

METS WATCH

Improving ICT Infrastructure for Health Care in Uganda



Ronald Gombya (MUWRP) receiving network equipment from Abert Mugisha (METS)

The US Government through the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Uganda and other efforts like the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSAs) continues to support the Uganda Ministry of Health (MoH) to invest in critical Health Information System (HIS) infrastructure. Clean and secure information is only possible through robust information systems and the supporting infrastructure. Full time connectedness of HIS solutions is critical for improved health care and disease surveillance.

In Fiscal Year 2022, a centralized procurement approach to acquire and equip health facilities was considered with the aim of lowering the overall cost of acquisition. METS was tasked to support the procurement and distribution of hardware, working with MOH and Partners.

The main goal of the investment is to increase the usage of Point of Care data capture in high volume ART clinics (serving over 500 clients). Point of Care improves workflow and saves time on clinical decision making while allowing real-time data entry of accurate data while the client is still at the facility. As of June 2022, of the 618 high volume ART