

# Cold Chain Equipment Visualization

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# Context

## PROBLEM SPACE

- Cold chain a key factor of vaccine programs
- CCEM database for tracking and modeling is complex, not intuitive to use
- Many health ministries and NGOs need to be able to easily model current and possible situations for action and funding

**DESIGN QUESTION** How can public-health officials use a map-based visualization interface to improve their ability to model vaccine cold-chain equipment scenarios?

**SOLUTION** A map-based, interactive visualization for modeling equipment scenarios

# Background Research

## LITERATURE REVIEW

- Cold chain
- Games
- Visualization
- Health care logistics
- Algorithms

## RELATED PROJECTS

- PATH Cold Chain Equipment Manager
- Vaccine Modeling Initiative
- UNICEF Cold Chain Logistics taskforce

INTERVIEWS Richard Anderson/UW, Sophie Newland/PATH, Mark Chen/UW

TURN-BASED GAME ANALYSIS

# Iterative Design

## FEEDBACK ON DESIGN CONCEPTS FROM PARTNERS

- Regular meeting with PATH
- Ongoing guidance from Richard

## USABILITY TESTING – TWO ROUNDS

### MID APRIL

- Basic paper prototype
- Goal: testing ease of use, navigability
- Tested with four people

### LATE MAY

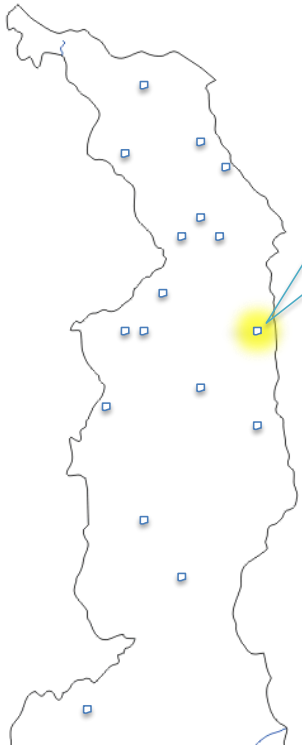
- Hi-fi, interactive prototype
- Goal: testing word choices, symbols, interaction patterns
- Tested with four people

VIEW

EDIT

Editable fields!

### REGION 5



**FACILITY X** EDIT FACILITY

- Nkhata Bay
- Health centre - Private



### Facility X

**GPS:** Lat: 13° 58' 60.00"S  
Lon: 33° 46' 60.00"E

Dropdown selection!

**TYPE:** Health centre - private

**PRIMARY ENERGY SOURCE:**  
Kerosene

**ENERGY AVAILABILITY:**  
Sometimes available

**REFRIGERATORS/FREEZERS:**

- Model X
- Model Y
- Model Z

**GROUPS:**

- Region 5
- Zone 2
- Sub-district 10

Add new field!



ColdChainViewer1 - Cold Chain Viewer

Map Inventory Administration Reporting

Manual Heat  
Intelligent Statistics  
Assistive Transportation Districts  
Allocation Overlay Window

Interaction Pane

**Facility 413:**

GPS: Lat: 13° 58' 60.00" S  
Lon: 33° 46' 60.00" E

Primary Energy Source:  
Electricity

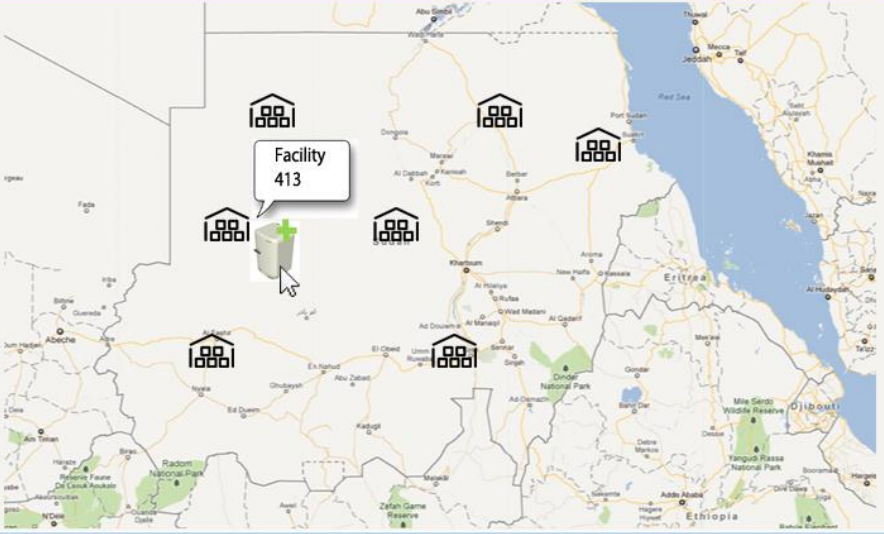
Primary Energy Availability:  
16 Hours/Day

Backup Energy Source:  
Kerosene


Refrigerators:  
GE 512 (x5)  
Fridgidaire MD422 (x7)  
\*Room for 3 more refrigerators

Groups:  
Region 12  
Zone 3  
Sub-District 1

ColdChainViewer1 x



Folders



## Assign and Equipment to

Options

## Visual Layers

- Clinics  
 Live Births  
 Fuel Used  
 Capacity  
 Broken Equipment  
 Unused Equipment

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## Summary

Spent \$ 0  
 Moved 0 Fridges  
 Capacity 0% increase

[Full Summary](#)

## Assign

## Transfer

[Automatic Assignment Options](#)**Mkanda Clinic**

Capacity **45%**  
 Live Births 2,790  
 Fuels Used Solar  
 Equipment 1 Solar Upright  
 Broken 2 Solar Upright  
 Unused none

**Mbobo Clinic**

Capacity **57%**  
 Live Births 1,300  
 Fuels Used Kerosene  
 Equipment 1 Kerosene Upright  
 Broken none  
 Unused 1 Electric Upright

**Benula Clinic**

Capacity **58%**  
 Live Births 2,620  
 Fuels Used Solar  
 Equipment 2 Solar Upright  
 Broken 1 Solar Chest  
 Unused 2 Kerosene Upright

**Lisandwa Clinic**

Capacity **75%**  
 Live Births 3,790  
 Fuels Used Solar  
 Equipment 2 Solar Upright  
 Broken 1 Solar Upright  
 Unused 3 Kerosene Upright

**Kamando Clinic**

Capacity **88%**  
 Live Births 2,340 Births  
 Fuels Used Electricity

# Architecture

SQL database

Ruby on Rails framework

Google Maps

Internal data models



# Accomplishments

Demo

# Future work

Support for additional scenarios:

- transferring existing resources
- automatic allocation (using algorithms and heuristics)

Visual design explorations and testing – layers, icons, navigation

Field testing

Questions?