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# **Mozambique**: Lessons learned from ITN campaign digitization (2022-2023), and vision for future integrated digitization

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### **Country Context**

- Mozambique is one of the countries with highest malaria burden in the world.
- The disease is endemic in the whole country, and its entire population (~32 M) is at some risk of malaria though with substantial heterogeneity.

Various malaria control and prevention strategies are implemented: ITN (9/11), IRS (5\*/11), SMC (1\*/11), PMC (1/11).

Integrated Malaria Information Storage System (iMISS) was developed to meet the National Strategic Plan goal (2017-2022) of complete, timely, and quality data reporting to inform evidence-based decisions at all levels.

**4 %** ...half of global malaria

> Cases (WMR 2023)

5th Place in malaria cases, worldwide (WMR 2023)

**392** Incidence per 1,000 (NMCP, 2023)



U5 prevalence, DHS 2022-23



#### Mozambique's first digitized campaign came in 2021, with success leading to plans for digitizing the national ITN campaign

#### MDA - 2021

In 2021, campaign digitization was first introduced in a Provincial MDA Campaign in Cabo Delgado. Data captured on the <u>ODK app</u> was reviewed on <u>PowerBI dashboards</u> in <u>daily data review forums</u>.

#### ITNs 2022-2023

- Year-long campaign to cover 9 provinces
- First digitized campaign with a national scope
- Simultaneous registration & distribution
- Door-to-door distribution to over 6.2 million households (per microplanning)



Implementation of two digital platforms:

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by eGov Foundation

#### Both tools provide:

- A mobile app with offline data collection capabilities
- Dashboards and data visualization
- User and geography-locked access
- Potential interoperability with other national malaria information systems

### **Expected Outcomes of Digitization**

Increased transparency on how results were obtained/by whom

Track campaign coverage and user performance Shortened lag time between data collection and data review/analysis

- Low coverage areas
- Potential ITN stock-outs
- Poor personnel performance

Collection of data that can later be repurposed

Geolocation of households, demographic information

# The ITN campaign is a large, complex process with many actors – with technology use planned to improve the work of each group.

#### Processes

Households must be **registered** and ITNs **distributed**.



Campaign **targets** must be determined (e.g., populations).



**Logistics** of ITNs and other materials must be tracked.



Key processes must be **supervised.** 



Monitoring & evaluation should be available for all the above.

#### Actors

Logistics

- District warehouse
- Satellite warehouse
- Local monitor
- Logistics

#### Register and distribution

- Register
- Local monitor



#### Supervision

- Local Monitor
- District Supervisor
- Provincial Supervisor
- National Supervisor

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#### Monitoring & evaluation

TWG –"Núcleo Duro"

(NMCP+WV+ADPP+FHA+FDC+CHAI+eGov)

 All end users responsible for reviewing data as part of SOPs

# Development of an M&E Strategy and Lessons Learned in the Process

### **Development of the M&E Strategy**

To structure the monitoring and evaluation for this digitization, a comprehensive plan was created to guide data use during the campaign as well as evaluation after it.

1. Based on scope of campaign, determine the M&E needs. Identify all **M&E products** sought: 2. Define indicators to measure results and processes for the campaign, and distribute across M&E products.

3. Document all defined activities, indicators, responsibilities, resources and timelines in a comprehensive M&E Plan.



### Key M&E outputs used during the campaign



# Results: Campaign digitization has proven to be positive in Mozambique.

improved timeliness of data



Received by monitor

Distributed to HH

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90 %

Final population coverage for 2022-2023 ITN Campaign

In achieving these results across the campaign, some key lessons in implementing digital campaigns were learned...

Collection of data that can be reused and repurposed

# Lesson 1: Dashboards are most powerful when tailored to inform the decisions of specific user groups

Throughout the campaign, indicators and visualizations were refined iteratively to understand what worked best. Below, an example of how **team performance** was evaluated at different stages:

- 1. Show total of visited households, aggregated by supervisor.
- 2. Mean team performance by district, to identify areas where performance goals are largely unmet.
- 3. Display performance by *named* supervisor, contrasting against expectations and color-coding *specific* personnel who require supervision.

#### Approaches to developing visualizations:

How to display the data we collect?



Which actions can our data inform?

Reverse-engineer visualizations based on specific actions the program can take as response to the data.

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#### **Lesson 2:** E

# Establishing M&E structures and processes for digital campaigns offers builds staff capacity in data interpretation and use.



M&E and dashboard use must be a core part of trainings in digitalized campaigns.



Time saved in collation, quality control and analysis of data can be put toward data interpretation.



Technical partners can model how M&E sessions can be held but passing the torch to the NMCP and local pointpeople will make great strides toward strengthening local capacity.



Work within existing M&E structures, forums and habits, and collaboratively shape these into better versions of themselves.

By the end of the campaign, daily data review sessions were entirely led by purposefully-trained local M&E staff who presented results from dashboards and daily reports to campaign stakeholders.



# Lesson 3: Successful digitization requires strong governance structures and implementation plans.

- Campaign struggled with reporting of stocks across the ITN supply chain. <u>Data completeness and accuracy were</u> <u>concerns throughout.</u>
- Not every ITNs could be tracked from the district warehouse to the household, as was hoped.
- New user group and data collection instruments were introduced to surmount the challenge.
- Expected improvements were not seen, likely due to the overburdening of staff.





Although there was excitement to digitize the entire ITN supply chain as part of the campaign, the structures in place were not able to fully realize this vision, unlike coverage monitoring.

# **Lesson 4:** Good documentation of operational hurdles and lessons can help improve future implementation

The platforms used in the CCU had an excellent capacity for storing data. Still, some records in each province were saved with problems, which impacted <u>data integrity</u>:

Active records: In DHIS2, records saved as unfinished, which may have errors, and are thus excluded from dashboard visualizations.

Incomplete records: In Salama, records in which there was no data on the number of nets distributed.

Initially, many of these records stemmed from the use of an <u>unpatched version</u> of DHIS2. Throughout the campaign, workers had to manage these records to ensure data quality, and a <u>specific DQ indicator</u> had to be added to data review forums.

The graph on the right shows the percentage of problematic records, compared to the total number of household records, by the end of the campaign.





The active DHIS2 records are shown in red, the incomplete SALAMA records in blue.



# <u>Moving forward</u>: The Road Ahead for Campaign Digitization in Mozambique

### Next steps in ITN Campaign M&E



Assessment of access, ownership and use of ITNs to evaluate coverage after distribution.

Formal evaluation of digitization

A spatial analysis will assess whether any missed populations can be identified. Surveys taking place in selected districts of **Zambezia and Sofala** provinces, to validate coverage.

Digital Platform Evaluation (DHIS2, SALAMA) Seek to evaluate the experience and perception of end users and campaign leadership in relation to both implemented platforms.

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### **Digital Platform Evaluation: Initial Findings**

#### The survey of users found that...

Had a good or excellent experience with the digital tools.

89 %

Found digital tools easy or very easy to use.

97 %

#### **91 %**

Visualized dashboards to verify campaign results.

94 %

Trusted or highly trusted the digital platforms.

While <u>both platforms received positive feedback</u>, results showed a <u>stronger user</u> <u>preference for **DIGIT/SALAMA**</u> regarding ease of use, system performance and user acceptance. However, users reported desires to improve its <u>data visualization</u>.



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### Next steps in Mozambique's Campaign Digitisation



Using the same platform to

deliver many campaigns will

help us:

MoH's vision is to embrace this next chapter of innovation,
collaboration and use the same plataforms to deliver many campaigns
✓ Strengthen and sustain the capacity of NMCP, DIS, DTIC and others the steward of digital health tools;

✓ Engage other departments: NTD and Epi to use the same platform

✓ NMCP: Integrate digitisation on SMC and IRS campaigns

- Minimise delays in accessing combined data
- Avoid duplication of effort and missed opportunities
- ✓ Reusability of infrastructure
- Simultaneous campaigns across multiple diseases
- ✓ Leverage past data
- ✓ Avoid inconsistent capacity-building for staff and end users
- ✓ Harmonize coordination across procurements and

implementations



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