# Sustainable Drug Seller Initiative Partner Presentations

























## Situational Analysis for Pharmacy Council GIS Strategy

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## **Background**

#### **Brief summary on Geo-spatial technologies:**

- Geographic Information System (GIS): Tool for spatial data analysis and Visualization
- Satellite Remote Sensing(SRS): Source of input data in GIS
- Global Positioning System(GPS): Feature/location fixation and data acquisition devise
- Database: Data storage/Bank tool for GIS







## **Components of GIS**









### **GIS Data Types**

#### Spatial Data

- Point data (0 dimensional) e.g.ADDO outlets
- Line data (1 dimensional) e.g. Road networks
- Area data (2 dimensional) e.g. Admin. boundaries
- Continuous surface (3 dimensional) e.g. DTM

#### Non-spatial data

- Describes spatial objects
  - Example: Outlet information: Name of outlet, owner.







#### What can GIS do?

GIS can answer questions more compressively. Examples:

- Where?
  - E.g. Where can I find the ADDO outlet in Tanga?
- What?
  - E.g. What is the distance & direction of the nearest pharmacy X in Tanga town?
- When?
  - E.g. When did pharmacy X start to exist?
- Who?
- E.g. Who owns pharmacy X? etc







#### **Satellite Remote Sensing(SRS)**

**Remote Sensing** is the process of collecting information about object(s) on earth surface, through the analysis of images acquired/recorded by satellite sensors in space.

SRS is the source of input data for GIS













## **Global Positioning System(GPS)**

GPS is a satellite-based navigation system made up of a network of 24 satellites placed into orbit.

GPS can be used to fix a location point on a map

• Example: Geographic location of an ADDO



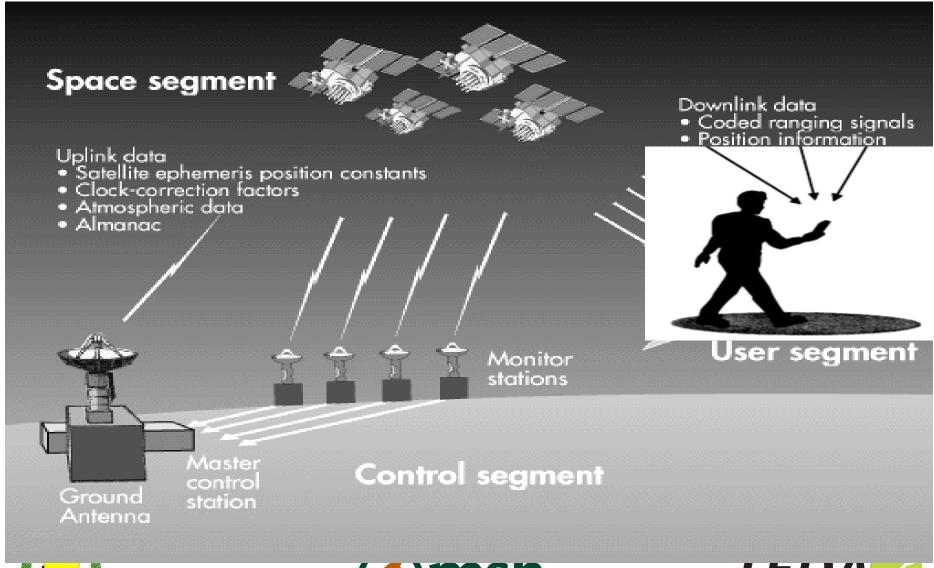
**Handheld GPS** 







### **Components of GPS**







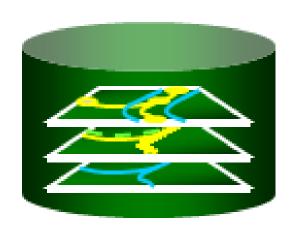


#### **Database**

#### A collection of inter-related records.

Electronic databases mainly consist of:

- Data entry forms
- Data Storage tables
- Queries: for data retrieval
- Reports



In GIS, a database is important tool for storage and management of linked spatial and non spatial data.







## Applications of Geo-spatial Technologies to PC Tanzania

- Survey and mapping of ADDO outlets, Pharmacies,
   Dispensing Sites and other health facilities
- Planning, better decision making and visual analysis
- Enforcement of licensing restrictions and accreditation
- Supervision and inspection of outlets and health facilities
- Preparedness and response: e.g. stockpiling large amounts of medicine and medical supplies for use in health emergencies







# Situational Analysis Preliminary Findings







#### **Objective of Assessment**

- To develop a geographic information system (GIS) strategy for the Pharmacy Council in order to improve the regulatory and management information system of medicine outlets (Pharmacies and ADDOs)
- Desk review and interviews to assess six basic GIS components:
  - ✓ People
  - ✓ Hardware
  - ✓ Software
  - ✓ Data
  - ✓ Methods
  - ✓ Environment







#### **Preliminary Findings and Next Steps**

#### **Preliminary Findings:**

- Based on initial discussions with the Pharmacy Council, have found that GIS capacity is low—with lack of GIS human resources, software, hardware, etc.
- Pharmacy Council expressed interest, however, in utilizing GIS to improve Monitoring and Evaluation
- TANSCOTT Associates have developed a web driven M&E system (to be presented next...)

#### **Next Steps:**

- Conduct interviews with National Bureau of Statistics to assess NBS GIS capacity and ability/willingness to support PC in GIS integration.
- Interviews with additional key stakeholders to assess their vision for GIS at PC and what support they may provide.







#### RECOMMENDATIONS

We strongly suggest that PC Tanzania develop an operational GIS technology for planning, monitoring, evaluation and decision making.

The minimum requirement for establishment of GIS at PC Tanzania







#### **DEMONSTRATION**







## **THANKS**





