Geolocated Health Facilities Data Initiative

The Geolocated Health Facilities Data (GHFD) initiative is a collaborative effort that provides support to countries who need assistance updating, geolocating, digitizing, and/or openly sharing the health facility master list (HFML) for their country. As a global public good, the final product will be the world’s first central and accessible public directory of health facility names, locations and types.

GOAL
Ministries of Health (MOH) are in the position to maintain, regularly update, and use the health facility master list of their respective country. Elements of these lists are shared in a global directory, which will serve as a global public good.

MISSION
Strengthen the technical capacity of MOHs across levels to ensure the availability, quality, accessibility, and use of HFML data by building on what already exists to avoid duplication of efforts and address public health priorities.

Health Facility Master Lists
One HFML per country that is digitized, regularly updated, and made accessible by the MOH.

Country Capacity
MOH capacity to regularly maintain, update, use, and publicly share their HFML.

Global Directory
Publicly available directory of digitized health facility information sourced from country HFMLs.

VALUE
• Increase country-level capacity to maintain a regularly updated HFML that is seen as the singular source of health facility data in a country
• Make geolocated health facility data accessible
• Leverage and use data rather than simply collect it
• Strengthen health systems and delivery
• Increase data interoperability while avoiding duplication of efforts
• Advance progress toward the World Health Organization’s Triple Billion targets and Sustainable Development Goals