Rwanda Health Information Exchange (RHIE) Project Conference Call Minutes

# Date and Time

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# Participants

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**Apologies**

Carl Fourie, Hannes Venter

**RHIE Team Call Agenda:**

* **Project Status Update -**Dr. Richard/Dawn/Wayne
  + Elbow support updates - Dawn/Michel
  + Internet discussion regarding reconnecting Musha and Ruhunda - Richard
* **AOB**

***Key points of discussion:***

Status of project – project is still on track. OpenMRS training at last site now finished and elbow support starting there today. Have managed to get elbow support back on track as Michel Makolo and Patrick (from Musha) have taken it over and 3 trainers from Access Project have joined from this week and should be able to go on their own from next week.

Internet connectivity – Had some issues and have been working to resolve this. The ISPs have not suspended service again due to payment issues. RG spoke to head of ISP and has promised to reconnect them as soon as possible.

Long term solution is to have a VPN set up.

DR asked what is the comparative cost for the VPN solution and is this sustainable?

RG – around USD20 – 30 per month - Current cost around USD 250 per month, so should be a big cost saving.

DR – Is the bandwidth comparable?

RG – Yes the bandwidth should be sufficient. Will test between Ruhunda and Musha then plan to extend to other sites.

RC – Did we have problems previously with mobile connection?

RG – Understanding is that the signal is good enough for our needs

WN – last received transactions from Musha on 9th August and from Ruhunda on 14th – so no transactions for last month so that’s is why resolving this is a priority

DS – Desire said messages only stopped at beginning of this month

WN – Yes, no messages received since beginning of this month

RG – There are two stages to the evaluation: the central part and the users. Both are on track and interviews have been carried out. Access Project have

Expect to have data coming thru from health facilities regarding usage

2ND STAGE – system performance and evaluating the data in terms of outputs and outcomes

Once we are happy that data collection is underway at all sites this will happen

DR – the M&E final plan will be delivered soon and the team met on 11th September

What baseline data do we need to collect? Has this been identified now?

Closing window of opportunity to collect this baseline data

DS – Are aware of this and Caricia has also emphasized that we will only see benefits of some aspects much later on. Are in the process of defining indicators we need to collect now

Will also be able to access some retrospective data

***Any Other Business***

None

The next call will be on Thursday 19th September.