# Republic of South Sudan Ministry of Health

Collecting and using data in a resource constrained & fragile setting to aid prompt decision making

Lessons learnt from Covid-19 Vaccinations





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### **COVID-19 VACCINATION ROLL-OUT**

- 132,000 COVID-19 Vaccines deployed to South Sudan
- A fixed modality vaccination delivery was adopted by the MoH.
- Initially 3 centres operating in the capital Juba only 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 till end of May.
   Juba Teaching, Juba Police and Juba Military Hospital- 10,100 doses.
- Expansion via HPF and UNICEFIP's in all the 10 States and 3 Administrative Areas.
- 35 out of 80 Counties with 93 centres Country-wide by end of June-42, 588 in 5 weeks.

## Successes

- 86% vaccine consumption
- Community participation & ownership
- Low serious AEFI (1/51,792)
- Availability of AEFI kits
- Training of vaccination teams
- Training 672 community leaders
- Coordination and support from partners and stakeholders for increasing access to States
- Mobile outreach implemented in most HTR areas

# Challenges

- Limited access for optimal uptake by the general public leading to;
- 72000 doses returned to the COVAX Facility.
- Inadequate funding to rollout to all facilities-leading to delays
- Requirement of two nurses as vaccinators at each Vaccination centre.
- Logistics in terms of shipping vaccines to the different States.
- Limited supportive supervision
- Difficulty in countering misinformation
- Low demand creation

### Introduction

- Data is critical for decision making to all program managers, implementers and funders
- Collecting data on paper from over 1,000 health facilities in a country could be very involving, time consuming, has delays, errors introduced as it passes through various stages-what if we can access data at source electronically????
- South Sudan MoH sought a cost effective, but robust system
  to overcome this challenge during its implementation of the
  covid-19 vaccinations to monitor utilization of vaccines before
  expiry across all health facilities (Data in front of the Manager)
- We decided to use ODK-for data collection & PowerBI for Visualizations

#### What is ODK?

- ODK Collect is an open source Android app that replaces paper forms used to collect data in resource constrained environments. It supports a myriad of question and answer types, and it allows for offline data collection. Data collected can be transmitted when internet connectivity is available.
- ODK Collect supports location, audio, images, video, barcodes, signatures, multiple-choice, free text, and numeric answers. It can even accept answers from other apps on your device

### What is PowerBI

- Power BI which is part of the Microsoft Power Platform is a business analytics service by Microsoft. It is developed to provide interactive visualizations and business intelligence capabilities with a very userfriendly interface.
- Power BI provides cloud-based BI (business intelligence) services, known as "Power BI Services", along with a desktop based interface, called "Power BI Desktop". It offers data warehouse capabilities including data preparation, data discovery and interactive dashboards

# Why ODK/PowerBI

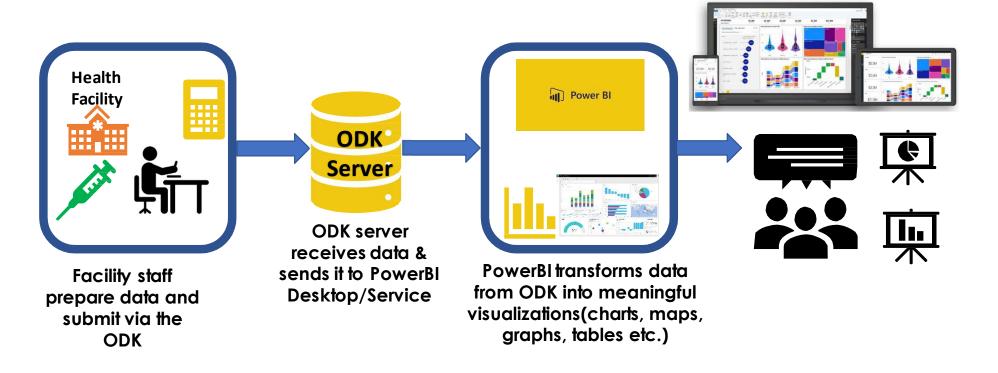
- Country context and the need for quick decision-making using data
  - ODK already in use (ISS visits, Reporting polio campaigns, AVADAR) with skill set in country to integrate into PowerBI (Business Intelligence) Application
  - Minimal implementation cost, minimal training and infrastructure requirements but delivers results seamlessly
  - Ability to collect data from all sites in real-time and use it for decision making to make sure vaccines do not expire at any site
  - Information collected can guide mobilization messages and activities, AEFI management, training needs, supervision needs, logistics needs etc.
  - It is dynamic and can be adapted to include additional critical information during implementation
- PowerBI service (Cloud Based) allows visualizations to be shared via a web link without need for login credentials and updates seen by everyone increasing accountability and transparency to partners and donors

# Design of the System

- Collect data into a paper register
- Tally onto a tally sheet
- Aggregate facility summary onto a facility daily report
- Transfer the facility daily report on to the ODK form and send immediately
- The data is received at the ODK server and PowerBI refreshes at predetermined times to update the new values reported from the facilities
- PowerBI generates different kinds of visualizations including maps, charts, tables and graphs that can display data at all levels starting with the facility all the way up to the National level (Has ability to drill down)

# Design of the System & How it works

Program Managers, Policy Makers, Donors and Stakeholders view the dashboard & use the information to make decisions



# How the information is used

- The data generated is instantly available to Senior management in MoH, partner organizations, donor organizations, used at media briefings to provide updates, reprogram (i.e Redistributing vaccines from facilities with low consumption to facilities with high consumption) and used for future planning as well as knowing where to direct attention, based on issues identified.
- Realtime reporting of (Adverse Events Following Immunization) AEFIs, and other datasets
- Reporting of who is being vaccinated, where, and what is needed for targeted interventions
- Tracking progress depending on context (By facility, County, State, Country, Supporting Partner, type of vaccine/dose, period etc.)

# **Planned Improvements**

- Add a view that shows the total doses the country has received from each of the different sources
- Display volumes left, daily absorption rates and the doses at risk at the current rate.
- Track daily, weekly and monthly absorption rates to enable the country monitor consumption and take measures like redistribution to facilities with high consumption rates
- Set target absorption rates at any given time which if maintained facilities will finish their current vaccine stocks before they expire
- Provide a mechanism to validate and clean data before display to the dashboard-most of this to be implemented at ODK form.
- Track wastage rate with data being captured in the vaccine management form

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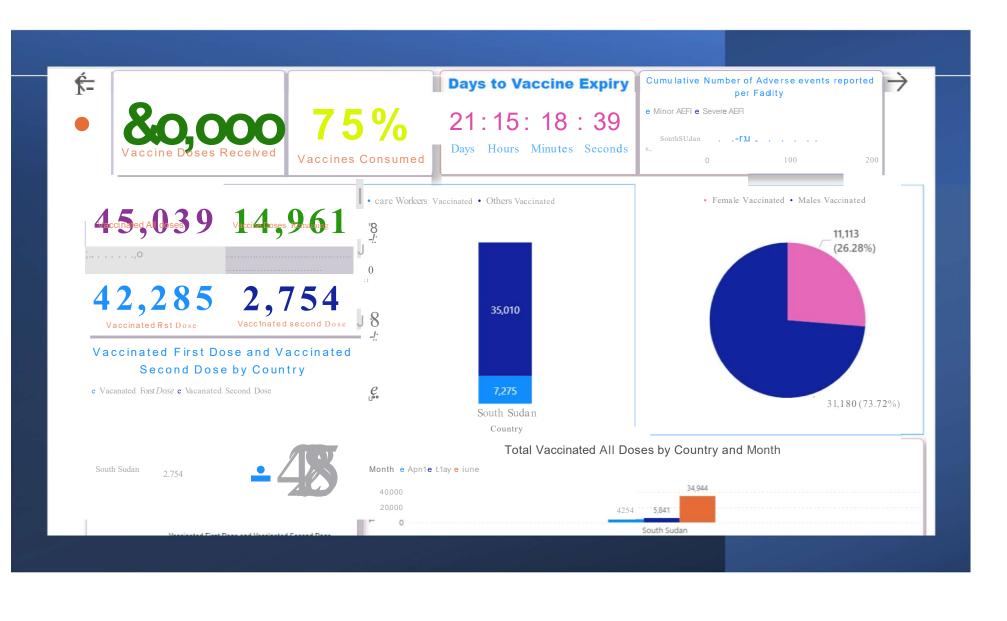
- Include question and answer visuals which allows a user to interact and interrogate the data using natural language
- Show locations of facilities using geo-location (currently showing County/State map)

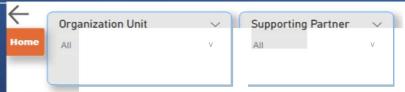
# Future plans

- Integrate the dashboard to the DHIS2 for monitoring COVID-19 cases, availability of case management equipment and infrastructure, etc
- Tailor and use the system for Supplementary Routine Immunization Activities (SIAs) and monitor vaccination progress in real time from all sites and identify issues that need attention in the field.
- Develop similar dashboards and link with other existing databases for analysis.
- Develop a dashboard for the Accountability Framework-Plans under way
- With one standard set, can monitor progress across different locations and systems

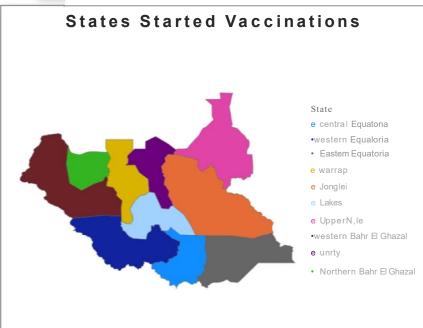
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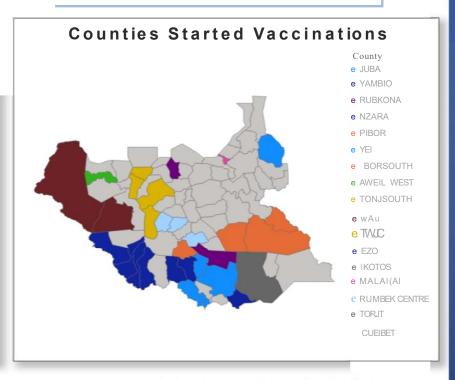
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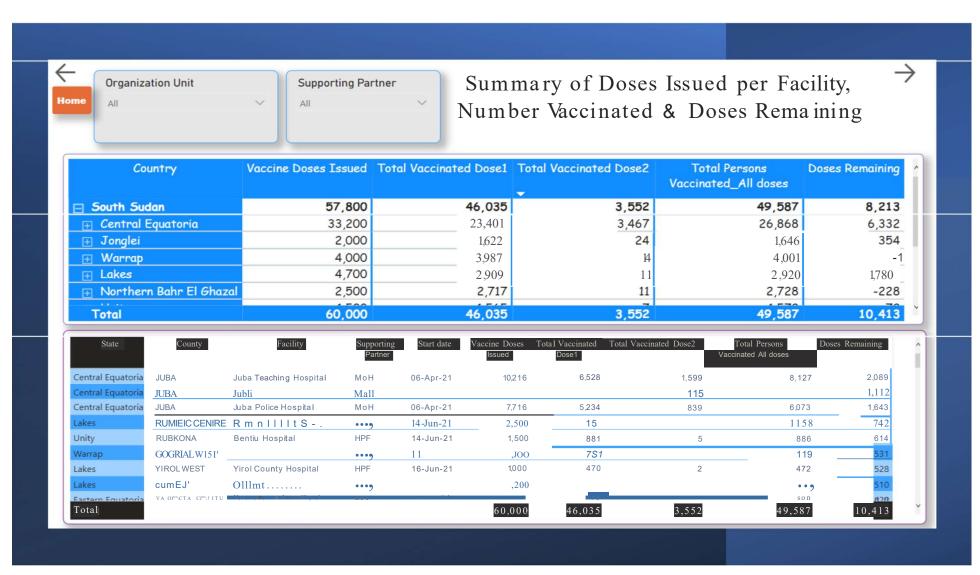






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