Missions related to the management of hospital equipment in Rwanda and Burundi

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Context of the missions

Burundi

- Maintenance strategy (September 2016)
- Training sessions (April 2017)

Rwanda

- MEMMS evaluation (March 2018)
- Provincial Workshops (October 2018)
Context of the missions

Purpose: Improve availability of hospital equipment

- National multi-year country plans
  - PAISS (Burundi)
  - UBUZIMA BURAMBYE (LONG HEALTHY LIFE) (Rwanda)
- Strong involvement of local authorities (MOH)
- Real spirit of collaboration and respect
- Involvement of advisors in on-going programs
- Mission TOR’s OK but difficult to quantify in duration
Burundi

Maintenance financing and strategy (September 2016)
Field visits / contact involved stakeholders
Report

Training sessions (April 2017)
« Good practice » in equipment management
GMAO in OpenClinic
   (equipment + infrastructure)
Lots of hands-on
Rwanda

MEMMS evaluation (March 2018)
Centralized (MOH) database of medical equipment in Rwanda
Ongoing registration (over 80%)
Not activated: functions assisting/guiding the personnel
Not well organized: pre-defined types of equipment
Advice: complete functions and roll-out

Provincial Workshops (October 2018)
Workshop de-centralisation to the Provinces
Analysis / opportunities / risks / financial estimation
Delicate point: role of central entity at MOH
Difficulty to estimate the complete financial picture
Conclusions

- Benefits of an « outside look »
- Neutral position
- Benefits of deepening and follow-ups
- Excellent collaboration with the local teams
- Large need for education and training
- Long delays between report and acceptance
- Question remains : « what is my impact ? »