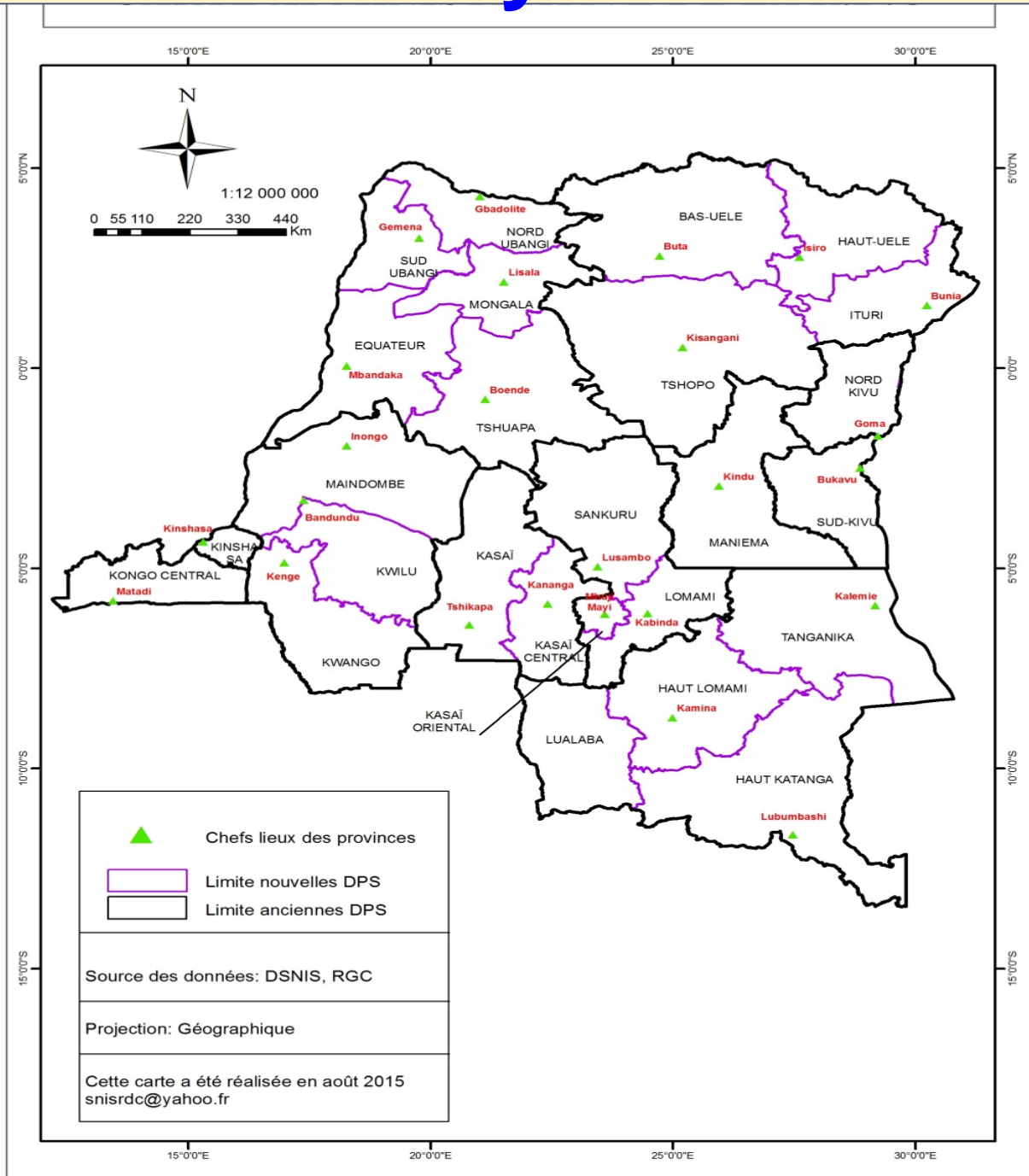# DRC Group Work (For Poster)

Johannesburg Workshop

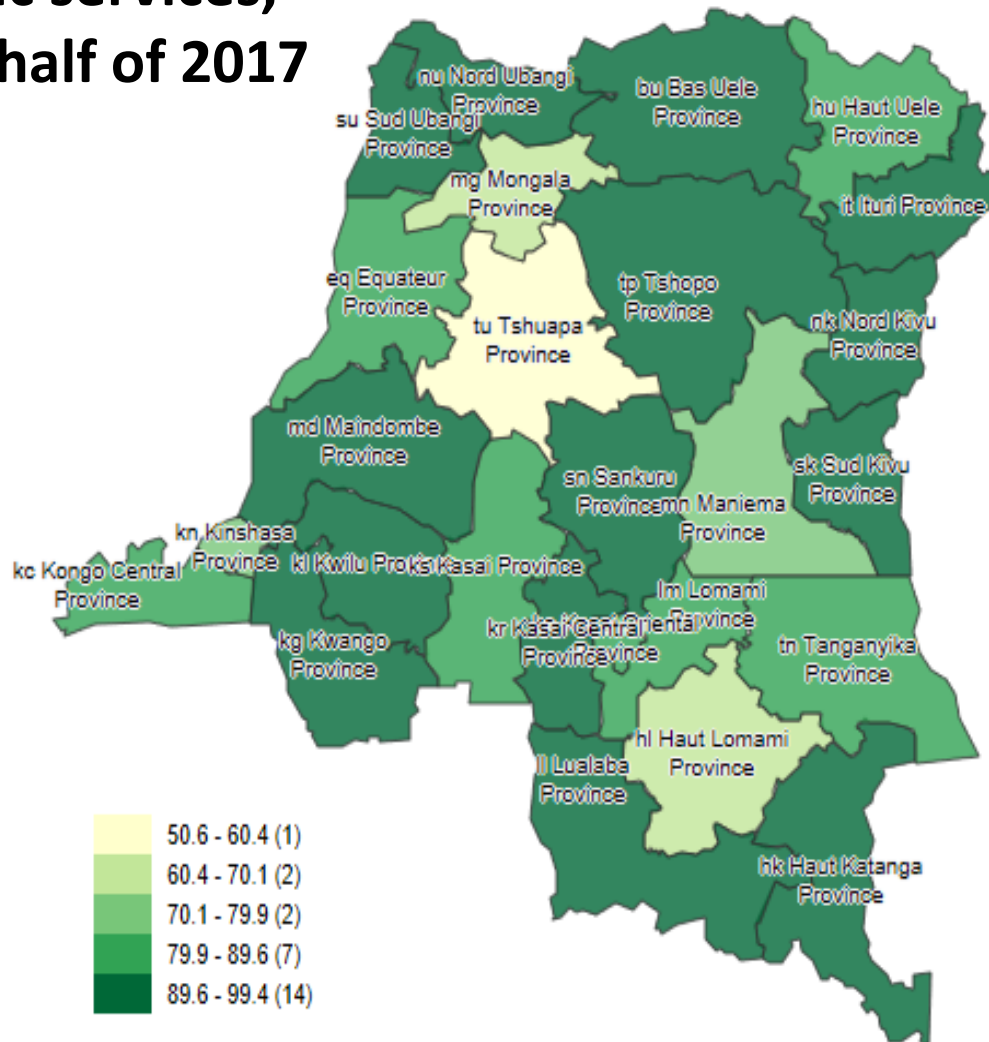September 2017

Country Context

Country Context, cont.

- Population of ~80 million people
- 26 provinces, 516 health zones
- Relevant national policies include:
    - National Health Development Plan (PNDS) 2016-2020
    - HMIS Strategic Support Plan 2017-2020
- HMIS coordinating bodies at central level
- Harmonization of indicators
- Total country coverage of DHIS2
- Progressive integration of programs in DHIS2
- Data-related challenges include:
    - Poor data quality
    - Low use of data, especially at community level
    - Lack of module on community data
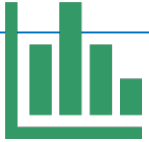   - Existence of parallel data collection systems

Country Context, cont.

Coverage of basic services, 1st half of 2017

- Coverage for basic services in 1st half of 2017: 86.3% *(as of Sept 17, 2017)*

- 21/26 provinces (80.7%) with $\geq$80% coverage

- Last province (Tshuapa): Lowest coverage (50.5%)

Priorities

Improve the use of data where it comes from

Improve quality of child health & nutrition data

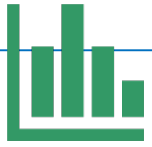Strengthen HIS governance by decentralizing certain functions

Review existing systems

Improve accountability and ownership (?) for data collection and utilization at community level

Actions

Improve the use of data where it comes from:

1. Train provincial managers (ECZs) and providers on use of data
2. Strengthen post-training follow-up
3. Strengthen supportive supervision
4. Support data monitoring meetings
5. Update and expand standards, guidelines, and instructions as needed

Actions, cont.

Improve quality of child health and nutrition data:

1. Ensure availability data collection and transmission tools
2. Use RDQA to contribute to data quality assurance
3. Improve retention of trained personnel
4. Conduct external evaluations, with the help of DQR

Actions, cont.

Strengthen HIS governance by decentralizing certain functions:

1. Identify responsible actors and structures

2. Define their roles and responsibilities

3. Update their Terms of Reference

Actions, cont.

Review existing systems:

- Review design specifications (e.g., for census), including to articulate guidance on:
    - Where data are stored
    - Who has access to data, at what level(s)
    - Which system (platform) the country prefers
    - What considerations should be accounted for, when planning for other systems that may later be set up in country (interoperability)

- *Note:* DHIS2 is the DRC's platform with which all other information platforms in the country must work.

Actions, cont.

Improve accountability and ownership for data collection and utilization at community level

1. Assess the current status of community ownership and accountability for data use in existing pilot zones (via self-assessments): data flow, multiplicity of collection mechanisms, tools, etc.

2. Identify capacity-building approaches, & recommendations for digital solutions for piloting in certain areas

3. Pilot digital solutions in 3 areas, comparing their feasibility, cost, acceptability, etc. with largely paper-based solutions

Support Needs

Technical assistance for the following actions:

- Strengthening information system governance by decentralizing certain functions related to child health and nutrition

- Reviewing existing digital platforms in the country

- Identifying opportunities to extend digitization to the community level (e.g., via analysis of the current situation, identifying and piloting digital solutiona)

Financial assistance

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