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# Visibility and Analytics Networks

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# Session Objectives

- Provide an introduction to the concept of visibility and analytics networks (VAN)
- Present country examples of VAN implementation and how to overcome information-sharing and coordination barriers
- Present examples of the work of CARhs and CSP members

# Session Agenda

- Overview of VAN concept and application
  - Global and country levels
- Fireside chat with CARhs and CSP members
- Country examples of VAN
  - Indonesia: Dr. Dwi Listyawardani
  - Guinea: Dr. Sano Nagnouma
  - Kenya: Dennis Ndwiga
- Question/Answer/Discussion



# Introduction to Visibility and Analytics Networks

# The Visibility and Analytics Network...

... lays out a vision of the



**People**

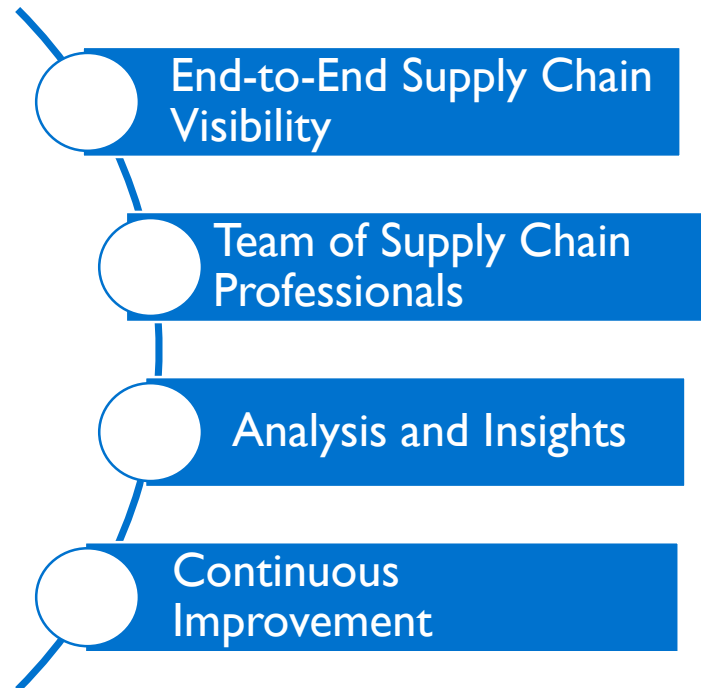
**Processes**



**Technology**



**& Policies**



required to operate a highly effective supply chain.

# What is VAN?



- A group of supply chain experts empowered by policy, process, technology and end to end visibility with an objective to make the supply chain more collaborative, aligned, agile and demand-driven.



- Whose central strategic objective is to ensure the availability of the right health commodities when and where the beneficiary needs them.



Source: VAN Project, Blueprint Reference Model

# VAN Ideal State



**Visibility:** Specialized supply chain management roles require visibility of stock on hand, consumption data, delivery data, cold chain data, and much more as VAN matures



**Analytics:** Analytical processes and IT to make planning recommendations, report and review KPIs, inform decisions based on risk analysis, optimisation studies and simulation



**Network:** The network of interlocking roles and responsibilities, links National, County, Districts and Facilities in clear terms of what individuals are responsible for, and what technology links support them

## Analytical processes with clear purpose...

- Resolving issues in response to alerts
- Supply Chain Planning processes - Demand, Supply & Distribution planning
- Analyzing KPIs and Root Causes of issues  
Updating 'Master Data', Policies, KPIs
- Data driven optimization studies



# VAN... aka Control Tower



## **“A control tower is**

a central hub with the required technology, organization, and processes to capture and use supply chain data to provide enhanced visibility for short and long term decision making that is aligned with strategic objectives.”

(Source: [Capgemini Consulting](#))


Combines people, processes, and technology into shared service centers

Improves visibility across functions and enables coordinated, data-driven decision-making

# VAN Services



- Demand Planning
- Supply Planning & Inventory Management
- Distribution & Transportation Management
- Cold Chain Management



# Strengthening Family Planning Supply Chain Systems in Indonesia

Dr. Dwi Listyawardani

Deputy of Family Planning & Reproductive Health

National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN)

# Background

## Data Availability

Over 90% reporting rate  
Large no. of indicators  
Easily available

## Data Systems

Limited visualizations  
Cumbersome forms  
Inconsistent quality

**CENTRAL**



**34 Province Warehouses**



**514 District Warehouses**



**17,000**

**Health Centers & Hospitals**



**64,000**

**Private midwives & FBOs**

## Data Use

Weak culture  
Not used for decision making  
Limited monitoring & feedback

## Logistics Data

Not used consistently for resupply decisions  
Separate system for warehouses and SDPs

# Overview of Implementation

## VISIBILITY

- Simplified excel based inventory management tools
- Mobile app that collects data during mentor visits
- Tracking key performance indicators

## QUALITY

- Strengthening record management and reporting
- Data ownership
- Linkages with commodity availability



## USE

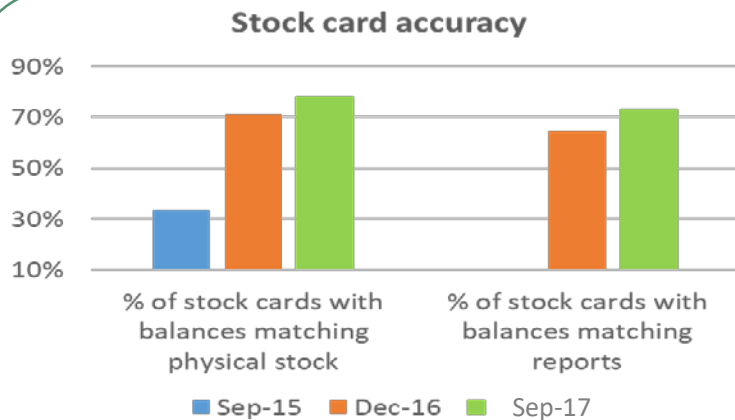
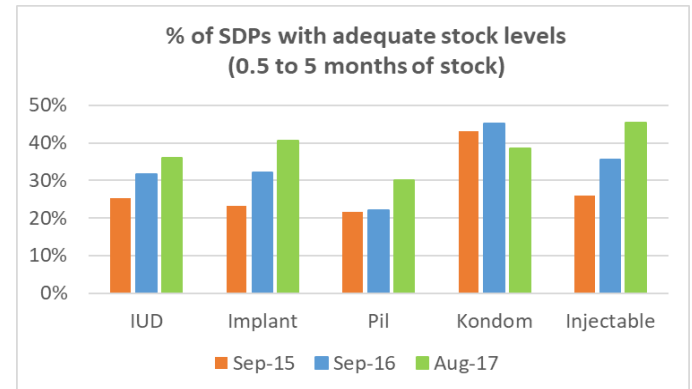
- Informed resupply
- Standardizing trigger points
- Quality Improvement Teams
- Feedback and recognition

## ORGANIZATION

- Equipping stakeholders with SOPs and tools
- Defining roles and responsibilities
- Facilitating multi level/division collaboration
- Routine mentorship and on-the-job training

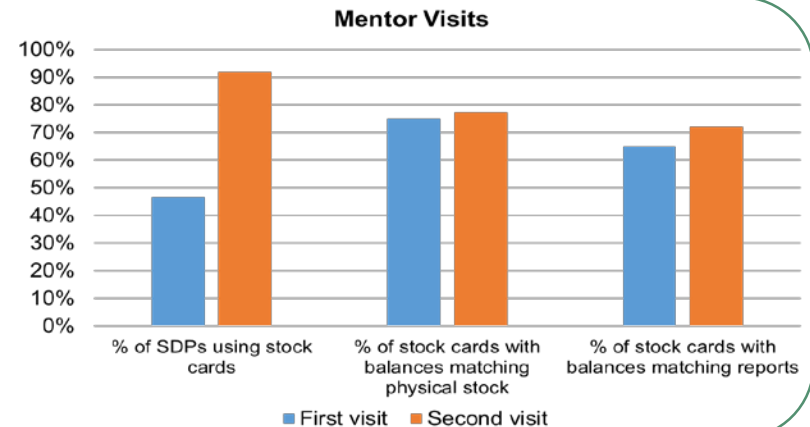
# Outcomes and results

- Reduced stock imbalances and wastage
- Strengthened collaboration and customer service through routine QITs



- Improvement in record and report accuracy
- Increased ownership to improve data quality and outcomes

- Routine mentorship and feedback has improved motivation and accountability
- Improved storage practices



# Key considerations

## Simplified

- Familiar low cost platforms. Minimal training
- User friendly. Simple indicators

## Purposeful

- Comprehensive. User centric
- Facilitates local action. Result oriented

## Linkages

- Monitoring and feedback mechanism
- Ownership and motivation

## Culture

- Policy. Accountability
- Continuous improvement

# Challenges

- Tendency to switch back to old practices
- Trusting data to make decisions
- Managing different levels of capacity
- Breaking silos within the organization structure
- Emphasizing the importance of supply chain management within the FP program





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# Guinea

Dr. Sano Nagnouma, Ministère de la Santé, Unité de Gestion Logistique

# Aperçu de la Mise en Oeuvre du VAN

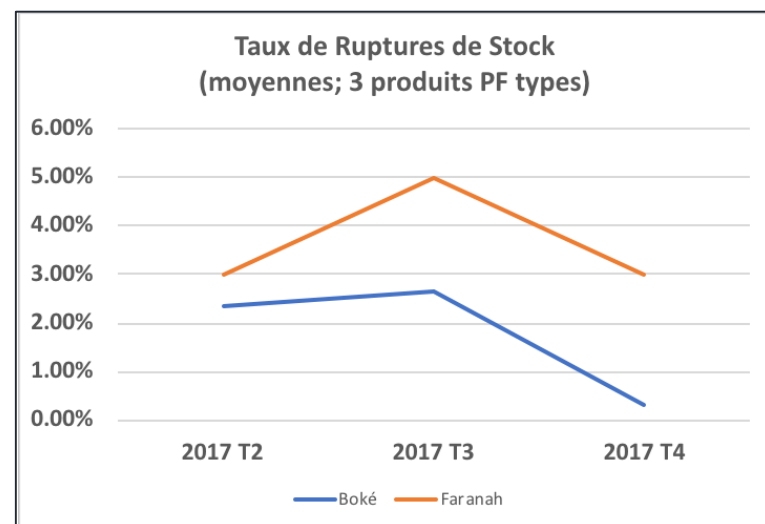
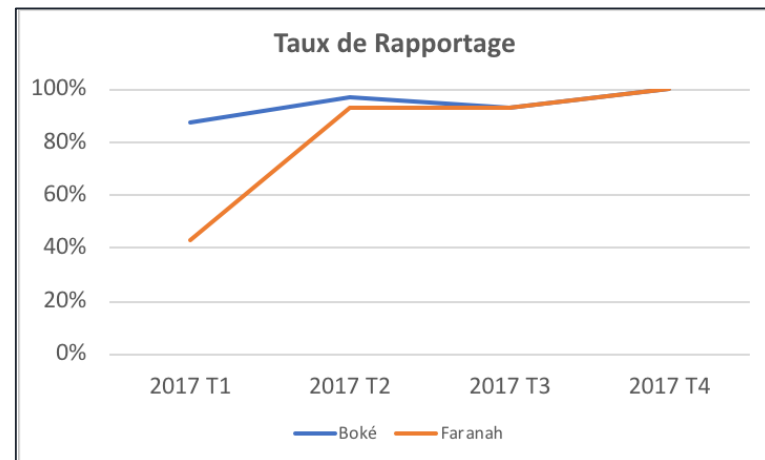
- Equipes IMPACT au niveau de six districts (2 pilotes + 2) et au niveau central
  - Identification des districts pilotes
  - Identification des membres des équipes
  - Formation des membres des équipes, y compris la conception des procédures des équipes
    - Sélection des indicateurs à suivre/évaluer
    - Calendrier des réunions
    - Ordre du jour standard des réunions
    - Réunion de préparation des réunions
    - Outils
- 5 mois pour mettre en œuvre ces activités

# Considérations clés

- Nouveau système d'information pour la gestion logistique en place depuis début 2017
- Nouveau système de traitement des données informatisé en cours de mise en œuvre
- Existence d'autres comités de gestion existants, mais pas focalisés sur la gestion des produits
- Soutien technique et financier des partenaires
- L'Unité de Gestion Logistique en train d'être mise en place

# Résultats

- Meilleure qualité et visibilité des données
- Identification et résolution des problèmes dans la chaîne d'appro aux niveaux local et central
  - Des actions de redéploiement de stock ont été effectuées
- Mise en place des équipes IMPACT dans tous les districts comme élément du plan stratégique pour la chaîne d'approvisionnement



# Défis

- Mise en place d'un système de suivi efficace piloté par UGL et impliquant les acteurs du niveau intermédiaire pour garantir la transmission régulière des données logistiques de routine
- Equipes IMPACT dans six districts sur 38; impact limité pour le moment
- Mise en place des équipes en même temps que le personnel s'habitue au nouveau système d'information intégré
- Equipe au niveau central; défis pour la tenue régulière des réunions



Merci



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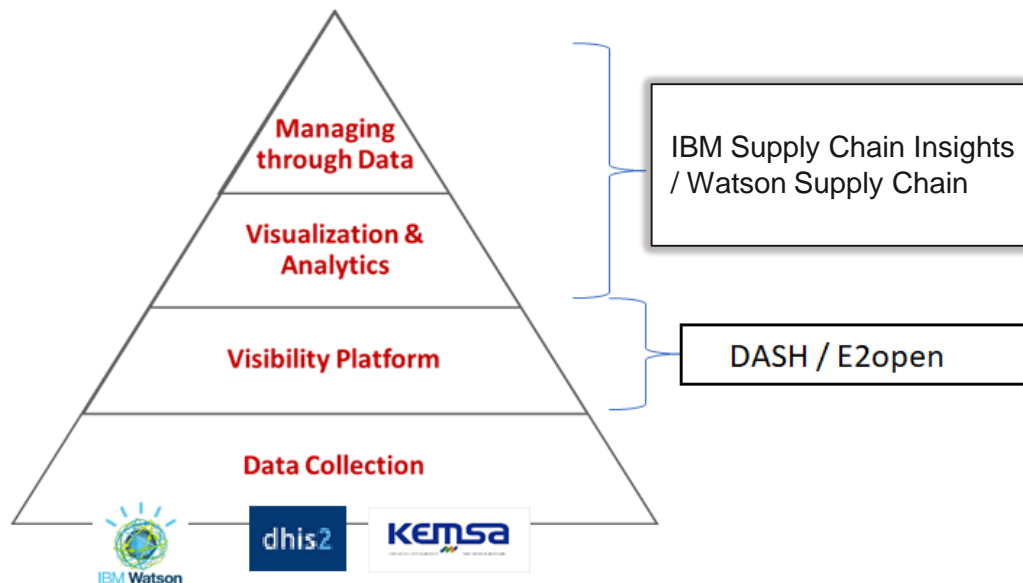
# Kemsa explores using the IBM Watson Artificial Intelligence (AI) Engine

Dennis Ndwiga, Senior Business Analyst  
Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA)



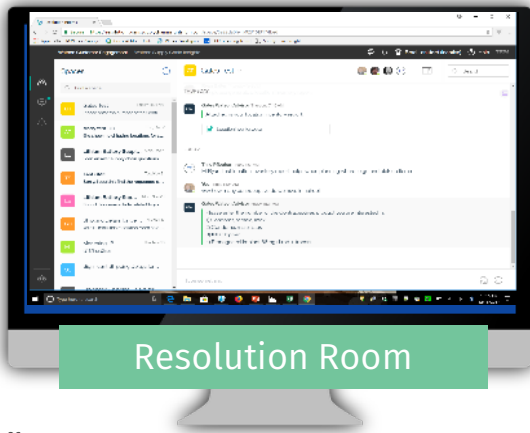
# What if the Kemsas supply chain used artificial intelligence (AI) to aid in decision making?

- Goal: Could a concept like this work in our community now? Or later?
- Vision: Kemsas will have an AI trusted advisor to share insights on causes of stock-outs, preventative measures and identification of relevant resources to improve availability of product by 50%
- Dec/Jan2018: Successful IBM Watson Supply Chain proof of concept with Kemsas sample supply chain data across 24 facilities



# Key Considerations

- Supply Chain Insights provides various user interaction methods
- Designing for connectivity and hardware challenges

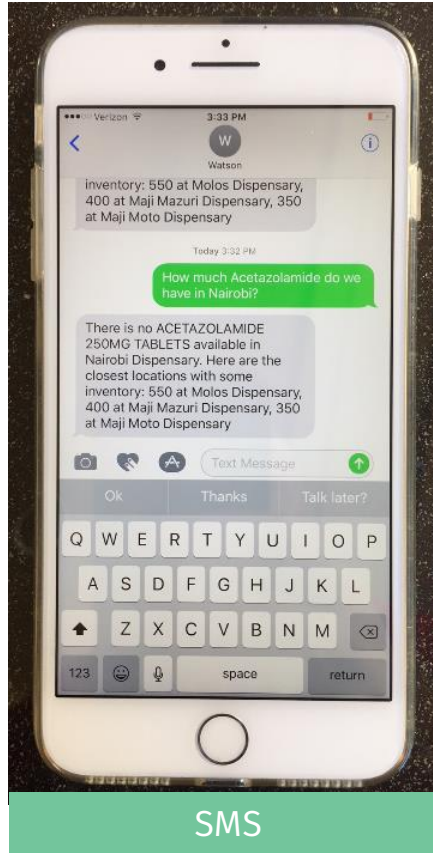


Resolution Room

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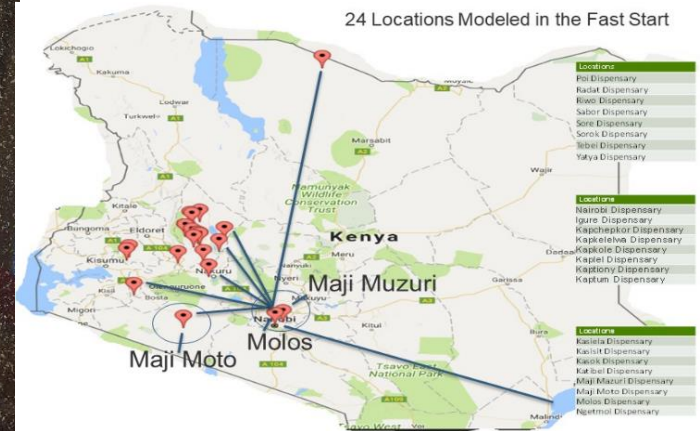
Voice over Mobile Device



SMS

Question: How much Acetazolamide do we have in Nairobi?

Watson Answer: No Inventory for Acetazolamide is found in Nairobi but the nearest locations with inventory are provided in Watson's response



# Key Outcomes and Results

Today's AI technology allows us to leverage cognitive capabilities to create a transparent, intelligent and predictive supply chain for Kemsas.

The successful proof of concept has resulted in an expanded focus to pilot with real data at a select set of facilities.

**Moving forward we expect to be able to:**



Analyze both structured and unstructured data for greater insight



Empower people with cognitive knowledge for faster, better actions



Enable comprehensive visibility across the ecosystem with the VAN platform



Enhance existing systems, eLMIS, with cognitive understanding and learning

*Lack of visibility and transparency is the greatest hurdle in achieving the supply chain organization's objectives.*

- IBM IBV Global Chief Supply Chain Officer (CSCO) Study of 400 supply chain leaders

# Challenges Encountered

In the near term, Watson will require:

- Connecting Kemsas supply chain data to Watson using a VAN platform to collect and aggregate at a small number of facilities
- Training the cognitive engine
- A successful pilot using real data
- A sustainable business model

At scale, Watson will require:

- Using all possible data collection methods to obtain last mile data
- Connecting Kemsas supply chain data to Watson using a VAN platform to collect and aggregate data from many sources of data across the 47 counties and ~6000 facilities (for a full roll out)
- Training and maintaining the cognitive engine over time so that it continually generates the best responses to users questions