

# What makes Community Health Information Systems Work?

Some Core Principles, Some Real-Life Examples

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## What We Do

Akros establishes data-driven systems to improve the health and well-being of disadvantaged communities.

Data Collection

Decision Support

Capacity Building

Implementation

## Data System Types

Driven by data. Inspired by people.

Education

Health

Land Tenure

W.A.S.H.







# Summary

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- ① Core Principles of Community Level Surveillance
- ② Application of Principles to programs
- ③ Where we see this going



# Principles of Community Surveillance



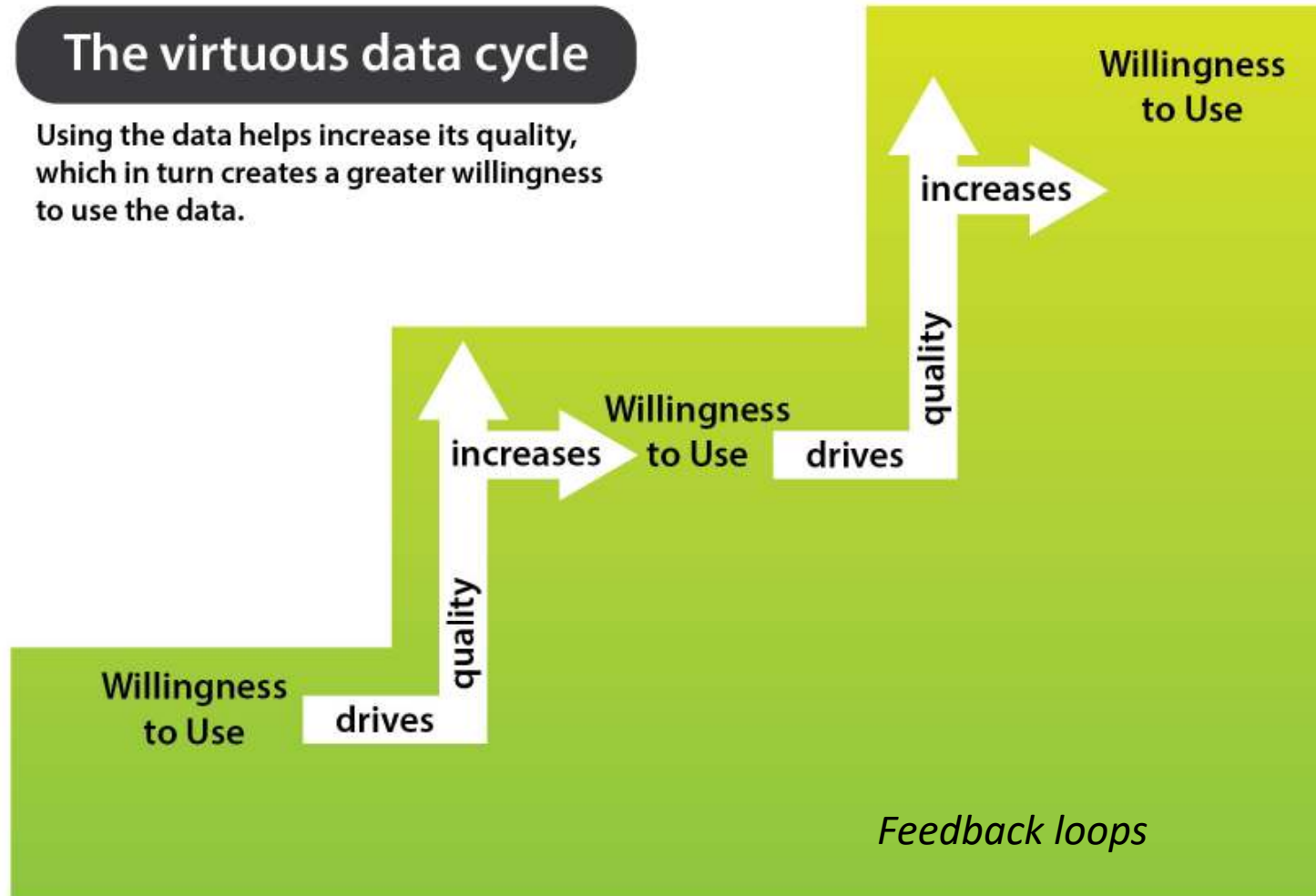
High

DATA QUALITY

Poor

## The virtuous data cycle

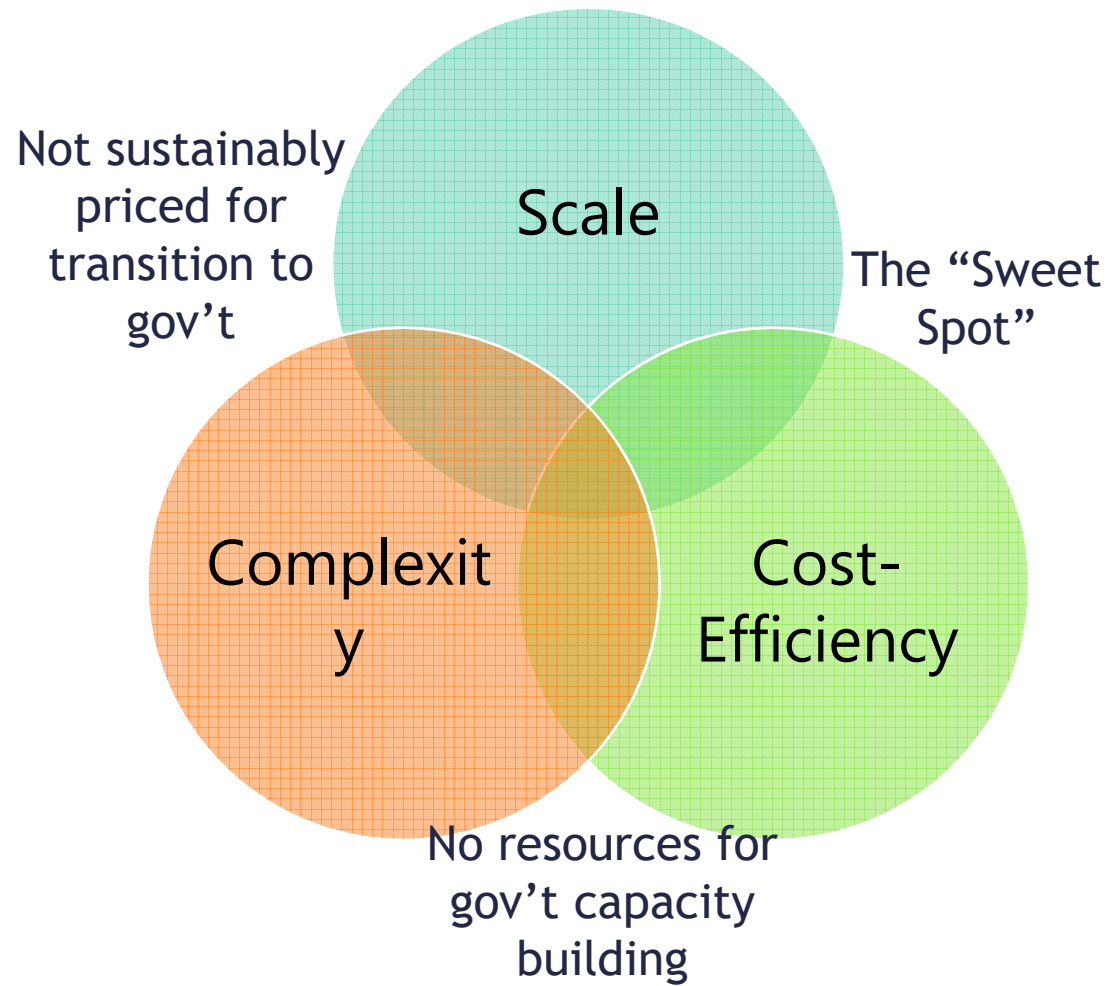
Using the data helps increase its quality, which in turn creates a greater willingness to use the data.





**Scale, Cost-Efficiency and Complexity:  
You can only pick TWO.**

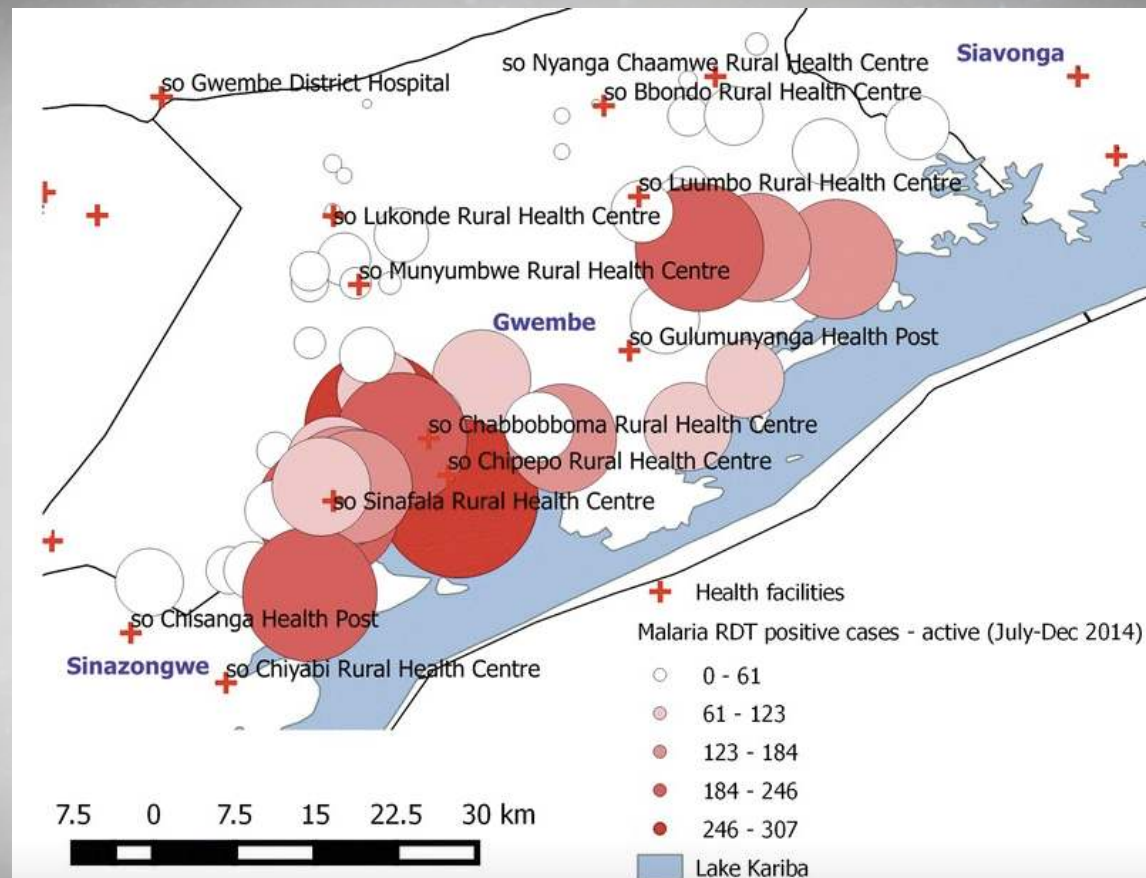






**Use data to improve & target  
interventions.**



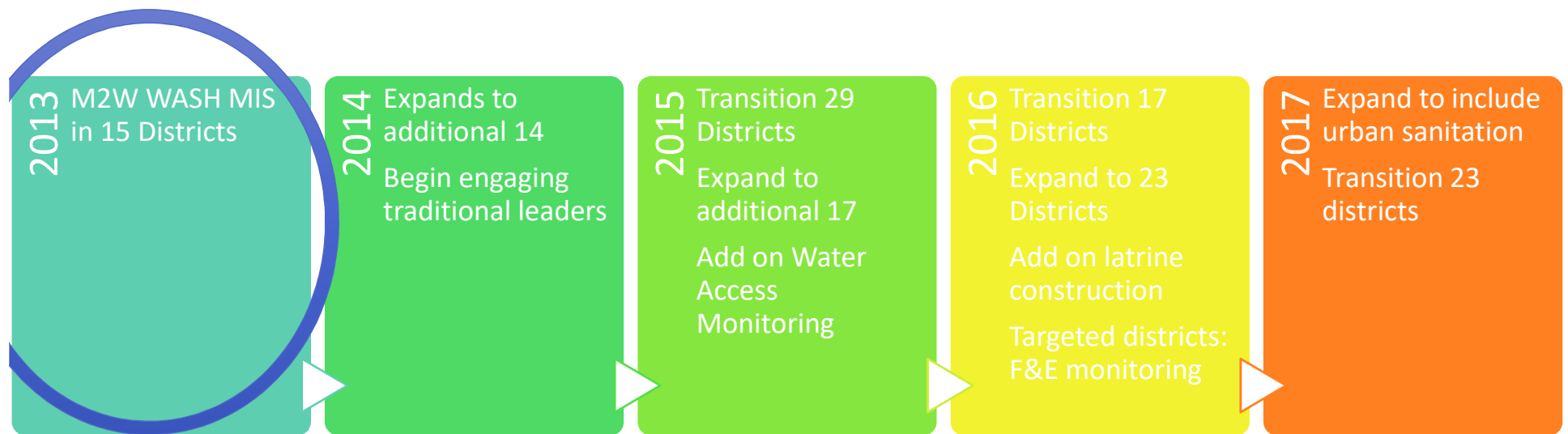






# Application to WASH Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in Zambia





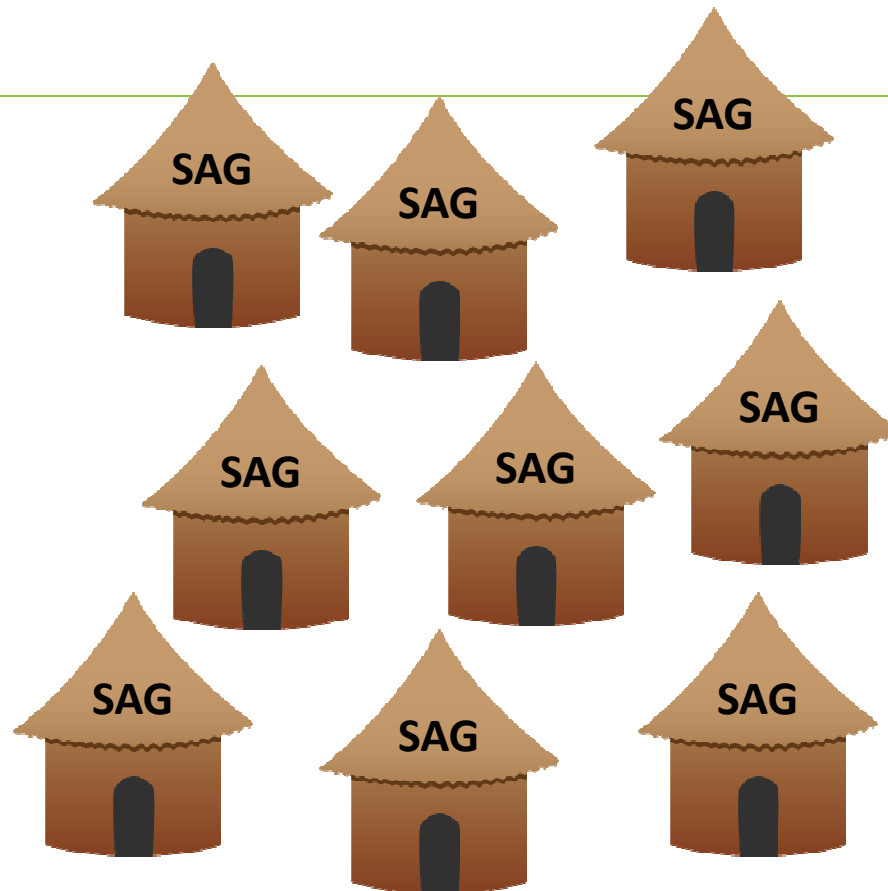


## Old System: Paper-to-Excel

How many households are in the village?

How many households in the village have adequate latrines?

- Lid
- Cleanable floors
- Privacy
- Handwashing







District: GWEMBE Rural Health Ctr: MAKUYU Ward: FUMBO  
 Village: NAMUKAMBA Constituency: GWEMBE Date: 1 / 1  
 Village Headman: MUCHIMBA GEORGE Comm Champ Name: HAKANYANE SUSAN  
 Village Trigger Date: 08/01/16 Number of Households: 50 Village Population: 189

No	Head of Household Name	Total # of people in household	Latrine (pit with platform) in use? (Y/N)	Was it built after CLTS triggering? (Y/N)	Adequate Latrine Requirements				Has this household answered 'Yes' to all the Adequate Latrine Requirements? (Y/N)	Does the latrine have a roof? (Y/N)	Quality Check (to be filled out by CC)	
					1 Smooth, cleanable floor? (Y/N)	2 Lid on hole preventing flies in and out? (Y/N)	3 Superstructure providing privacy? (Y/N)	4 Hand washer with water & soap or ash? (Y/N)			Tick at least 5 households to quality check	Was this household data entered correctly? (Y/N)
1	MUCHIMBA GEORGE	5	Y	Z	Y	Z	Y	Y	Z	Y	✓	✓
2	MUCHIMBA MATHEW	9	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	✓	✓
3	HAMBALO RUDY	9	Y	Z	Y	Z	Y	Y	Z	Y		
4	NAMUKAMBA FRIDAY	8	Y	Z	Y	Z	Y	Z	Z	Y		
5	CHEELO SYDOW	5	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
6	NAMUKAMBA BIGOSW	4	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
7	MUCHIMBA CLIBW	3	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
8	ANALAZULE PETER	2	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y	✓	✓
9	CHIMBALI PHIDELIS	7	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
10	HAKANYANE VICTOR	7	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
11	HAKANYANE GODFREY	3	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
12	CHEELO SYDOW	3	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
13	HAKANYANE ELIAS	4	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
14	NAMUKAMBA OBEAN	4	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		
15	CHIMBALI BEDSON	4	Y	Z	Y	0	Y	Y	Z	Y		



Progress toward an open defecation free district





- Simple, cheap solution
- Provide feature phones to Community Champions
  - Automate aggregation & feedback of data





A sanitation action group (SAG) collects data on paper

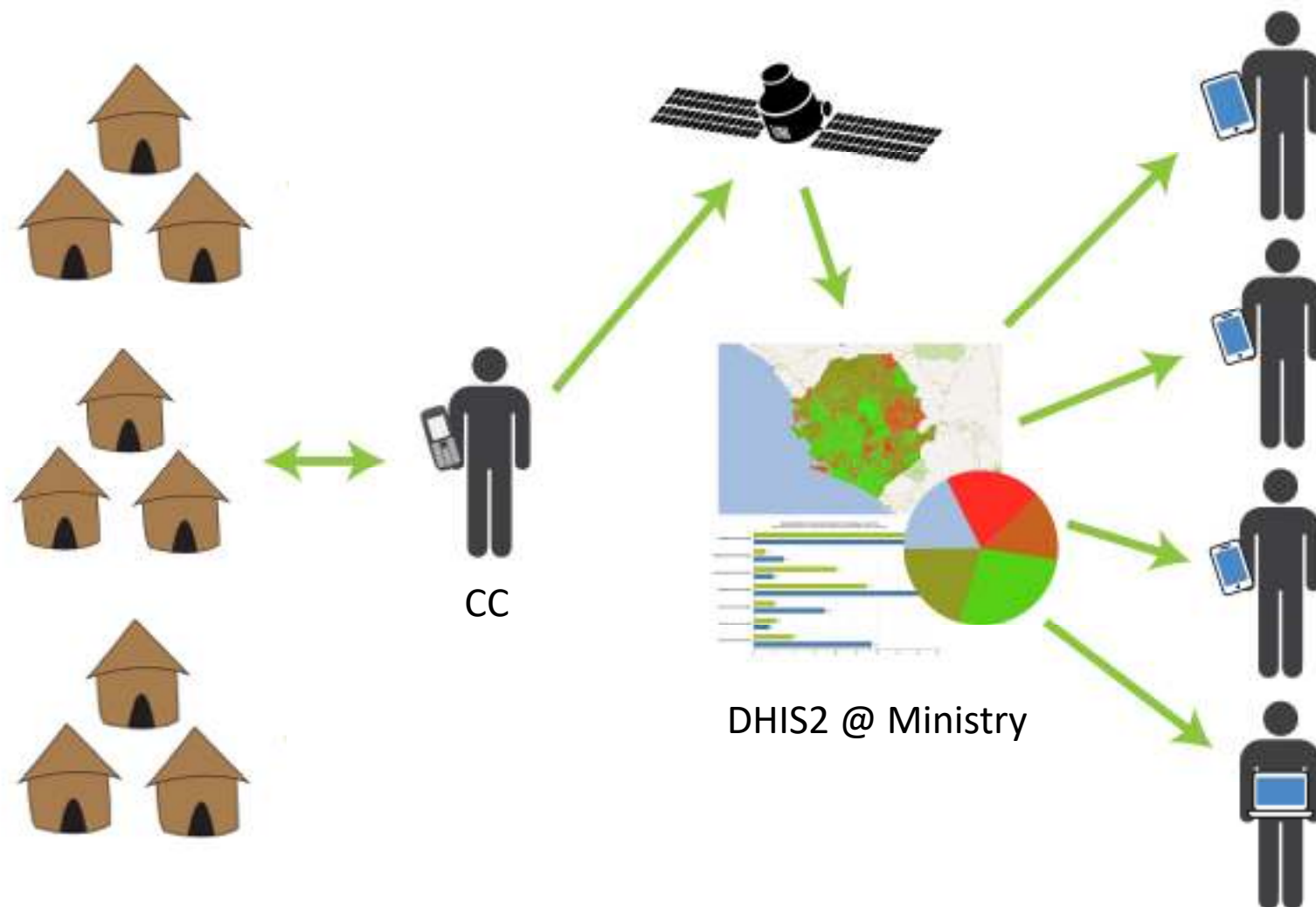




Community champions review paper forms with  
SAG and submit via mobile phone

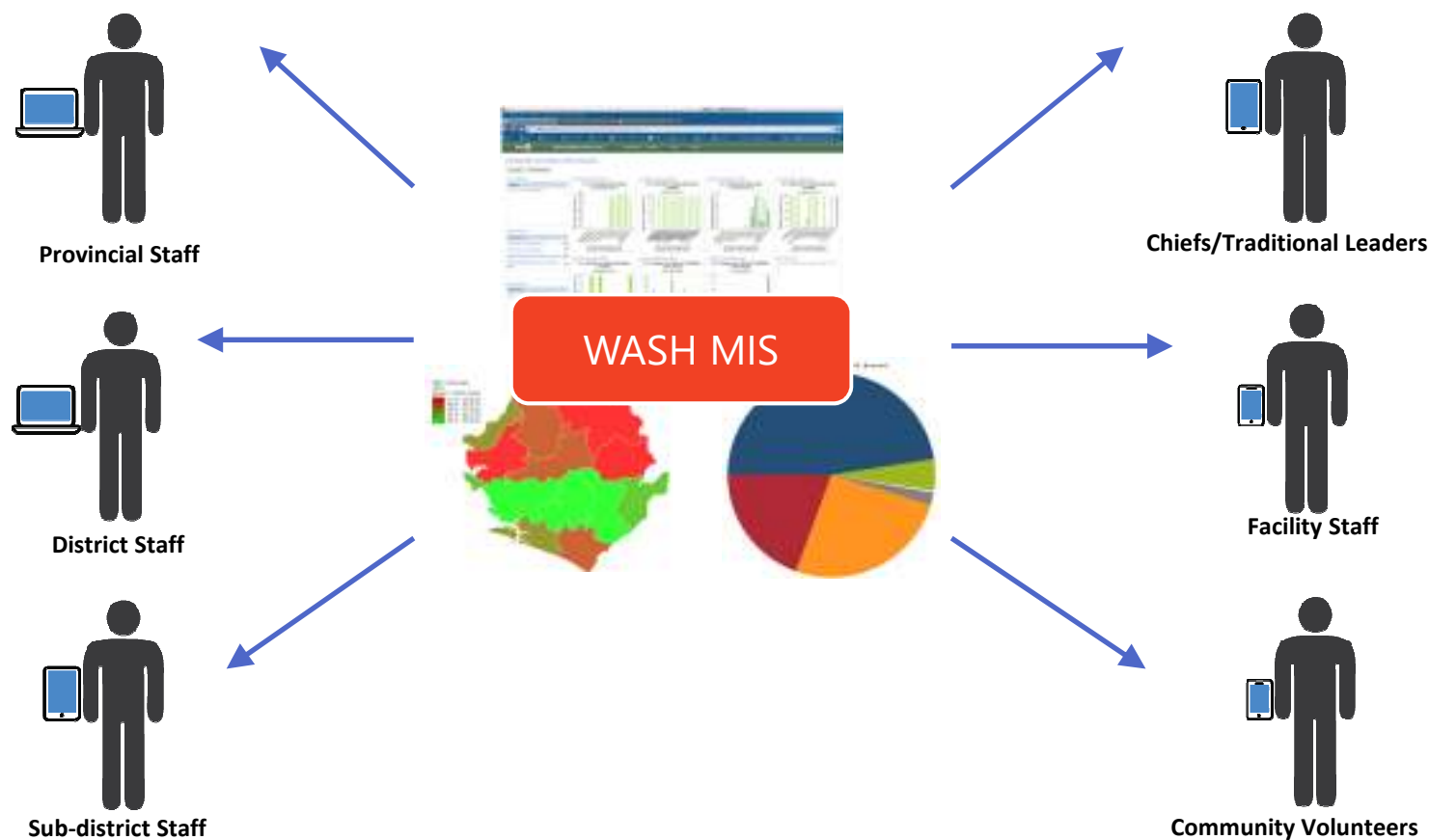








## Compelling, automated feedback loops







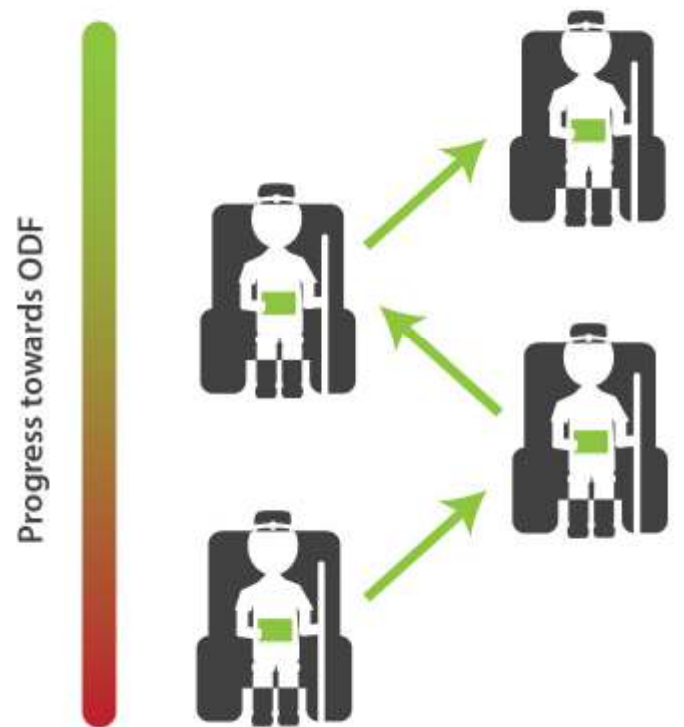
3,800 Volunteers

40,000 Villages

100% of Rural Districts



## Chiefs oriented on CLTS program



Chiefs compete with each other on achieving ODF

social pressure



Village headmen

Chiefs place social pressure on village headmen.



Village headmen and chiefs then engage community to become ODF



## Engagement of chiefs & traditional leaders with data meant impact





Over 2 million new users of sanitation

Southern Africa's first Open Defecation Free District



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**Zambia Celebrates the First Open Defecation Free District**

***Chiengwe is also First in Southern Africa***



# How else have we applied these principles of Community Surveillance?

- ICCM
- Malaria Elimination
- Education
- Agriculture
- Referrals



# CHIS Toolkit

- Develop country-level assessment for CHIS
  - Training materials / guidance
  - Modular toolkit within DHIS2 for CHIS
  - DHIS2 academy focused on CHIS
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- \*\*Looking for countries interested in piloting this CHIS Toolkit







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