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Community Health Information Systems:

## Integrating community data into the health information system in Rwanda

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# Background of Community Health Program in Rwanda: What is a CHW

Male or Female elected by members of the village and are accountable of the village they serve. The elected CHW should:

- Be living in the village
- Be qualified, honest and accountable
- Agree for voluntarism
- Have a P6 education minimum

CHWs are more accessible, acceptable by clients in their communities and less expensive



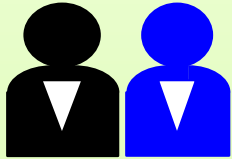
CHW performing a malaria test on a child. Photo KT Press

# CHWs in Rwanda



## **Cell Coordinator:**

Senior CHW overseeing multiple villages



## **Binome:**

1 female & 1 male in charge of iCCM



## **ASM:**

1 Female in charge of Maternal Health


- Team of three CHWs per village
- Technically supervised by the HC staff and administratively supervised by the in charge of social affairs (cell, sector, district)
- Receive financial compensation through PBF: based on a set of performance indicators from monthly reports
- Implement income generating activities through CHWs cooperatives

# Community Health Milestones

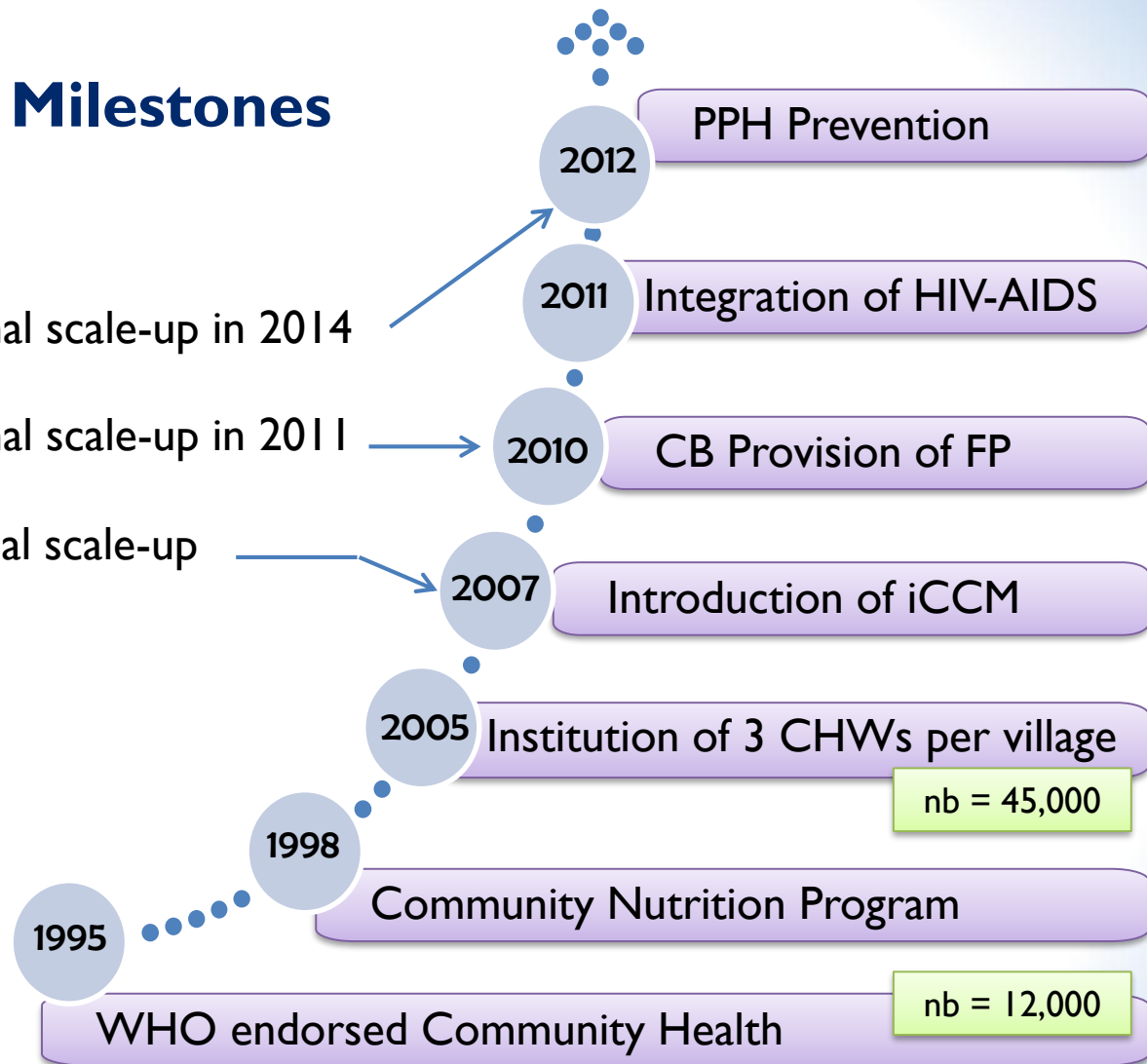
Pilot in 3 districts before national scale-up in 2014

Pilot in 3 districts before national scale-up in 2011

Pilot in 8 districts before national scale-up



In 2015-2016, CHWs started treating malaria among adults countrywide

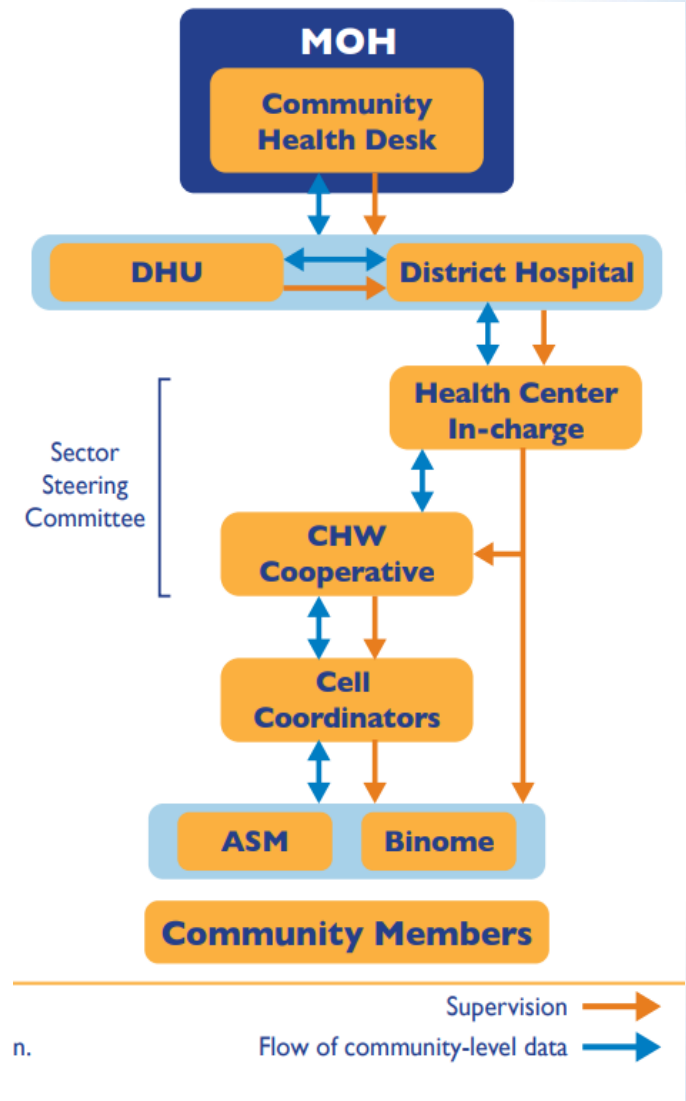


# CHWs in the Health System

- Organization of the Health System :

| Subdivision                         | Health Service                                 |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 4 Provinces<br>+ the City of Kigali | 8 referral hospitals<br>4 Provincial hospitals |
| 30 districts                        | 35 district hospitals                          |
| 416 Sectors                         | 465 health centers                             |
| 2,148 cells                         | 44,511 CHWs                                    |
| 14,837 villages                     |  |

- All CHWs are organized into cooperatives. Each health center oversees one CHW cooperative



# The Community Health Information Systems

The M&E system for community interventions is done through different national data collection and reporting tools managed by web based interface.

Tools include:

- National standard paper based source document (registers)
- Paper-based monthly summary form
- DHIS-2/SISCOM
- Rapid SMS



# History of HIS for community Health Program

| Year          | Health Information system   | Current status           |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1995-1998     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper based reporting only and excel sheet used at HC and Hospital</li> </ul>  | Excel no longer used     |
| 1998- 2007    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper based at village, cell and CHWs cooperative</li> <li>Aggregated data managed using Access software</li> </ul>  | Access no longer used    |
| 2007-2010     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper based at village, cell and CHWs cooperative</li> <li>Use of M-Ubuzima by CHWs Binomes</li> <li>Use of Rapid SMS by CHWs ASMs</li> <li>Access software to manage PBF data</li> </ul>  | M-Ubuzima no longer used |
| 2012- to date | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper based at village, cell and CHWs cooperative</li> <li>Use of HMIS-DHIS-2 that integrates over I I modules including SISCOM, PBF, what was reported through M-Ubuzima, Maternal and child death surveillance (verbal autopsy)..</li> <li>Use of Rapid SMS by all CHWs (Code card paper based, then send SMS of individual record)</li> </ul> |                          |



# Services areas tracked



## RAPORO Y'UKWEZI Y'IBIKORWA BY'ABAJYANAMA B'UBUZIMA

|   |   |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Uwego rwakozwe raporo: <input type="radio"/> Umudugudu <input type="radio"/> Akagali <input type="radio"/> Koperative |   | Ukwezi:                         | Umwaka:                    | Umujyanama w'ubuzima            | Umubare                    | Abakoze raporo (abatanzwe) |
| Umudugudu:  | Umubare w'abatanzwe:  | Binome                          |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| Akagali:  | Abaturage b'umudugudu:  | ASM                             |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| Igiko nderabuzima:  | Abana bari muni y'imyaka 5:   | Indwara zidakira                |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| Akarere:  | Abagore bafite imyaka 15 kugeza kuri 49:  | Imibereho myiza                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| <b>A. Kuvura abana barwaye (Ubuwuzi bw'ibanze bukomatanyije)</b>  |   | Umubare wose                    | Abawaze                    | Aboherejwe                      |                            |                            |
|   |   |                                 |                            | Mbere yokurwira                 | Nyuma yo kuvurwa           |                            |
| 1   | umubare w'abana barwaye bakirwe n'umujyanama w'ubuzima bari muni y'imyaka 5                                 |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 2   | Umubare w'abagize umuriro/malariya bageze ku mujyanama w'ubuzimabari hagati y'amezi 6-59 mbere y'amasaha 24 |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 3   | Umubare w'abagize umuriro/malariya bageze ku mujyanama w'ubuzimabari hagati y'amezi 6-59 nyuma y'amasaha 24 |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 4   | Umubare w'abagize impiwi bari hagati y'amezi 2-59   |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 5   | Umubare w'abagize umusonga bari hagati y'amezi 2-59   |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 6   | Umubare w'isuzubuturwa wohererejwe umujyanama w'ubuzima(yakirwe)  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
|   |   | Umubare wose                    | Positif                    | Negatif                         | Isobanurwa                 |                            |
| 7   | Umubare wa TDR zakozwe  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| <b>B1. Imirire (Gupima abana imirire buri kwezi ku mudugudu)</b>  |   | MUAC (6-59)                     | Ibiro/imyaka (6-59)        | Umubare                         |                            |                            |
| 8   | Umubare w'abana bari mu ibara ry'icyatsi  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 9   | Umubare w'abana bari mu ibara ry'umuhondo   |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 10  | Umubare w'abana bari mu ibara ry'umutuku  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 11  | Umubare w'abana babimbye ibirenge na oedema   |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 12  | Umubare w'abana boherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima kubera ikibazo K'imirire mibi                                 |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 13  | Umubare w'abana bahawe RUTF cyangwa Sosoma  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| <b>B2. Ikingira/Gusuzuma Ikingirwa ry'abana bari muni y'imyaka 5 buri kwezi mu mudugudu</b>                           |   | Umubare                         |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 14  | Umubare w'abana bari hagati y'amezi 9-12 batujije inkingo uko bikwiye                                       |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| <b>CL. Ubuzima bw'ababyeyi (Kwita ku mugore twite, umubyeyi n'uruhinja mu rugo)</b>                                   |   | Umubare                         |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 15  | Umubare w'abagore batwite bashya bagaragaye muri uku kwezi  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 16  | umubare w'abagore batwite bakurikiranwe muri uku kwezi  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 17  | Umubare w'abagore batwite boherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima gusuzumisha inda iri muni y'amezi 4                 |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 18  | Umubare w'abagore batwite boherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima kubera ikimenyetso mpuraza                          |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 19  | Umubare w'ababyariye mu ngo   |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 20  | Umubare w'ababyariye ku kigo nderabuzima  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 21  | Umubare w'ababerejwe n'umujyanama w'ubuzima kujya kubyarira ku kigo nderabuzima                             |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 22  | Umubare w'ababyeyi/impinja baherejwe kwa muganga nyuma yo kubara mu ghe kitarenze amasaha 24                |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 23  | Umubare w'abagore batwite boherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima muri gahunda ya PMCT                                |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 24  | Umubare w'abana bari muni y'amezi 2 boherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima kubera ikimenyetso mpuraza                |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| <b>C2. Gahunda y'imirire ishingiye ku baturage kandi bayigizemo umubare</b>   |   | Umubare                         |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 25  | Umubare w'ababyeyi bonsa bafite umuzenguruko w'ikingira uri muni ya cm 21                                   |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 26  | Umubare w'abagore batwite bafite umuzenguruko w'ikingira uri muni ya cm 21                                  |                                 |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| <b>D. Kuboneza urubyaro</b>   |   | Gore                            | Gabo                       | J. Imiti n'ibibesho             |                            |                            |
| 27  | Umubare w'abinyije muri gahunda yo kuboneza urubyaro muri uku kwezi   |                                 |                            |                                 | Ibyo yari afite            | Ibyo yashyize uko kwezi    |
| 28  | Umubare w'abahagaritse gahunda yo kuboneza urubyaro ku mudugudu   |                                 |                            |                                 | Ibyatanzwe                 | Imibuzura                  |
| 29  | Umubare w'abari muri gahunda yo kuboneza urubyaro ku mudugudu   |                                 |                            |                                 |                            | Ibibigaye                  |
| <b>E. Gukurikirana imfu z'ababyeyi n'abana</b>  |   | Kwa muganga                     | Mu rugo                    |                                 |                            |                            |
| 30  | Umubare w'abagore bapfuye batwite/babyara cyangwa se mu minsi 42 nyuma yo kubara                            |                                 |                            |                                 | Pilules                    |                            |
| 31  | Umubare w'abana bafite muni y'umwaka 1 bapfuye (Bose)   |                                 |                            |                                 | Indigirizo                 |                            |
| 32  | Umubare w'abana bafite muni y'umwaka 1 bapfuye (Bose)   |                                 |                            |                                 | Depo-provera (DMPA)        |                            |
| 33  | Umubare w'impinja zapfuye zitarenze iminsi 28 zivutse   |                                 |                            |                                 | Misoprostol                |                            |
| <b>F. Gukurikirana uburwayi</b>   |   | Umubare                         |                            |                                 |                            |                            |
| 34  | Umubare w'abakwaho igitungu boherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima   |                                 |                            |                                 | Primo Tuku                 |                            |
| 35  | Umubare w'abanywe igitungu bahabwa imiti mu rugo  |                                 |                            |                                 | Primo Hondo                |                            |
| 36  | Umubare w'abakwaho imbasa boherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima   |                                 |                            |                                 | Zinc                       |                            |
| 37  | Umubare w'abakwaho iseru boherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima  |                                 |                            |                                 | ORS                        |                            |
| 38  | Umubare w'aboherejwe ku kigo nderabuzima kwijimisha ubwandu bwa Sida  |                                 |                            |                                 | Amoxicillin                |                            |
| <b>G. Gusuzura no kwitabira inama/IEC (supervision office)</b>  |   | Umubare                         |                            | Vitamin A                       |                            |                            |
| 39  | Inshuro yasuye n'umukoko wo ku kigo nderabuzima   |                                 |                            |                                 | Inzitrambu                 |                            |
| 40  | Inshuro yasuye n'umujyanama w'umuhuzabikorwa ku rwego rw'akagari.   |                                 |                            |                                 | ROT                        |                            |
| 41  | Umubare w'inama/zirimo inyigisho yagiranye n'abatanzwe  |                                 |                            |                                 | Ukurindantaki              |                            |
| <b>H. Kwishyura (Rw)</b>  |   | Amuranga yakirwe muri uku kwezi | Umwenda wagamaze uku kwezi | Umwenda wabanywe muri uku kwezi | Umwenda usigaye kwishyurwa |                            |
|   |   |                                 |                            |                                 | Imiti y'igituntu           |                            |
| Itariki yujuriweho: .....   |   | Amazina n'umukono: .....        |                            | Itariki yakirweho: .....        |                            | Amazina n'umukono: .....   |

# Services areas tracked

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Treatment of sick children (iCCM)

Community Based Nutrition Program (CBNP)

Malaria Treatment Adults (HBM)

Family Planning

RDTs carried out

Home based Follow up of pregnant women, mothers and newborns

Nutritional monitoring

Maternal and Newborn Death Surveillance

Under-5 vaccination

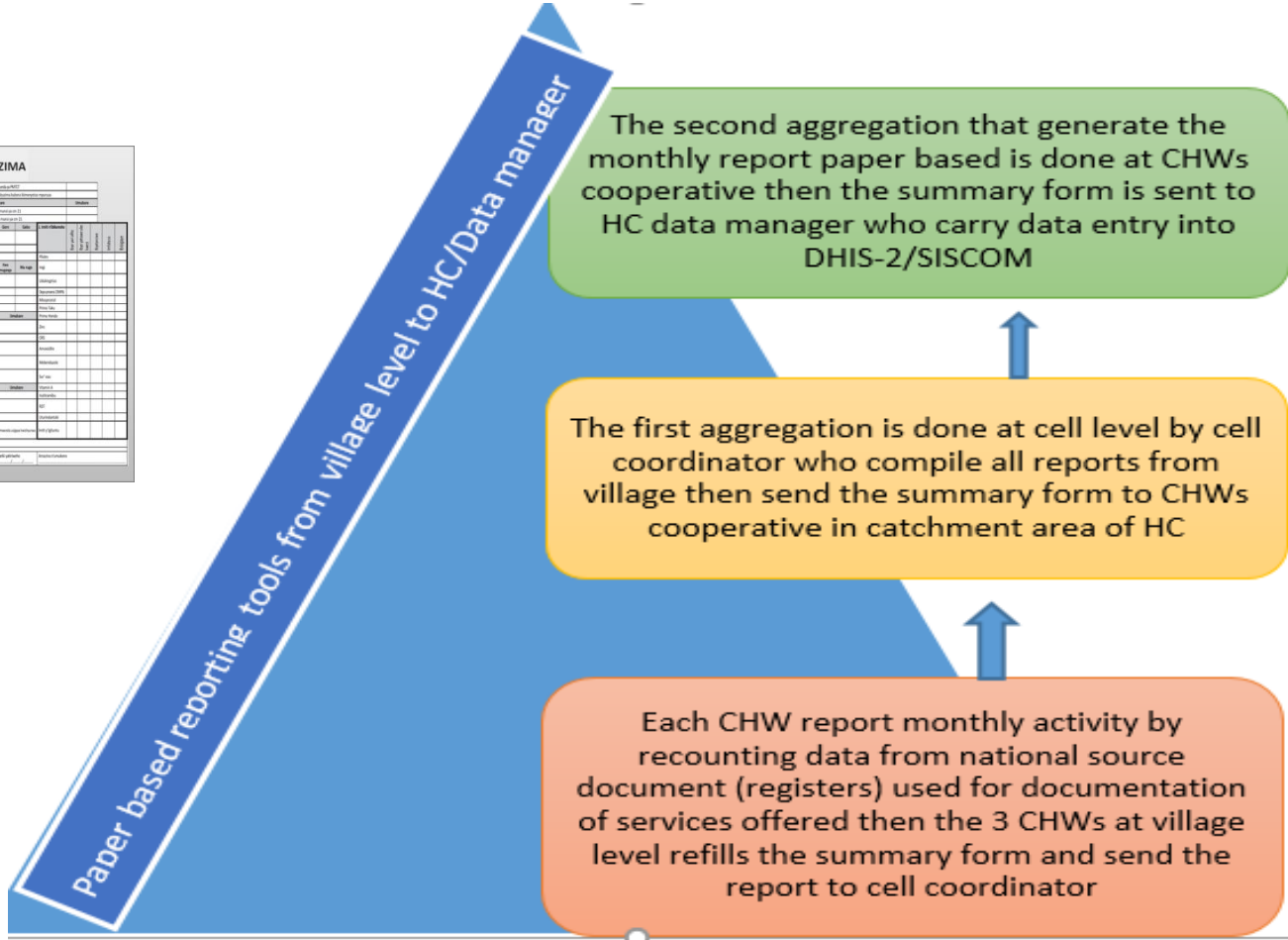
Drugs and supplies

IEC and user payments

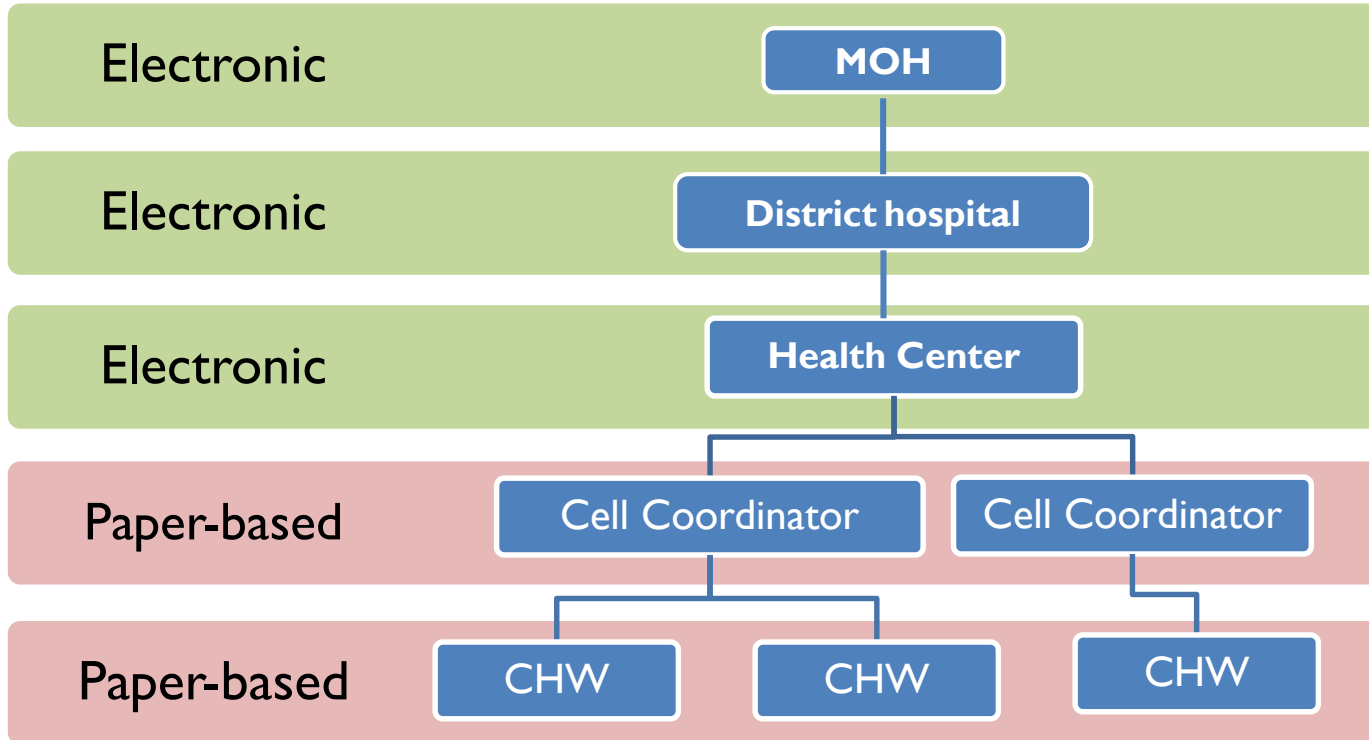
# The SISCOM monthly summary form

Paper based tool

The image shows a sample of the SISCOM monthly summary form. The title is 'RAPORO Y'UKWEZI Y'IBIKORWA BY'ABAJANAMA B'UBUZIMA'. The form is divided into several sections, each with a heading and a table of data. The sections include: 1. General information (name, address, etc.), 2. Health services provided (preventive, curative, etc.), 3. Health status of the population (malaria, HIV/AIDS, etc.), 4. Health status of the community (water, sanitation, etc.), 5. Health status of the health system (staff, equipment, etc.), and 6. Health status of the environment (climate, pollution, etc.). Each section contains a table with columns for 'Number of cases', 'Number of patients', and 'Number of deaths'. The form is filled with data, including names, dates, and numerical values.



# Data flow system



# Electronic system from the Health Center→Up



Equipment available at Health Facilities

The coordinator of CHW cooperative submit the monthly summary form to HC data manager who enters aggregated data into DHIS-2/SISCOM

| Filter in section   | Total cases received | Treated | Referred Directly | Referred After Tx |
|---|----------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sick adults and children > 5 years received by CHW                          | 303                  | 230     | 73                | 0                 |
| Adults and children > 5 years with fever treated within 24 hours            | 303                  | 230     | 73                | 0                 |
| Adults and children > 5 years with fever treated after 24 hours             | 0                    | 0       | 0                 | 0                 |
| Counter referral forms received by the CHW for adults and children >5 years | 0                    | 0       | 0                 | 0                 |

The data entry screen of DHIS-2-HMIS/SISCOM

# Rapid SMS



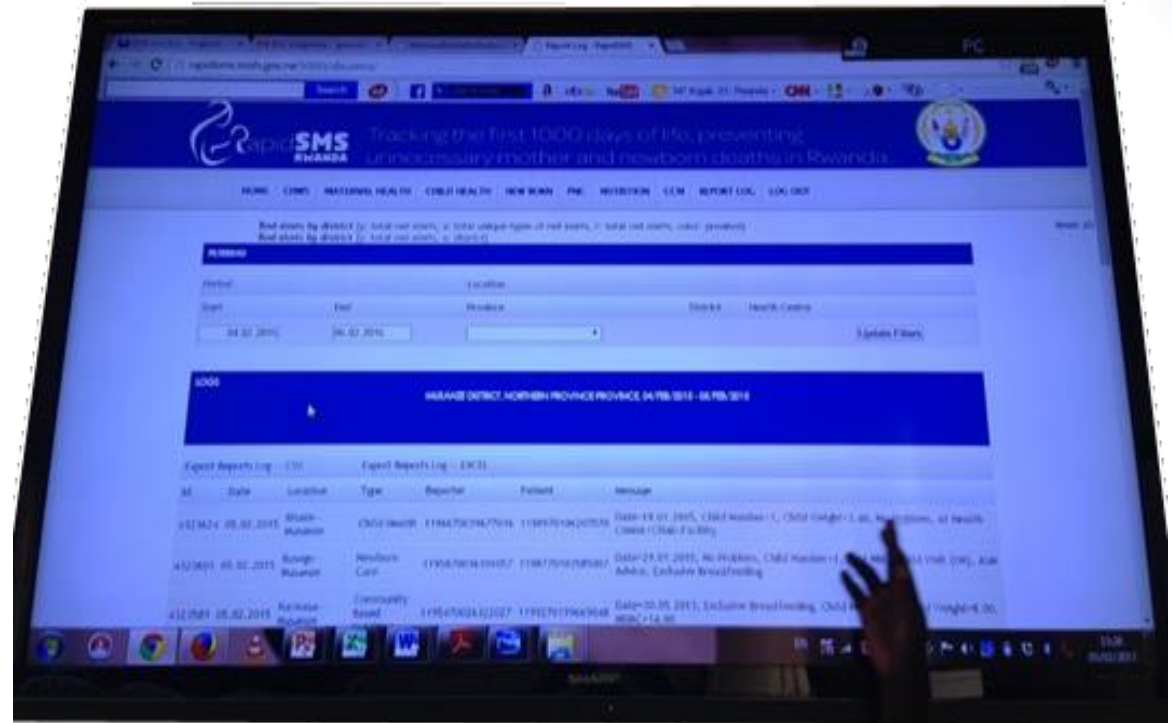
CHW sending Rapid-SMS from his cellphone

Text-messaging tool used by CHW to track pregnant women and track the first 1000 days of life up to 5 years

Examples of information submitted:

- Woman's pregnancy and delivery
- Children under five identified with danger sign
- Tracking referrals (track alert sent and responses)
- Maternal and under five deaths

# Data use



RapidSMS data accessed at District Hospital

# Summary of Community Data Use

| <b>System</b> | <b>Main Clients</b>                                   | <b>Use</b>  |
|---------------|---|---|
| Rapid SMS     | Primary level health facilities                       | Respond to maternal and child health emergencies  |
| HMIS/SISCOM   | CHW   | Drug and supply management  |
|               | Primary level health facilities                       | Support community health workers within the catchment area                                  |
|               | Local administration: village, cell, sector, district | CHWs data is used for planning, setting and monitoring health related performance contracts |
|               | Central: RBC/MOH and development partners             | Informed policies, establishment of strategies, supply chain management, research, PBF      |



# Use of Rapid SMS

RapidSMS
Republic of Rwanda  
Ministry of Health

**Register Yourself**      You only need to do this once! Remember to re-register if you move!

|                |             |         |                       |              |
|----------------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>REG</b>     | 11985701083 | 309     | RW                    | KABAYA       |
| Start with REG | National ID | FOSA ID | Language (RW, FR, EN) | Village Name |

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**Report Pregnancy**      Report only AFTER it is confirmed !

|                |                      |                     |           |                 |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>PRE</b>     | 11979700799          | 03.05.2010          | MA        | 80.2Kg          |
| Start with PRE | Mother's National ID | Date of Last menses | Risk Code | Mother's Weight |

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**Report Maternal Risk /Death**

|                 |                      |           |               |                 |        |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| <b>RISK</b>     | 11981700937          | FE        | HE            | HO              | 71.2Kg |
| Start with RISK | Mother's National ID | Risk Code | Location code | Mother's Weight |        |

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**Report Birth**

|                |                      |              |               |     |           |               |              |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>BIR</b>     | 11980700990          | 01           | 07.05.2010    | BO  | CI        | CL            | 3.3Kg        |
| Start with BIR | Mother's National ID | Child Number | Date of Birth | Sex | Risk Code | Location Code | Child Weight |

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**Report Child Health /Death**

|                |                      |              |                                   |              |           |               |        |       |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-------|
| <b>CHI</b>     | 11971315001          | 01           | 30.04.2010                        | V1           | FE        | HO            | 4.5Kg  | 5.4Cm |
| Start with CHI | Mother's National ID | Child Number | Date of Vaccination / Measurement | Vaccine Code | Risk Code | Location Code | Weight | MUAC  |

Instructions for sending Rapid-SMS

- The system sends automated, actionable responses to CHWs when reported events indicate risk, or when antenatal care visits or deliveries are due
- Health facilities are notified to prepare for an anticipated delivery and/or to provide ambulance transport



# Feedback Mechanism and Data Quality

## National

- Quarterly community sub-technical working group meeting
- Quarterly and annual analysis of community data
- Biannual integrated supervision including community DQA

## DH

- Quarterly analysis of CH data to inform decision by Management Team
- Biannual DQA of community data (quality control paper vs. electronic)

## HC

- Monthly meeting at HC level to review reported data and link data to quality of service provision
- Mentorship including community DQA

## Community

- Monthly CHWs meeting with cell coordinator to review reported data

# Community Performance-Based Financing

Incentives to cooperatives in exchange of their performance based on two categories of indicators:

## Pay-for-reporting:

Quarterly payment based on the timely submission of quality data reports related to 29 indicators.

*Conditions:*

1. **Report Quality:** Timeliness, Accuracy and Completeness of Report
2. **Cooperative Quality:** Legal status, Presence of President, Bank account, ...

## Pay-for-indicators:

Additional payment for improvement in five targeted areas (Nutrition, ANC, SBA, FP referrals and FP new users LTPM)



The average quarterly payment is \$900 per cooperative for a 100% quality score

# Successes and Challenges



# Examples of Successes

- All CHWs are using standard data collection tools (registers, flipcharts and summary forms)
- All CHWs are equipped with a mobile phone regularly loaded with airtime for Rapid SMS, communication with HC and other CHWs
- The DHIS-2/SISCOM functional countrywide
- A strong feedback and coordination mechanism is in place and functional
- The PBF include the CHW reporting rate

# Remaining challenges

- Turnover of trained CHWs
- High workload for CHWs
- Inadequate response rate on alerts sent through Rapid SMS
- Disaggregation of data (eg: FP not disaggregated by method)
- Disparities in CHWs activity as per instructions for Rapid SMS
- Sub-optimal use of data

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