

# METS WATCH

## Improving ICT Infrastructure for Health Care in Uganda



Uganda (MUWRP) receiving network equipment from Abert Mugisha (METS)

The US Government, through the US Emergency Plan for Relief (PEPFAR) Uganda, and other efforts like the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA), is supporting the Uganda Ministry of Health (MoH) to invest in Health Information Systems infrastructure. Clean and accurate information is only available through robust information systems and the infrastructure. Full interoperability and connectedness of HIS systems is critical for improved health and disease surveillance.

In Fiscal Year 2022, a competitive procurement approach and equip health facilities was considered with the goal of lowering the overall cost of acquisition. METS was established to support the procurement and distribution of hardware and software with MOH and Partners.

The main goal of the program is to increase the usage of Health Information Systems (HIS) data capture in high-priority ART clinics (serving 100,000 clients). Point of Care data capture will improve clinical decision making and allow for real-time data capture, allowing accurate data while the patient is still at the facility. As of September 2022, of the 618 high-priority