



Strengthening Public Health through DHIS2

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Agenda

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- Impact on Public Health Decision Making
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Introductions to DHIS2

- Implemented through 2010 to 2015 to replace MS-Access.
- An open-source system used in middle-income countries (mostly in Africa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu in the Pacific).
- It has evolved from what was to be an all-inclusive health information system (including clinical), to being solely focused on public health.
- Major technical upgrade completed in December 2023, including
 - expanding data collection to align with various vertical program (e.g., maternal child health, malaria, etc.)
 - standardization of hospital data across 6 hospitals
 - strengthening monthly routine reporting across 225 health facilities (i.e. health centers, dispensaries, and aid posts)
 - adoption of standard population denominators
 - management of health programs at both health zone and area council levels
- Currently hosted offshore, but to be repatriated and hosted at OGCIIO by October 31, 2024.

Alignment with Data Governance Principles

- Only source of truth for public health data.
- Data anonymized and aggregated.
- Gender disaggregated and inclusive (in some programs).
- More than doubled improvement in reporting rate and coverage since prior years for better accuracy and timely reporting.
- Continuing collaboration and data exchange with other government agencies (e.g., VNSO, Internal Affairs, Education, Justice and Community Services, etc.)
... but now the need for digital integration.

Impact on Public Health Decision-Making

- Routine monthly health facility reporting to monitor health services and interventions
- Master Health Facilities
- Monitoring and surveillance of disease outbreaks and epidemics
- Maternal and child health monitoring and reporting
- Immunization monitoring and reporting
- Leprosy, TB, Neglected Tropical Diseases monitoring and reporting
- Hospital services reporting

Interoperability and System Integration

- Current project
 - Integration with Go.Data outbreak investigation to automate data aggregation for public health reporting (COVID-19, measles, leptospirosis, yaws, TB, and leprosy)
 - Integration with Microsoft PowerBI for improved data visualization and dashboards
- Future integration plans
 - Integration with Heartcare NCD management system (2025)
 - Integration with Cancer Registry (2025)
 - Integration of vital events to national civil registry (CRIM) (2025)
 - Integration with National Electronic Health Record System (2026 – 2027)

The National ID is the “golden thread” to government systems integration and achieving Universal Health Coverage

Future Directions of DHIS2 and Digital Health

- DHIS2:
 - Pilot mobile tablets in rural health facilities to automate reporting (2024)
 - Implementation of a national immunization registry (2024 – 2025)
 - One Health approach to leptospirosis (2024 - 2025)
 - Implementation of Community and Outreach module (2025)
- Completion of Vanuatu Digital Health Strategy 2025 – 2029
- Legal adoption of National ID as the National Health Number
- Strengthening legal infrastructure through Health Information Policy or Act

A dramatic photograph of a volcanic eruption. A large, dark, conical volcano is the central focus, with a bright, glowing orange and yellow lava flow cascading down its slope. A massive, dense plume of fire and ash rises vertically from the crater, reaching high into a dark, blue, and cloudy sky. The foreground is dominated by dark, jagged volcanic rocks and ash, with some glowing embers scattered across the surface. The overall scene is one of intense natural power and heat.

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