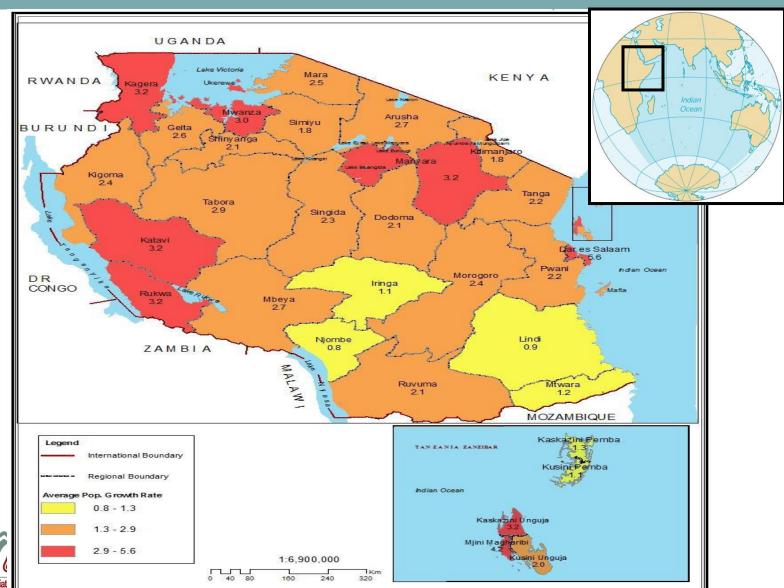
# The Accredited Drug Dispensing Outlet (ADDO) Model in Tanzania



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### Medicine Access and Drug Sellers— The Problem





- Unqualified, untrained staff
- Sale of unauthorized products
- Poor medicine storage conditions
- Unknown medicine quality
- Unreliable supply of medicines
- High medicine prices
- Inadequate regulatory enforcement mechanisms
- Insufficient variety of legally available medicines







### Drug Sellers—Opportunity for Improved Access



- First choice for 45+% of medicine purchases
- Over 9,000 drug shops compared to nearly 800 registered pharmacies in Tanzania
- Close proximity—95% of population within 5 km of a drug shop
- Perception of being more personal; flexible payment methods
- Public health facilities often farther away; essential medicines often out-of-stock





#### Drug Sellers—The Strategy (1)

#### Gain broadbased support from stakeholders

- National and local authorities, professional and commercial associations
- Participatory approach to design and implementation

#### Develop requirements and build stewardship and governance capacity

- Create standards
- Strengthen regulatory capacity
- Develop local strategy for inspections with central oversight
- Continuous program review

#### Build private sector capacity

- Business skills of owners
- Dispensing, record keeping and communication skills for shop attendants
- Formation of associations to support owners and dispensers

### Provide incentives and support

- Ability to legally sell expanded range of medicines
- Loans
- Use of mobile technology to facilitate business





#### **Drug Sellers—The Strategy (2)**

### Ensure availability and quality of products dispensed

- Products in stock approved by national drug authorities
- Enhancing availability of local suppliers/ wholesalers at regional and district level
- Continually monitor product availability and quality

### Ensure quality of pharmaceutical services

- Record keeping
- Mentoring and supervision

### Increase patient and consumer awareness and empowerment

- Marketing
- Information and education
- Empower consumers to seek quality health services
- Consumer /client charter





#### ADDOs from concept to scale-up

2001-2003

Assessment, program design, conceptualization and planning

2003-2006

Pilot program M&E 2008-2013

program scale-up (decentralized

approach)







2003-2005

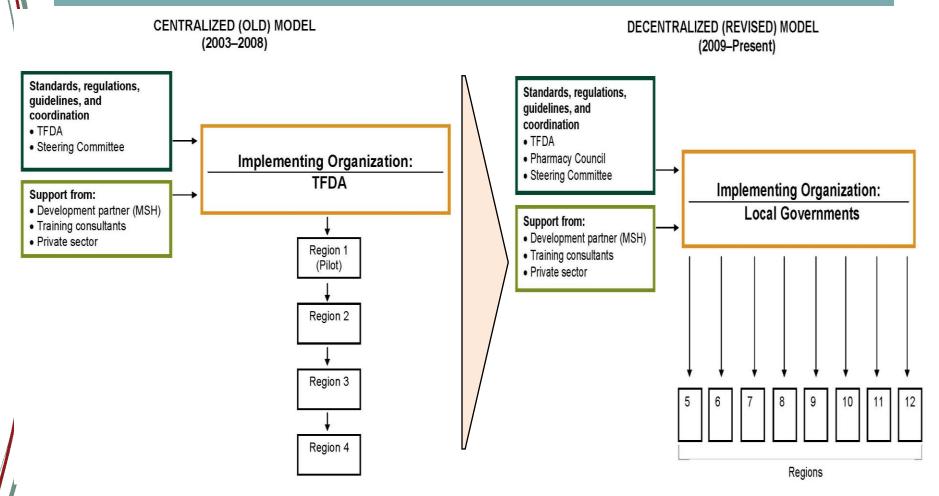
Pilot program in Ruvuma region 2006-2008

Program scale-up (centralized approach) 2006-2013

Program
maintenance and
sustainability;
public health
intervention
integration into
the ADDO
program



# Decentralized Implementation to Support Scale-up







# Stakeholder Engagement: The Linchpin of Success and Sustainability











#### **Strengthen ADDO Regulatory System**

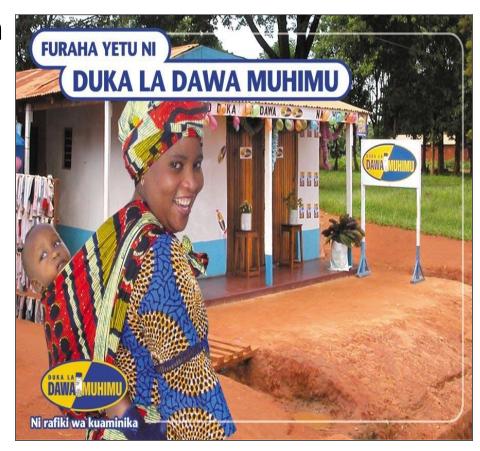
- The Tanzania Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act (standards and code of ethics for Duka la Dawa Muhimu Regulation 2004
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- Pharmacy Act (ADDO Regulation) Regulations 2013—Draft
- ADDO implementation guidelines
- ADDO training manuals: dispensers, owners, inspectors
- Database and website to increase transparency
- Public/Private Medicine Access Steering committee





#### **Basis for ADDO Accreditation**

- Accreditation application
- Premises infrastructure
- Staff qualification
- Training
- Drug quality and availability
- Record keeping
- Regulation, inspection, and sanctions



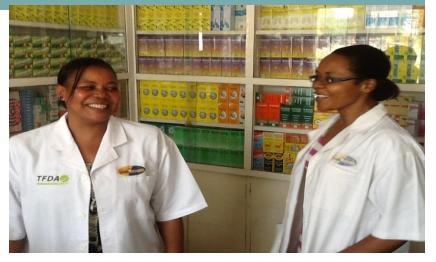




#### **ADDO Dispenser Training**

#### **Curriculum Modules**

- Laws, regulations, and dispensers' code of ethics
- Good dispensing practices and rational medicines use
- Common medical conditions in the community
- Reproductive health and HIV/AIDS
- Communication skills and counseling
- Child health



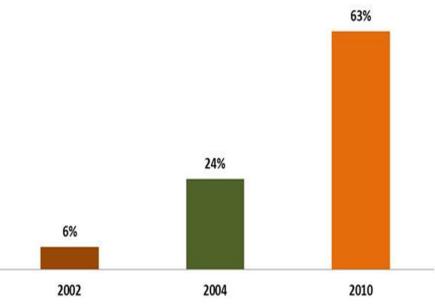




## Inspections & Supervision to Assure Quality



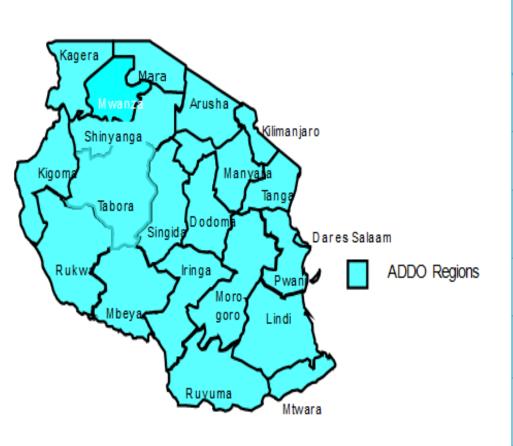
% Encounters receiving appropriate malaria treatment in Ruvuma region: 2002-2010







#### **ADDO Program Status**



As of February 2014	
Regions scaled up	21
Shops accredited (ADDOs)	5,767
Shops in application process	3,684
Trained dispensers	13,905
Trained district inspectors	262
Trained ward inspectors	3,000

#### **Expanding the Scope of the ADDO Initiative**

Integrated Management of Childhood Illness
Access to artemisinin-based combination therapy and insecticide-treated nets
Link to community-based HIV/AIDS palliative care and information
Family planning

Accreditation of ADDOs by National Health Insurance Fund











## Collaborating Partners and Leveraging Resources to Support Scale-Up





Government of Tanzania Owners & dispensers

BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation

















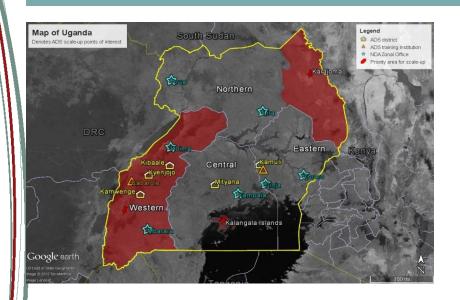
## Program Maintenance and Sustainability Beyond Scale-Up

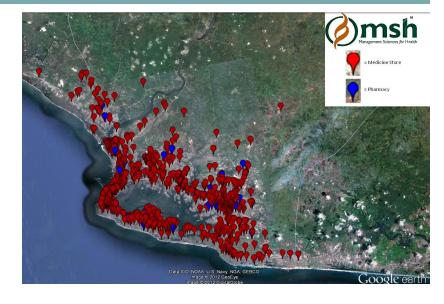
- Introduce mobile technology to improve ADDO regulatory system and services
  - Fees collection
  - Data collection and reporting
  - Information exchange
- Form ADDO provider associations to improve
  - Communication
  - Coordination
  - Product price and availability
  - Quality of service through peer supervision
- Institutionalize ADDO training through health training institutions





### Transfer ADDO Model to Uganda and Liberia





As of August 2013, Uganda had 409 Accredited Drug Shops, 721 ADS sellers, 93 local drug monitors, and 435 owners trained in 5 districts As of August 2013, Liberia had 280 Accredited Medicine Stores, 358 AMS dispensers, 17 inspectors, and 160 owners trained in 1 county





## Challenges to Program Development and Implementation

- Consistent local regulatory oversight with large number of ADDOs
- Complex processes to revise laws/regulations to accommodate the initiative
- Assurance of public health focus, quality care, and fair pricing in a for-profit environment
- Resource mobilization to meet the high costs of scale-up
- Increasing consumer education and advocacy in relation to ADDO services and appropriate use of medicines
- Reaching the "poorest of the poor"
- Availability of trained personnel to fill openings
- Inadequate budgeting by central and local government health authorities for routine inspections and supervision





#### **Lessons Learned**

- ADDO model increases private sector access to quality medicines and services and complements public sector services
- ADDO model requires human and financial resources, high stakeholder participation, and support
- The program gives opportunity to rural women for employment (>90% of trained dispensers are women)
- The national ADDO scale-up has created an avenue to incorporate public health interventions
- Other African countries have visited Tanzania to learn about the initiative (Ethiopia, South Sudan, Zambia) and others are testing the initiative (Uganda and Liberia)





### **Awards and Recognition**







### **Asante Sana!**







