Reliably identify your health facilities

The ability to accurately and reliably identify where health facilities are is a necessary investment in your people and their wellbeing. A singular health facility master list (HFML) is the first step to seeing your return on that investment.

A HFML is a comprehensive list of a country’s health facilities, categorized by type and location. When there is one well-maintained HFML for your country, accessible to all users, you can leverage its georeferenced data to:

**Improve your health system**

Leverage data for decision-making, micro-planning, and monitoring
Up-to-date geographic coordinates for all health facilities drives faster and more comprehensive planning at district, national, and regional levels.

Strengthen health service planning and delivery
An accessible and regularly-updated HFML provides a reliable point from which to start making informed decisions about how to better serve populations, including responding to health emergencies, expanding primary care services, and conducting vaccination campaigns.

Serve your people better

Recognize and assess service and delivery gaps
Tracking health facility data with geographic coordinates enables visualization of health services and resources to see what services are available, where they are distributed, and where there are significant gaps.

Help your people access quality healthcare
Accurate, open HFMLS give communities a clear understanding of where and what type of health facility is in their and neighboring vicinities, and gives them the option to anonymously or independently seek out care.

Expand “last mile” health coverage
Knowing what health facilities are in the area and the distance between these facilities is a major asset to community health workers and mobile clinics, especially in rural settings.

**Bolster health stakeholders and support**

Accelerate access to health financing and resources
A single source of verified health facilities data is highly valuable to donors, implementing organizations, and academics that need this information to determine resource allocation.

Create efficiencies and reduce waste
Developing and maintaining one health facility master list eliminates duplication and discrepancies between multiple lists, ultimately providing one trusted tool that stakeholders can easily access.

Promote data interoperability
A well-maintained and geolocated HFML a consistent unique identifier allows users to connect data from one sector or system to another, which reduces silos and supports better outcomes in health, the economy, urban planning, agriculture, and much more.

Strengthen health research and analysis
An accurate and reliable HFML serves as a baseline dataset for others to reference, leverage, or build upon when conducting unique assessments and research, opening up the potential for unforeseen ideas and innovations to arise.

The Geolocated Health Facilities Data Initiative provides support to Ministries of Health looking to update, maintain, and share a singular health facility master list for their country.