that has been used





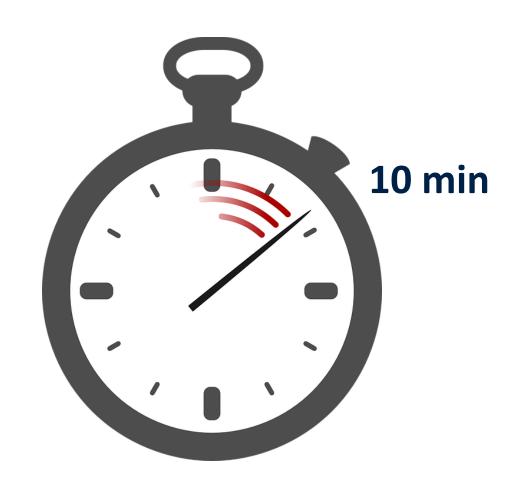








# **Short break**















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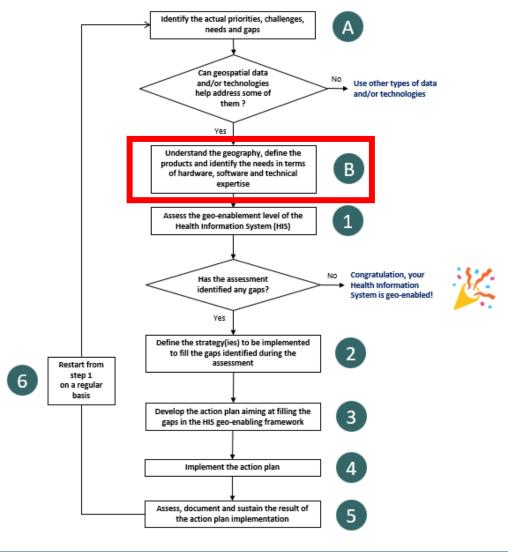




# HIS Geo-enabling framework implementation process

Step B: Identify needed hardware, software and technical expertise

















# Hardware and software

The decision on acquiring specific equipment (hardware and software) will depend on the products to be generated and be influenced by the context and availability of resources



#### Hardware

- <u>Laptop or desktop computer</u>: Computers should be powerful enough to run selected GIS software programs. The choice between laptop or desktop depends on use and context. When opting for a laptop, it may be helpful to have an external keyboard, mouse and screen.
- Monitor (large-size or dual screen): While not mandatory, a large-size monitor (above 21 inches/50 centimetres) or dual monitor setup can improve efficiency and map visibility for teams.
- <u>External hard drive</u>: Hard drives safely back up GIS data files and store large-size files not accessible through the Internet.
- Online workspace: An online workspace, such as Google Drive or Dropbox, is useful when working collaboratively, especially in the absence of an internal private network.
- <u>Internet access</u>: A stable broadband Internet connection is required to access online workspaces, registries or Common Geo-registry and online resources, as well as to display and share collected data and thematic maps such as webmaps or basemaps (e.g satellite imagery).
- <u>Printer or plotter</u>: Small printers are useful across all applications, while large printers or plotters are particularly beneficial for producing large thematic maps. In addition to purchasing printers, consider renting a printer or printing maps at a print shop.
- GNSS-enabled devices: These devices are used to navigate, track and collect geographic coordinates in the field













# Hardware and software

	Georeferenced master lists	Population estimates and spatial distribution	Geographic accessibility, service location and route optimization models	Thematic maps						
	Hardware									
GNSS-enabled device (handled device, tablet or smartphone with GNSS receiver)	To collect geographic coordinates in the field if needed	NA	NA	NA						
Laptop or desktop computer	To perform the operations linked to each specific application (visualize, edit, analyse, model, generate products)									
Large size screen or dual screen setting	To perform the operations linked to each specific application more comfortably									
Small size printer	To generate small size paper copies of the generated products									
Large size printer or plotter	NA	NA	NA	To print large size maps						
External hard drive	To safeguard the work done on the computer or collecting large size files that are not accessible through the internet									
Online workspace	To work collaboratively on the application when needed									
Internet connection	To access the online workspace, the geo- registry or data	To access online data or resources used to estimate and/or spatially distributed population	To access online data or resources to implement the model	To access online basemaps and/or share dynamic thematic maps online						



#### Annex H: Hardware and software technical specifications

GNSS-enabled devices: While handheld global navigation satellite system (GNSS)-enabled devices (e.g. Garmin devices) are still used in some contexts, tablets and smartphones equipped with a GNSS receiver have become the primary tools for collecting geographic coordinates in the field. GNSS devices do not require Internet connection to function. GNSS-enabled smartphones are generally cheaper and more user friendly than other GNSS handheld devices, and can be used for other purposes, such as collecting additional data and for calls or SMS messaging.

As the quality of a GNSS receiver can vary from one tablet/smartphone to another, it is important that the data collectors use the same device (brand and model). Data collectors should also check that the GNSS receiver is  $functioning\ properly\ by\ collecting\ a\ set\ of\ geographic\ coordinates\ near\ an\ easily\ recognisable\ landmark,\ and$ verifying if the coordinates match those shown on satellite imagery (e.g. in Google Maps)[12].

#### Ensure that the application used on the tablet/smartphone can:

- be set according to defined data specifications
- provide coordinate readings with at least five digits after the decimal point
- o display the number of received satellite signals
- show the instrumental horizontal accuracy [12].

#### Additional considerations for GNS S-enabled devices:

- accessibility: tablets tend to be more accessible to use for individuals with visual impairment and with touchscreen registration
- o cameras: it is recommended for tablets or smartphones to be equipped with a 5-megapixel camera, especially if data collection will involve barcoding or scanning of QR codes for vaccine lot numbers.

<u>Laptop or desktop computer</u>: The choice between the two options depends mainly on use and context. For example, a laptop may be appropriate if there is a need to move around with the computer or if frequent power outages are an issue. It is important to ensure that the selected computer meets the minimum specifications recommended for the software programmes that will be used, particularly for the GIS programmes.

#### Additional considerations for computer usage include the following.

- if planning to use laptops outdoors and in inclement weather, consider devices that have a bright screen or are dust- and water-proof
- o desktops should allow an attached uninterruptible power supply unit, to enable continued work during power outages
- when choosing a laptop, it may be helpful to have an external keyboard, mouse and screen/monitor.

Large-size monitor or dual monitor set up: While not mandatory, the use of a large-size computer monitor (above 21 inches/53 centimetres) or dual monitor set-up can significantly improve efficiency and visibility for team discussions. Large monitors or dual monitor setups are especially helpful when working on multiple programmes in parallel, or when dealing with large datasets and master lists.

Printer or plotter: While small printers (A4/A3) are useful across all applications, large printers or plotters (A2 to A0) are beneficial when there is a need to print large-size thematic maps. Plotters create drawings using pens (output similar to that of a vector graphic), while printers print text and images (output format in the form of pixels). Colour inkjet printers are generally preferred over plotters as they are cheaper and faster. In addition to purchasing printers, consider renting a printer or printing maps at a print shop. Print shops are particularly economical in the case of plotters, which may only be needed occasionally. If bringing or purchasing printers, it is important to consider what types of ink and paper are easiest to find locally.

External hard drive: The microplanning process can generate a significant volume of computer files, which should be safeguarded in an external hard drive to protect from a computer crash or corruption. In addition, an external drive allows for easy transfer of large data files from one computer to another. When possible, consider having an additional external drive to perform a double backup. Drives should provide 1TB of storage capacity and USB 2.0 transfer rates at a minimum.















# Hardware and software

#### Software

- Desktop GIS software: While a variety of desktop GIS software exist, QGIS (open source) and ArcMap or ArcGIS Pro (proprietary) are the most commonly used.
- Online GIS solutions: Online GIS solutions such as ArcGIS Online (proprietary) or GeoNode (open source) can
  provide much of the same core functionality as desktop GIS software but are usually offering fewer extra
  features.
- Online mapping tools: These mapping tools are different from online GIS solutions, have a more limited analytical capabilities, and are primarily used to generate and share online thematic maps (e.g. Google Map).
- <u>GIS extensions and external tools</u>: Some processes may require the use of GIS extensions, which provide additional functions or tools.
- Registry: An IT solution that allows storing, managing, validating, updating and sharing the master list and associated geospatial data for a specific geographic object.
- <u>Common Geo-Registry (CGR)</u>: A geo-registry is an IT solution that allows for the simultaneous hosting, management, updating and sharing of all master lists, geospatial data and associated hierarchies. This king of IT solutions ensures that all stakeholders across sectors use and maintain the same geography over time.
- <u>Field data collection app</u>: These apps help collect data during field visits, such as geographic coordinates or population statistics.
- <u>Spreadsheet software</u>: Spreadsheets manage data and information in tabular form and can generate tables and graphs to support different data products.













#### Hardware and software

	Georeferenced master lists	Population estimates and spatial distribution	Geographic accessibility, service location and route optimization models	Thematic maps
		Software		
Desktop GIS programme	To visualize and edit the geometry of the geographic objects stored in the lists	To perform the analysis or implement the model	To generate the thematic maps	To print large size maps
Online GIS programme or thematic mapping tools	NA	NA	NA	To develop and share dynamic versions of the thematic maps
GIS-based extension or stand alone tools	NA	To perform the analysis or implement the model in case not readily available in the desktop GIS software		To generate a high volume of thematic maps if the functionality is not readily available in the desktop GIS software
Geo-registry and common geo-registry	To host, maintain, regularly update and share the master lists as well as associated hierarchies and geospatial data	NA	NA	NA
Spreadsheet software	To work on the master lists outside a geo-registry (e.g. cleaning of data collected in the field before upload)	To generate tables and graphs presenting the result of the application		To prepare the business data or information to be included on the thematic map
Field data collection app	To collect data in the field including geographic coordinates to improve the quality of the master list content	To collect population related statistics in the field	To collect information allowing to calibrate the model	NA



Desktop GIS software programs: While a variety of desktop GIS software programs are available on the market, the most commonly used are QGIS (open-source) and ArcMap (proprietary). Software choice should be driven by functionality, and by the technical and financial context. This assessment should take into consideration the capacities of the organization leading the microplan development and those of a health information system that may be integrated. When considering programs, it is important to note the following:

- o while geospatial data can easily be used in any GIS software program, the software project files used by various GIS programs are not interchangeable. For example, a QGIS .qgs project file can not be opened in ArcGIS, and QGIS cannot open an ArcGIS Pro aprx file. However, both systems are generally able to use the same data type inputs and data type outputs
- o some GIS software programs, such as ArcGIS Desktop, are part of an ecosystem of geo-enabled solutions that allow data to easily pass from desktop to mobile to online mapping solutions.

Some private companies have established specific programs that allow public health institutions to access their technology free of charge over a given time period or at a highly discounted price. Depending on the context, it may be appropriate to use a combination of proprietary and open-source software (e.g. proprietary at the national level and open-source at the subnational level).



For a catalogue of relevant GIS applications that have been vetted for digital maturity-based licence, open-source, flexibility, and adaptability, please consult the Digital Square Digital Public Goods

Online GIS programs: While not as fast or offering as many features as desktop GIS programs, online GIS programs such as ArcGIS Online (proprietary) or GeoNode (open-source) can provide much of the same core functionality, including editing, spatial analysis, model application and thematic map creation. Online GIS programs can also provide a convenient bridge between the desktop and mobile working environments. These online GIS programs are either deployed on the cloud or on a local server, each of them coming with a cost.

GIS extensions and external tools: Some processes may require the use of GIS extensions, which are additional functions or tools needed to operationalize the four applications covered in this handbook. These tools may not be readily available in GIS software (desktop or online) and may need customization and packaging in order to be used. Additional functionalities are often available as extensions (e.g. ArcGIS spatial analyst extension), standalone tools that run on a desktop (e.g. AccessMod)41 or as online environments (e.g. MapBox isochrone API 42).

Online mapping tools: Different from online GIS programs, online mapping tools often have limited an alytical capabilities and are primarily used to generate and share online thematic maps. Some of these tools limit the number of geographic objects that can be displayed (e.g. Google Maps). However, others provide greater functionality, allowing elaborate thematic maps with multiple layers to be rendered (e.g. ArcGIS Online). Some online database management systems also provide advanced thematic mapping capabilities (e.g. DHIS2).

- 39. Esri health and human services grant program: https://bit.lv/2PivsU1
- 40. https://digitalsquare.org/global-goods-guidebook
- 41. www.access mod.org 42. https://docs.mapbox.com/playground/isochrone/

Note: Additional needs in terms of hardware and software might surface at a later stage in the process















#### **Technical expertise**

Geo-enabling the HIS or a specific program/intervention requires specific skills and expertise. Determining them should start from this step in the process and potentially be revised as applications of geospatial data and technologies are being implemented



At least one individual presenting the following overarching expertise is needed independently from what is being implemented:

- Supervise the implementation of the application(s)
- Support the use of the hardware and software specific to each application
- Develop or contextualize guidelines and standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Train people

The technical staff to support the in-country work should themselves have, or have the capacity to learn the following technical skills, depending on the application of geospatial data and technologies being used during the implementation of the geo-enabling process:

- Use of the hardware and software specific to each application
- Manage data across the geospatial data management cycle (Module 4)
- Collect data in the field (e.g. geographic coordinates)
- Conduct spatial analysis and/or apply spatial models
- Create thematic maps.

Last but not least, those meant to use the resulting products should have the necessary skills to understand and interpret their content.













## **Technical expertise**

		Georeferenced master lists	Geographic accessibility, service location and route optimization models	Population estimates and spatial distribution	Thematic maps
Use of hardware and software specific to	National	High	High	High	High
each application	District	Low to moderate	Low	Low	Moderate
Manage data across the geospatial data	National	High	High	High	High
management cycle	District	High	High	High	High
Collect data in the field	National	High	Low	Moderate	Not applicable
	District	High	High	High	High
Extract geospatial data from basemaps	National	High	Low	Not applicable	Not applicable
	District	Moderate	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Conduct spatial analysis and/orapply	National	Not applicable	High	High	Not applicable
spatial models	District	Not applicable	Low	Low	Not applicable
Generate information products	Central	Not applicable	High	High	High
(maps, tables, graphs)	District	Not applicable	Low	Low	Moderate
Understand and interpret the content	Central	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	High
of thematic maps	District	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	High

Expected skill level needed to operationalize geospatial data and technologies at central and subnational (district) levels















## **Technical expertise**



Annex C

SECTION: Annex C

#### Terms of reference

Annex C1: Generic terms of reference for technical expert overseeing geo-enablement

Programme Designer	GIS Technical Staff
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#### Purpose

The [name of the programme] is responsible for the [description of the programme]. The [name of the programme] is using a digital micropian to support the implementation of the [name of the intervention]. Recognizing the importance of geography to ensure that the population targeted by this intervention has equitable access to the services it provides, the [name of the programme] has decided to geo-enable the digital micropian in question.

#### Main responsibilities

The main responsibility of the incumbent will be to support the geo-enablement of the digital microplan implemented by the [name of the programme] and used to [description of the intervention].

#### **Description of duties**

Working under the supervision of the head of the [name of the programme] and in close collaboration with all the stakeholders involved in the planning and implementation of the digital microplan, the incumbent will be in charge of providing the necessary technical support to the [name of the programme] regarding the geoenablement of its digital microplan including:

- engagement with national and international partners regarding the geo-enablement
- assessment of the current level of geo-enablement of the microplanning process
- o development of the workplan for the geo-enablement component of the microplan
- (a) development of the necessary guidelines and SOPs, including those meant to ensure data quality
- selection, training and technical support of the local technical staff
- implementation of the workplan, including field data collection
- sustainability of what has been established.

#### Expected deliverables

- report presenting the result of the assessment
- workplan, including timeline and budget for the geo-enablement component of the microplan
- (a) guidelines and SOPs to ensure the quality of the work and address the gaps identified during the assessment
- selection of the local technical staff
- training material
- o report and technical summary, including lessons learned and recommendations for how to expand nationally (in the case of a pilot) and sustain what has been established.

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Appendix J. Generic Terms of Reference (TOR) for the position of geospatial data manager/GIS technician

#### 1. Background

The Ministry of Health (MoH) has embarked in a process aiming at geo-enabling its Health Information System (HIS) in order for the all Ministry to share the same geography and therefore benefit from the visualization and analytical power that GIS technology offers.

In this context, the MOH is looking for a data manager/GIS technician in order to be in the position to provide technical support in the areas of geospatial data management and GIS services during the geoenabling process.

#### 2. Main responsibilities

The main responsibilities of the incumbent will be to provide technical support in the areas of geospatial data management and GIS services in line with the guidelines, standards, and protocols identified/defined as part of the activities of the TWG on geospatial data management and GIS services.

#### 3. Description of duties

Working under the supervision of head of the MoH HIS unit and in close collaboration with the TWG Members, the incumbent will be in charge of:

- Providing geospatial data management and GIS technical support to the Department of Public Health in a first phase and then to the entire MoH:
- Developing, maintaining, updating and sharing the master lists for the geographic objects core to
  public health (health facilities, communities/settlements and administrative divisions);
- Supporting the definition of guidelines, standards and protocols aiming at improving the availability, quality (completeness, uniqueness, timeliness, validity, accuracy and consistency) and accessibility of exponantal data:
- Supporting the implementation of the guidelines, standards, protocols and master lists in all the information systems across the MoH;
- . Generating GIS based data products to support decision making.

#### 4. Expected deliverable

- Authoritative, standardized, complete, up-to-date and uniquely coded master lists of health facilities, communities/settlements and administrative divisions in the country;
- Guidelines, standards and protocols endorsed by the TWG on geospatial data management and GIS-
- Geo-enable Health Information System (HIS);
- Data products (table, graphs and maps) as per the established SOPs

#### 5. Required qualifications

#### a. Education

- University degree with a background in data management and/or GIS or enough professional experience in data management and/or the use of GIS to be considered as equivalent;
- Background in public health

#### b. Skills

- Good knowledge in the use of ArcView, ArcGIS or other GIS software as well as MS Office suite.
- Demonstrable skills in relation to data standardization and data management;
- Ability to work harmoniously as part of a team.
- c. Experience
- At least one experience working in a GIS related project;
- Experience in the area of Public Health would be seen as an advantage;
- d. Languages:
- National language: Proficient
- English would be seen as an advantage

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Examples of Terms of Reference for the technical expert to oversee the geo-enablement (left) and for the position of geospatial data manager/GIS technician within a Ministry of Health (right)















# Geo-enabling the Health Information System, programs or interventions training workshop for Asia Pacific

Session 10: Assess the geo-enablement level of the HIS, program or intervention







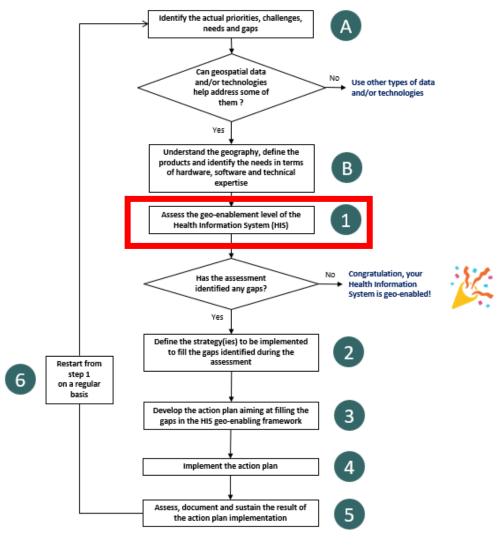






Step 1: Assess the level of geo-enablement of the health information system

















**Step 1:** Assess the level of geo-enablement of the health information system

Assessing the level of geo-enablement of the HIS is the foundation of the overall HIS geo-enabling process. It is therefore critical to conduct such assessment with the utmost care and level of details, especially if it is being conducted for the first time. Not conducting such an assessment might result in wrong assumptions and therefore loss of time and resources



This step allows to have a clear view of the gaps that exist against the benchmarks that must be met for the HIS to be considered geo-enabled

Element of the framework	Objective	Benchmarks
1. Vision, strategy, and action plan	A vision, a strategy and an action plan have been defined and are implemented to support the geo-enablement of the HIS	1.1 The MOH has a vision, strategy, and plans regarding the management and use of geospatial data and technologies.      1.2 Each key program has a vision, strategy and action plan regarding the management and use of geospatial data and technologies
2. Governance structure	A governance structure supporting the vision, strategy and action plan has been established and is operational	2.1. The MOH has established a governance structure to handle issues pertaining to the management and use of geospatial data and technologies.     2.2. All the health program and the stakeholders involved in the management and use of geospatial data and technologies in health are part of the governance structure.
3. Technical capacity	The central units of the Ministry of Health as well as the main health programs have sufficient technical capacity to manage and use geospatial data and technologies	3.1. The MOH has a central level geospatial data management unit with enough technical capacity to: a) ensure guardianship over the defined guidelines, standards and protocols; b) support the development, maintenance, regular update and sharing of the master lists for the geographic objects core to public health; c) support the implementation of the guidelines, standards, protocols, and master lists across all health programs and information systems; and d) providing services to the HIS unit and beyond if needed.  3.2 The key health programs have enough technical capacity to support the implementation of their activities with the support of the central level unit
4. Data specifications, standards and protocols	All programs use the same data specifications, standards and protocols to ensure geospatial data quality	4.1. The NSDI has defined the geospatial data and technologies related specifications, standards and protocols that should be used by all governmental agencies.  4.2. The MOH is using the geospatial data and technologies related specifications, standards and protocols across all key health programs.

Element of the framework	Objective	Benchmarks
5. Master lists and common geo- registry	The Ministry of Health has quality master lists and associated GIS layers for the geographic objects key to public health	5.1. The MOH has a complete, up-to-date, uniquely coded, and geo-referenced (for point type objects) master list for each geographic object key to public health (health facilities, administrative divisions and villages, reporting divisions.
		5.2. The government maintains, regularly updates, and share shapefiles containing the boundaries of the administrative and health reporting divisions.
		5.3 These master lists and associated spatial data are simultaneously hosted, maintained, regularly updated, and shared using a Common Geo-Registry.
		5.4. All the master lists, and especially their officially recognized codes, are being integrated in all the information systems and used for data collection, reporting, and monitoring across all health programs.
6. Appropriate geospatial	The central unit of the Ministry of Health as well as the main health programs	6.1. The central level geospatial data management and technologies unit has access to the necessary and appropriate geospatial technologies (GNSS, GIS) to support its mandate.
technologies	have access to the necessary and appropriate geospatial technologies	6.2 The key health programs have access to the necessary and appropriate geospatial technologies (GNSS, GIS) to support the implementation of their activities
7. Documented use cases	The benefits of managing and using geospatial data and technologies are	7.1. Geospatial data and technologies are recognized as important and their full potential is being used to support the implementation of key health programs towards reaching SDG 3.
	recognized by all programs and use cases demonstrating this are documented	7.2 Use cases supporting decision making and/or planning are documented and available.
8. Policies supporting the geo-enabling process	The necessary policies to support the geo-enablement of the Health Information System have been defined and are being applied	8.1. A policy/Policies enforcing the following has/have been released: a) The mandate over the guardianship on geospatial data specifications, standards, and protocols as well as over the development, maintenance, update, and sharing of master lists for the geographic objects core to public health using a common geo-registry. b) The use of the developed specifications, standards, protocols, and master lists by all the stakeholders in the health sector.
9. Resource for sustainability	The financial resources necessary to ensure the sustainability of geo- enablement exist in the long term	9.1. The central level geospatial data management and technologies unit has the necessary financial resources to ensure the long-term sustainability of its activities linked to the geo- enablement of the HIS.
		9.2 The key health programs have the necessary financial resources to ensure the long-term sustainability of their activities



The absence of any gap would signify that your health information system is geo-enabled!













**Step 1:** Assess the level of geo-enablement of the health information system

The assessment can be conducted in different ways depending on the context and resources at

disposal, among which we can mention:

- 1. By the Ministry of Health (self-assessment). It is recommended to then organize a workshop grouping all the concerned programs/units to validate the result of the assessment.
- 2. Facilitated on site by an external party through separated one on one interviews with each program/unit. This approach might require a cross-validation exercise to take place depending on the answers provided for the cross-cutting elements of the framework
- 3. Facilitated on site during a workshop grouping all the programs/units. This approach presents the advantage of allowing to directly clarify and cross-validate information during the workshop























**Step 1:** Assess the level of geo-enablement of the health information system

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Ideally, the assessment should at least cover the following Key Health Programs (KHPs) as being the main potential users of geospatial data and technologies:

- Health Information System (HIS): Natural guardian of the national level geospatial data management and technologies unit.
- <u>Planning</u>: Physical accessibility to health care is an important component of UHC which depends on the spatial distribution of the population in need, the spatial distribution of services that are being provided, and the environment that the patients have to cross to reach them.
- <u>Communicable diseases</u>: Being able to contextualize cases in both time and space is key to surveillance, monitoring, and elimination of communicable diseases.
- Immunization: Base microplanning maps are essential to ensure that all the targeted population is covered during an immunization campaign.
- <u>Emergency management</u>: Geospatial data and technologies are critical instruments across the whole emergency management cycle (mitigation/preparedness, response, recovery)

The assessment also represents an opportunity to inform the Ministry of Health and its partners about recent developments in the field of geospatial data and technologies and to illustrate how they are being used to support public health programs









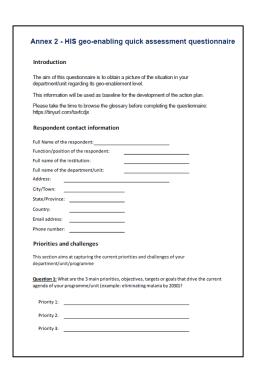




**Step 1:** Assess the level of geo-enablement of the health information system

The quick geo-enabling level assessment questionnaire is used as the starting point for this exercise.

It is organized according to the 9 elements of the HIS geo-enabling framework.



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Question 4 - Use cases. What is the current situation in your programme/unit when it comes to the implementation and documentation of use cases related to the management and use of geospatial data and technologies (e.g. accessibility to health care analysis, geo-enabled microplan,)? Choose the option that applies	
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Question 5 - Technical capacity. What is the current situation when it comes to the technical capacity needed for your programme/unit to manage and use geospatial data and technologies? Choose the option that applies	
The programme/unit does not have technical capacity for the management and use of geospatial data and technologies	
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The programme/unit is currently strengthening its technical capacity to be able to implement its activities	
The programme/unit has such technical capacity and it is sufficient to implement its activities	
I don't know	
Question 6 - Geospatial technologies; What is the current situation in your programme/unit when it comes to the geospatial technologies (e.g.: GNSS enabled devices, GIS software,) needed by your programme/unit to support its activities? Choose the option that applies	
The programme/unit does not have the geospatial technologies necessary to support the implementation of its activities	
The programme/unit has some geospatial technologies but they are not sufficient to implement its activities	
The programme/unit is in the process of acquiring the geospatial technologies needed to implement its activities	
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Implementing this questionnaire before any on site workshop does also provide an opportunity to introduce the HIS geo-enabling specific terminology





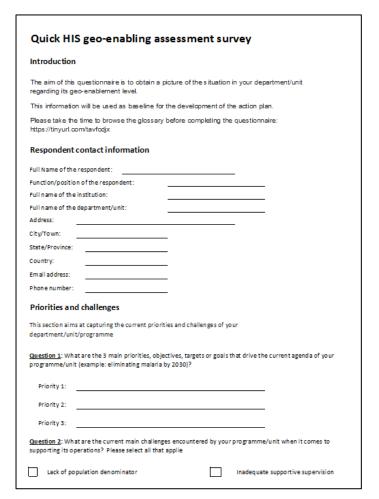








#### Step 1: Assess the level of geo-enablement of the health information system





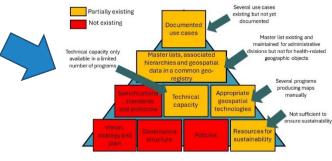
Question 3 - Vision, strategy, plan	Question 4 - Use cases	Question 5 - Technical capacity	Question 6 - Geospatial technologies	Question 7 - Financial resources	Question 8 - Vision, strategy, plan	Question 9 - Governance	Question 10 - Master lists and associated spatial data	Question 11 - Common Geo- registry (CGR)	Question 12 - Specifications, standards, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)	Question 13 - Policies
The programme/unit has not defined/developed its vision, strategy and action plan regarding the management and use of geospatial data and technologies	The programme/unit recognizes the importance of geospatial data and technologies but fail to use them	The programme/unit does not have technical capacity for the management and use of geospatial data and technologies	The programme/unit does not have the geospatial technologies necessary to support the implementation of its activities		The MOH is in the process of defining/developing its vision, strategy and action plan concerning the management and use of geospatial data and technologies	structure is in the process of being established	Health facilities, Settlements, Administrative units	The Ministry of Health does not have access to an CGR or a set of individual registers fulfilling the functions of an CGR	Specifications, standards and protocols are in the process of being defined by certain programs or the entity in charge of the SIS	The policy(ies) required to support HIS geo-activation is/are under development
The programme/unit has developed its vision, strategy and action plan regarding the management and use of geospatial data and technologies but they have not been approved yet	The programme/unit recognizes the importance of geospatial data and technologies but fail to use them	The programme/unit has technical capacity but it is not sufficient to implement its activities	The programme/unit is in the process of acquiring the geospatial technologies needed to implement its activities	The programme/unit has no financial resources to support the management of the use of geospatial data and technologies and no requests for funds have been made	of geospatial data and	A governance structure exists but is not operational at this time. which concerns the management and use of geospatial data and technologies	Health facilities, Settlements, Administrative units	The most appropriate IT solution(s) has/have been selected	Certain programs have defined specifications, standards and protocols but they have not yet been documented and/or approved by all programs	The policy(ies) necessary to support geo-activation of the HIS is/are applied
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HIS				
Malaria				
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Unit specific or cross-program indicators



Summary picture



To be included in the report capturing the result of the assessment





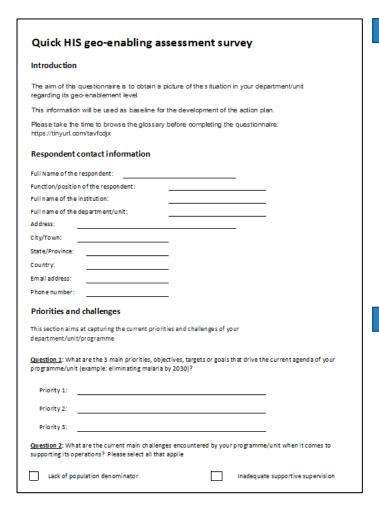








Step 1: Assess the level of geo-enablement of the health information system





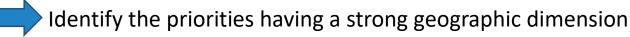
Priorities of each program/department/unit

Elimination of EMTCT by 2026

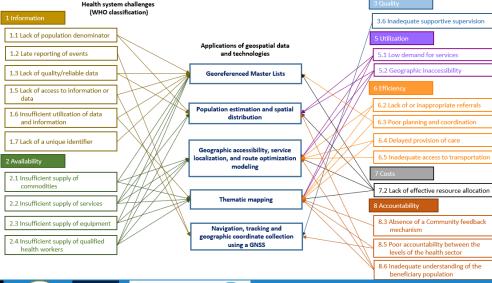
Reach zero indigenous Malaria

Develop the digital health policy

Strengthen case management and surveillance



Current challenges that could be addressed through applications of geospatial data and technologies















Step 1: Assess the level of geo-enablement of the health information system



To have a complete picture of the situation, it is also important to collect the information and documents listed here on the right as well as conduct a desktop review to collect as much information as possible regarding the situation observed in the country across the 9 elements of the framework



Examples of documents to be identified

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1. Vision, strategy(ies), and action plan	<ul> <li>Myanmar National Health Plan 2017-2021<sup>5</sup></li> <li>Cambodia Health Information System master plan 2016-2020<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>
2. Governance structure	<ul> <li>Example of TOR for the establishment of a TWG on the management and use of geospatial data and technologies in the health sector<sup>7</sup></li> </ul>
3. Technical capacity	Generic TOR for the position of geospatial data manager/GIS technician (Annex J in [1])
4. Data specifications, standards, and protocols	Geospatial data management guideline for the Ministry of Health of Cambodia® Health GeoLab guidance documents®
5. Master list and common geo- registry	Guidance on the establishment of a common geo-registry for the simultaneous hosting, maintenance, update, and sharing of master lists core to public health [8] Master Facility List Resource Package: guidance for countries wanting to strengthen their MFL [9]
6. Geospatial technologies	Health GeoLab starter kit for ArcMap, ArcGIS Online, and Survey1237
7. Use cases (applications)	Health GeoLab knowledge repository <sup>10</sup>

Information and documents to be collected



Might provide some important additional background information including identifying some additional MOH programs/units to be involved in the geo-enablement process

Framework element	Information and documents to be collected
Vision, strategy(ies), and action plan	<ul> <li>A copy of the existing MOH vision, strategy(ies), and/or action plan pertaining HIS geo-enabling and/or the management and use of geospatial data and technologies</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>A copy of the current national health plan/strategy with a clear definition of the current public priorities</li> <li>A copy of the current key health programs specific plan/strategy</li> </ul>
2. Governance structure	<ul> <li>Document describing the structure, role, members, and mode of operation of the established governance structure</li> <li>Existence of a National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) in the country and information about it (governmental entity in charge members, objectives, activities, etc.)</li> </ul>
3. Technical capacity	<ul> <li>Information about the central level Geospatial Data and Technologies         Unit (location in the MOH organogram, composition, etc.)</li> <li>Information about the latest training received by MOH staffs (date venue, content, name of the institution who conducted the training etc.)</li> </ul>
Data specifications, standards and protocols	<ul> <li>A copy of the existing document(s) containing the specifications standards, and protocols used by the MOH</li> </ul>
5. Master list and common geo- registry	Structure of different coding schemes used in the MOH and in the master lists Description of the updating mechanism for each master list Availability of a shapefiles for the administrative divisions and this across time Availability of a shapefiles for the reporting divisions and this across time Information about the platform used as common geo-registry for the
6 Constant	simultaneous storage, management, validation, updating, and sharing of the different master lists if any (software used, entity in charge etc.)
6. Geospatial technologies	Date of purchase of the GNSS enabled device. Are they functional?
7. Use cases (applications)	<ul> <li>The already documented use case (pager, report, etc.)</li> <li>Description of ongoing projects containing a geospatial data and technologies component</li> </ul>
8. Policy	A copy of the existing policy(ies)
9. Resource for sustainability	A copy of existing workplan, proposal submitted to donor, budget etc.     List of development partners interested in or already contributing to strengthening the management and use of geospatial data and technologies in the country.



Framework element









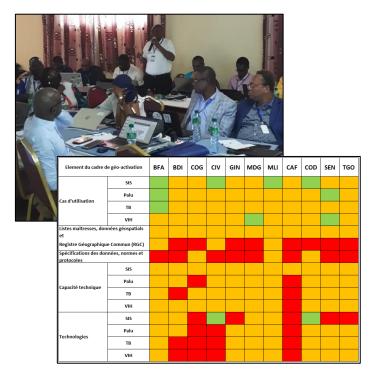


## HIS geo-enabling technical support to French-speaking African countries

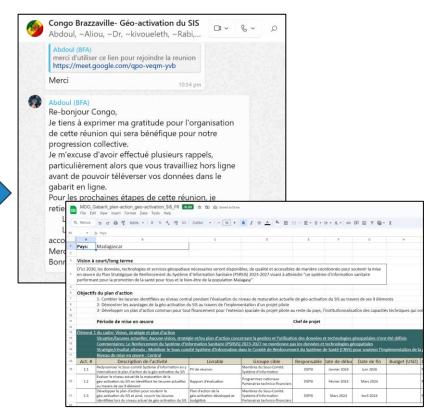
Activity supported by the Global Fund and implemented in collaboration with the University of Geneva and the University Amadou Mahtar MBOW (UAM) of Dakar to help countries geo-enable their Health Information System (HIS)



Pre-workshop survey to assess the current level of geo-enablement across Malaria, TB and HIV programs as well as the unit in charge of the Health Information System (HIS)



Workshop (Saly – Senegal, 6-10 November 2023) attended by 55 participants from 11 countries to take them through the HIS geo-enabling concept and process, finalize the assessment and strengthen their technical capacity



Post-workshop technical support provided to 10 countries to help them develop an action plan aiming at filling the gaps identified during the assessment











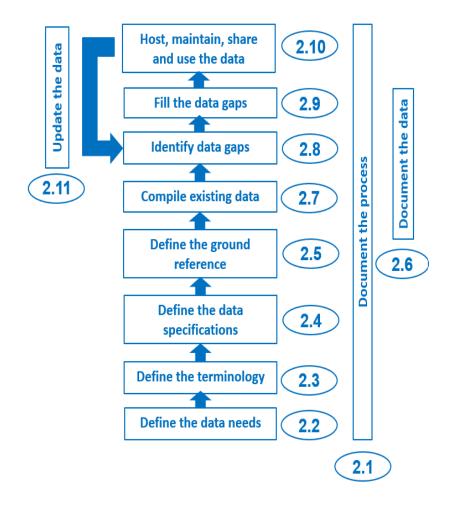




## Geo-enabling a program or an intervention

**Additional task:** Assessing the availability, quality, and accessibility of the data needed to generate the products that have been defined during step B



















# Geo-enabling the Health Information System, programs or interventions training workshop for Asia Pacific

Session 11: Result of the HIS geo-enablement level assessment for Asia and Pacific (9 elements of the HIS geo-enabling framework)





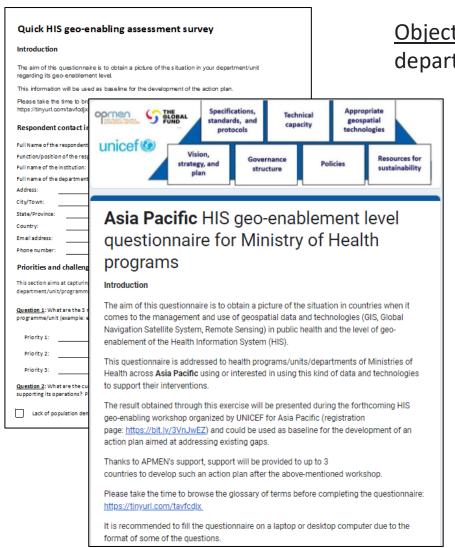








## HIS geo-enablement level assessment questionnaire – Part 2



<u>Objective:</u> Obtain a picture of the situation across MOH departments/units regarding their current geo-enablement level.

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HIS Geo-Enabling Toolkis

Version 1 filter update (54.526)

Eleven questions to assess the current situation across the 9 elements of the HIS geo-enabling framework

Answers used as baseline for developing an action plan to fill identified gaps.

Ideally implemented across as many health programs as possible together with the unit in charge of the HIS/HMIS (e.g. malaria, TB and HIV elimination programs, EPI, MNH,...)







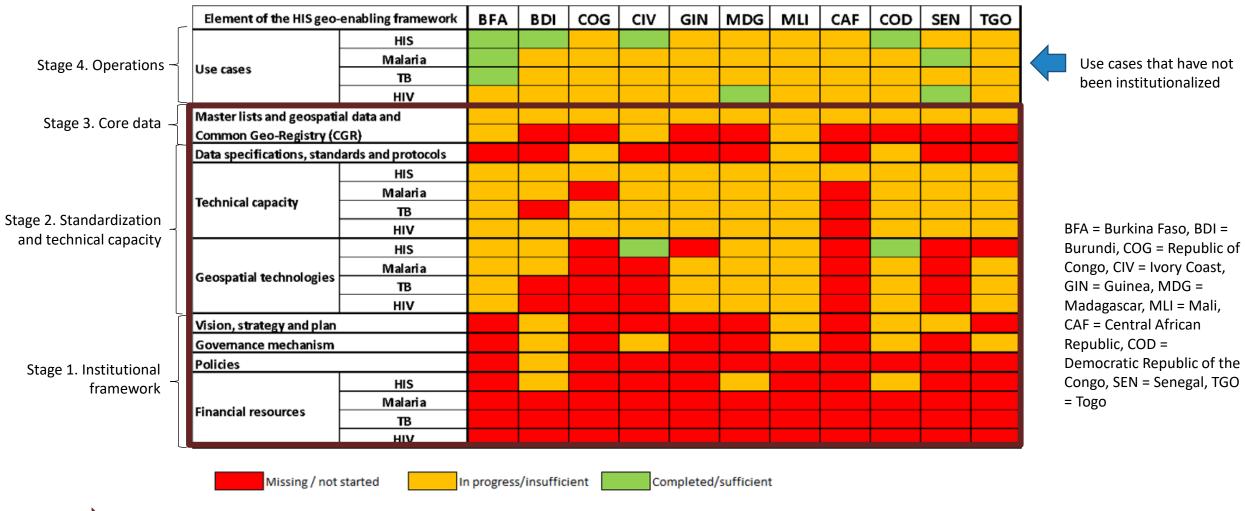






## Example of result – African French speaking countries (Nov 2023)

Pre-workshop survey completed/adjusted during the workshop



Important gaps for the elements guaranteeing the quality, effectiveness and long-term sustainability of data and information products and this across programs













#### Respondents (16 countries)

## MOH respondents by country

Country name	Nbr of MOH respondents
Papua New Guinea	10
Pakistan	6
Indonesia	5
Timor-Leste	4
Afghanistan	2
Bhutan	2
Thailand	2
Bangladesh	1
Cambodia	1
China	1
Fiji	1
Malaysia	1
Philippines	1
Solomon Islands	1
Sri Lanka	1
Vanuatu	1

Total 40

#### Number of MOH programs

Papua New Guinea			Born Health	
				Population and family health Performance, monitoring and research
Timor-Leste				
Pakistan				National Institute of Health
Afghanistan				
Bhutan				
Thailand				
Indonesia				
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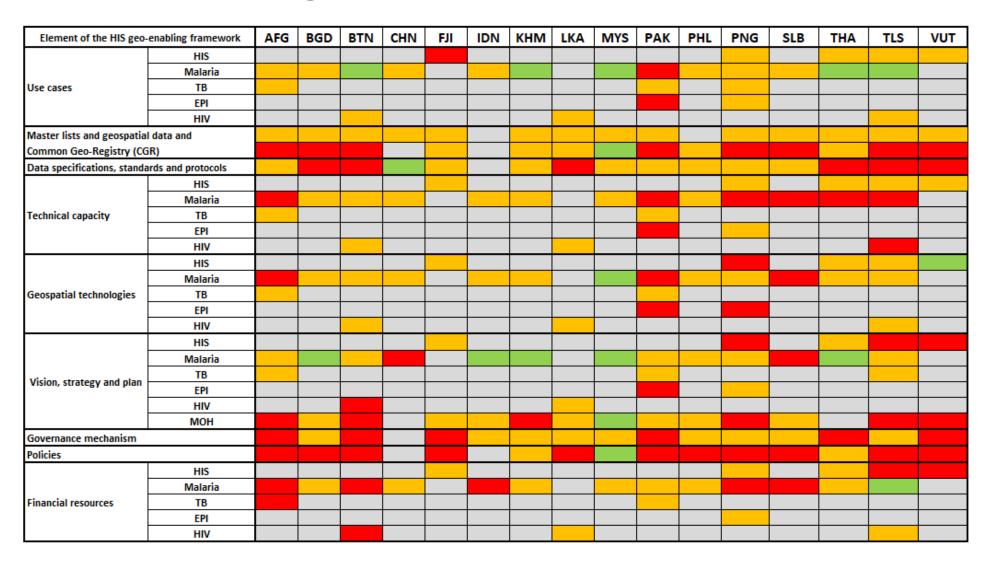






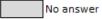


Total



Summary table

AFG = Afghanistan, BGD =
Bangladesh, BTN = Bhutan,
CHN = China, FJI = Fiji, IDN
= Indonesia, KHM =
Cambodia, LKA = Sri Lanka,
MYS = Malaysia, PAK =
Pakistan, PHL = Philippines,
PNG = Papua New Guinea,
SLB = Solomon Islands,
THA = Thailand, TLS =
Timor-Leste, VUT =
Vanuatu













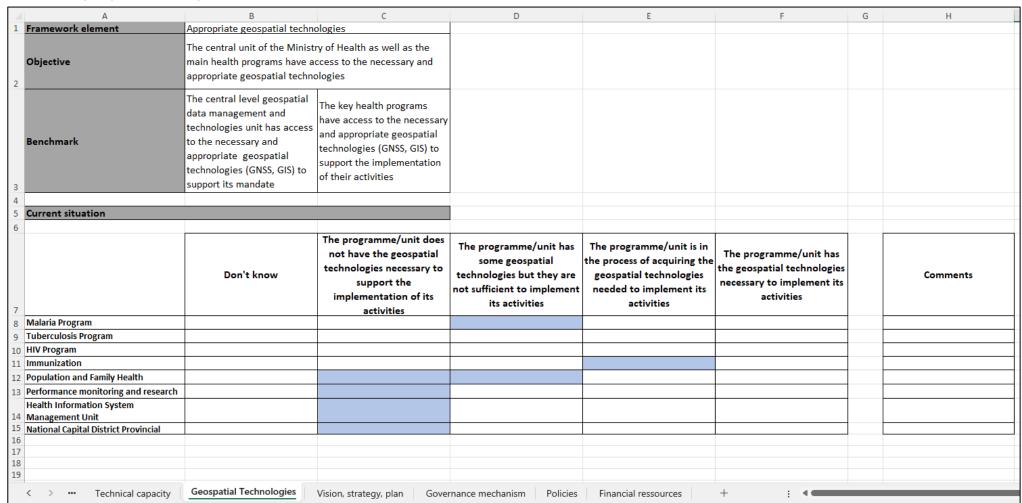








#### Country specific spreadsheet





This spreadsheet is used as the reference for the rest of the process aiming at developing the action plan















<u>Vision, strategy, plan</u>: What is the current situation in the MOH when it comes to vision, strategy and plan for the management and use of geospatial data and technologies?

Ministry of Health	National Capital District Provincial Health Authority	Malaria, PMR	Population and family health, Immunization	Malaria	HIS unit	Population and family health
	Don't know		vision, strategy and action plan	action plan regarding the management and use of geospatial	The programme/unit/MOH has developed its vision, strategy and action plan regarding the management and use of geospatial data and technologies, they have been approved but they have not yet been implemented	The programme/unit/MOH has developed its vision, strategy and action plan regarding the management and use of geospatial data and technologies and they are implemented

<u>Use cases</u>: What is the current situation in your programme/unit when it comes to the implementation and documentation of use cases related to the management and use of geospatial data and technologies (e.g. accessibility to health care analysis, geo-enabled microplan,...)?

	Don't know	The program/unit does not recognize the importance of geospatial data and technologies	The programme/unit recognizes the importance of geospatial data and technologies but is not using them	The programme/unit recognizes the importance of geospatial data and technologies and use them but do not have documentd use cases	The programme/unit recognizes the importance of geospatial data and technologies, utilize them, and have documented use cases
Malaria Program					



Some work to be done to ensure that all the programs have the same understanding of the different elements of the HIS geo-enabling framework and for all the programs within the MOH to discuss to reach a consensus regarding the situation currently observed in the country













## Selection of Asian Pacific countries to receive APMEN support to develop an action plan

Country name	Nbr of MOH programs having completed the questionnaire	Nbr of MOH participants to the first 2 modules	Local partners participating to the first 2 modules	Total
Papua New Guinea	5	8	1	14
Pakistan	4	2	1	7
Timor-Leste	4	1	1	6
Indonesia	2	3	1	6
Afghanistan	2	2	1	5
Bangladesh	1	3	1	5
Bhutan	2	1	1	4
Cambodia	1	2	1	4
Sri Lanka	1	3		4
Thailand	2		1	3
Fiji_	1	1	1	3
Solomon Islands	1	1	1	3
Philippines_	1		1	2
Vanuatu	1		1	2
China	1			1

Those who contributed to the survey and/or attended the training workshop (MOH and local partners) will be contacted to find out if they are:

- 1. Interested in receiving the support
- 2. Ready to be actively involved in the exercise (engage all key programs, complete the assessment and solve inconsistencies, develop the action plan)



The final list of selected countries (up to 3) will be announced during the 4<sup>th</sup> module of the regional training (August 14)













## Module 4 – Schedule and agenda

#### Schedule Module 4 14 August 2024 (Bangkok 12pm / Geneva 6am / Fiji 6pm)

- 15 min Recap of Module 3 and agenda of Module 4
- 30 min **Session 12:** Assess the availability, quality and accessibility of data and information: Introduction to the geospatial data management cycle
- 60 min Session 13: Implement the geospatial data management cycle (define the terminology, data specifications and the ground reference)
- 15 min Session 14: Implement the geospatial data management cycle (document the data)
- 45 min Session 15 Implement the geospatial data management cycle (compile existing data, identify and fill data gaps



Geospatial data management cycle













## Thank you for your attention and see you all again soon!











