# INDEPTH Network - An Overview

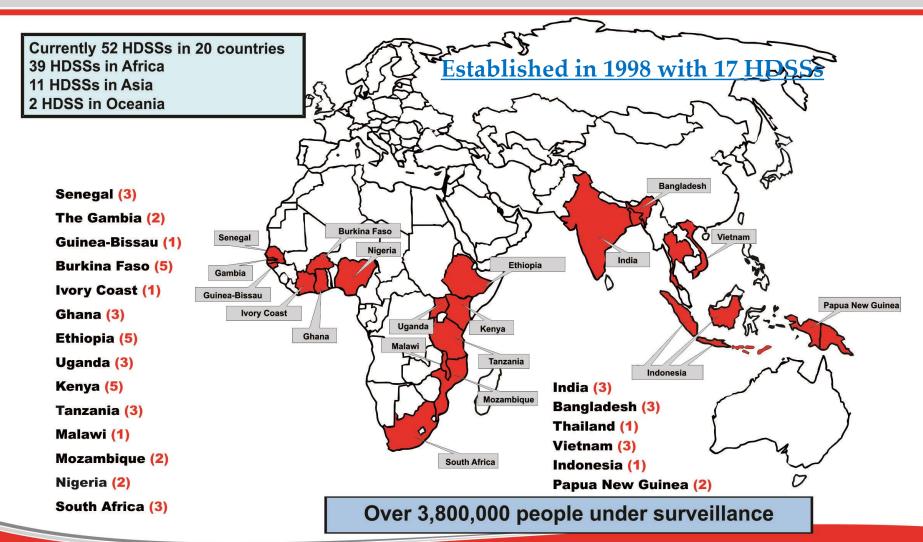
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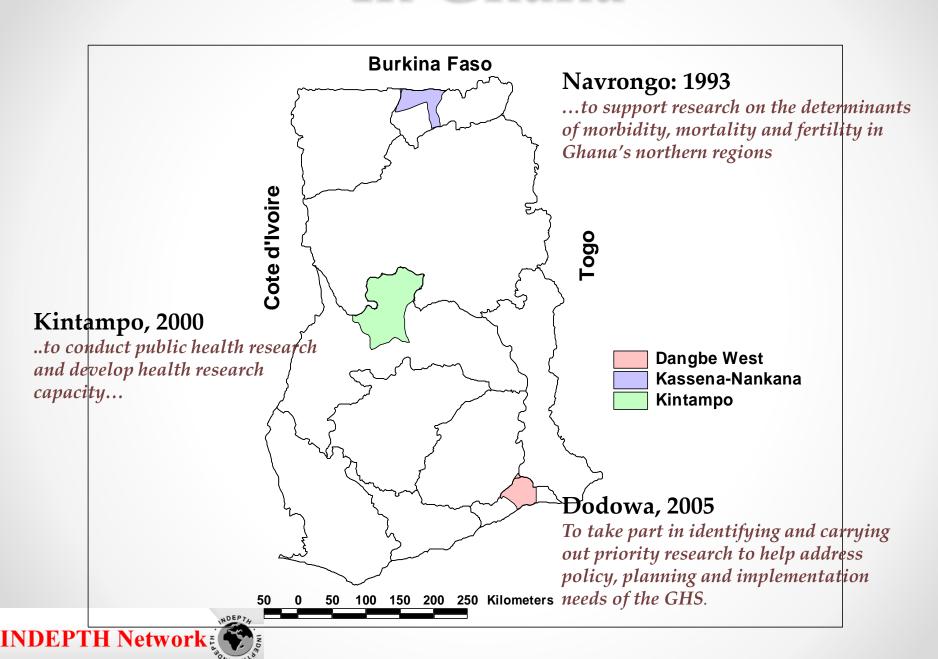




## Membership in 2014



# In Ghana



# Sustainability

45 Research Centres – 52 Field Sites

- 1. University Research 21
- Long-term National/International Collaborations (IHI, Tanzania; IRD, Senegal; Wellcome Trust/KEMRI, CDC/KEMRI, Kenya) – 14
- 3. Ministry of Health -10

Funding for HDSS work: Core / Project



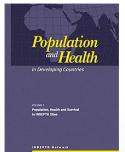
### More than a decade of INDEPTH development

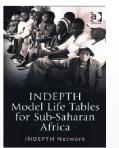
- Numerous gaps addressed by INDEPTH research:
  - from unrecorded trends in mortality and cause of death to life-course research

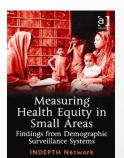
Standardised survey instruments developed – e.g.
 Verbal Autopsy

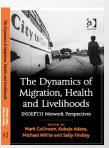
Multi-site analyses increasingly use harmonised variables and integrated datasets.



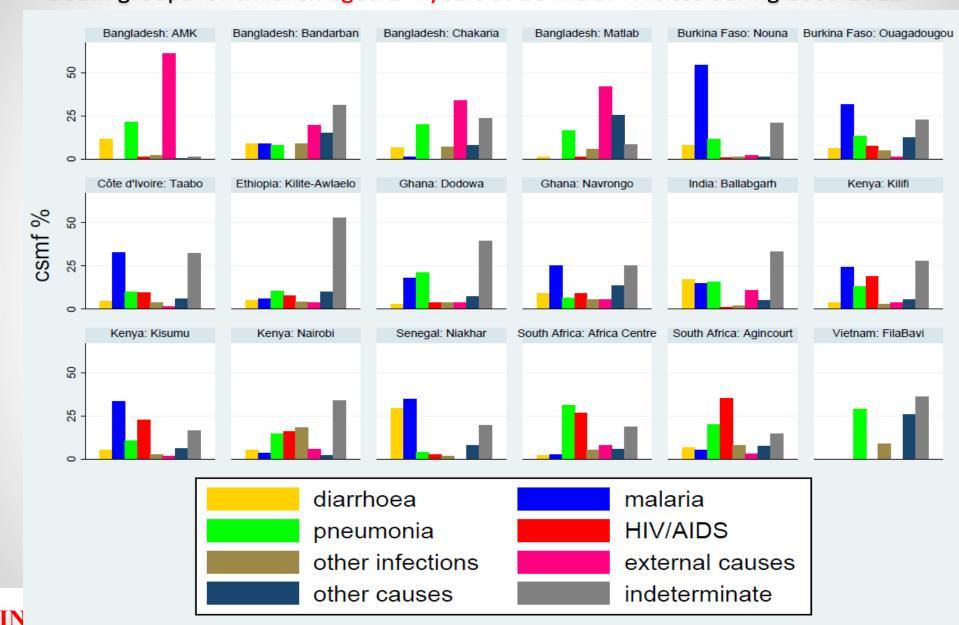




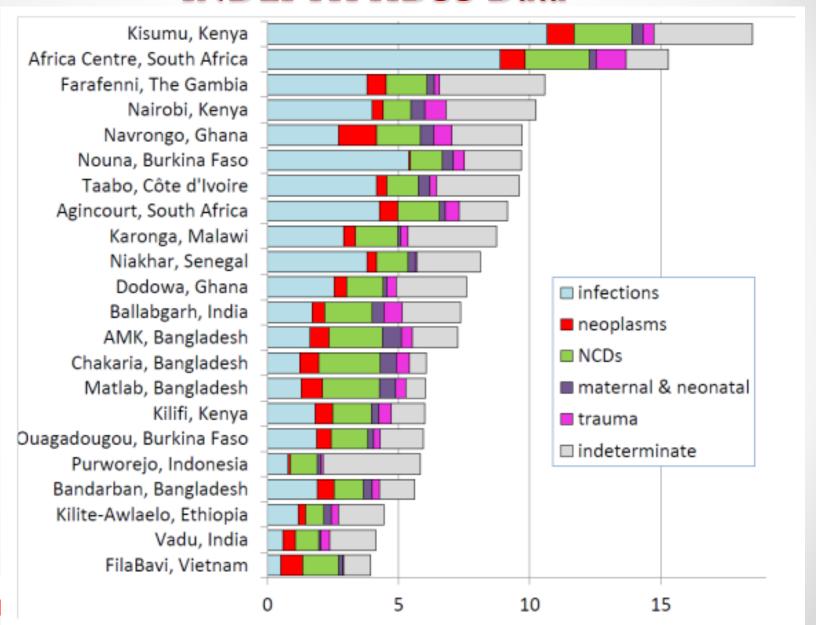




Age-sex-time standardised cause-specific mortality fractions (CSMF) for major cause of death groups for children aged 1-4 years at 18 INDEPTH sites during 2006-2012.



# Cause-specific in Africa and Asia: evidence from INDEPTH HDSS Data



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# INDEPTH Builds on Two Competitive Advantages

Longitudinal Data (HDSS):

Enabling true analysis of changes, correlations and cause & effect

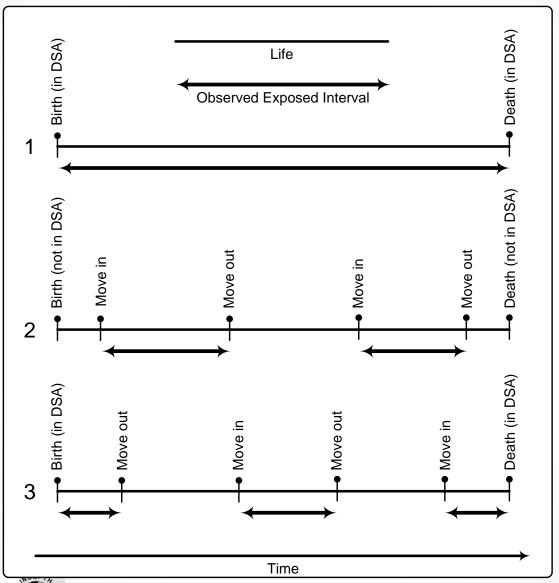
**Network of Centres:** 

Leveraging capabilities from one centre across entire network.

- Ensuring efficiency: leverage both ongoing data collection and the teams across the network
- Increasing quality: link top scientists across the 45 member centres
- Maximising impact: merge data across sites and assessing implications for science, practice and policy

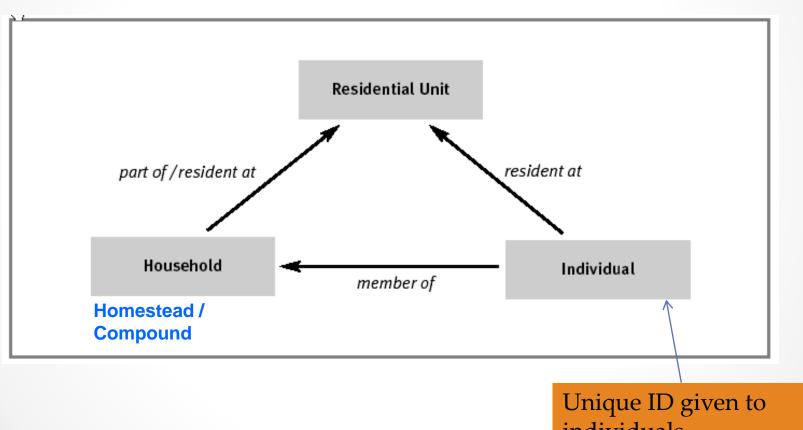


# **Examples of Observed Exposed Intervals**



# **HDSS** participants

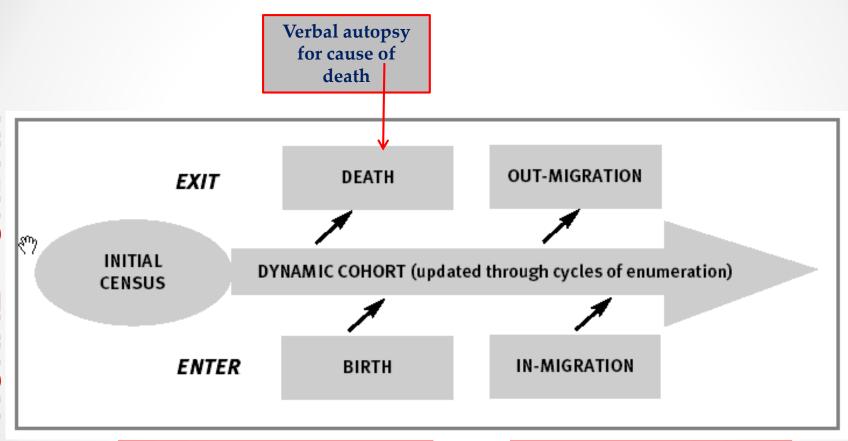
# In Community / Population



individuals



# Prospective monitoring – the core



Measure characteristics of environment or household members (e.g. SES, vaccines, HIV, nutrition)

Capturing episodes of disease and hospital admission



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# **Our Research Strategy**

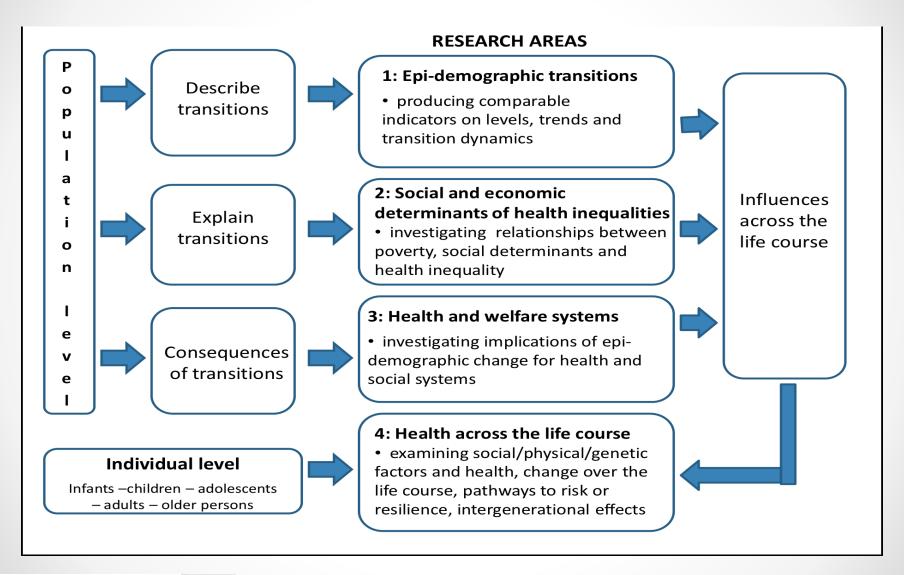
- INDEPTH conducts research and strengthens global capacity to conduct studies that use the key demographic outcomes measured by HDSS:
  - fertility, all-cause and cause-specific mortality, morbidity and mobility.

### Priority is given to:

- Outcomes that are measured poorly by other data collection systems
- Answering questions that require research in more than one HDSS.



# **Research Framework**





### **INDEPTH Strategic & Working Groups**

### **Strategic Groups**

- Research to Policy
- Capacity Strengthening and Training
- Data Analysis Cause 3. of Death, Mortality, Morbidity
- **INDEPTH Data** 4. Management Programme

### **Working Groups Investigating Important Scientific/Practice Questions**

- **Adult Health** 1.
- 6. Health Systems

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- 7. Education
- Environment & 8. Vaccination & Health
  - Child Survival
- Maternal & 3. New Born Health
- 9. Antibiotics Resistance
- Migration, 4. Reproductive
- 10. Sexual &
  - **Urbanisation &**
- Health

- Health
- 11. Malaria
- 5. Social Science
- 12. HIV/AIDS
- 13. TB



# Capacity strengthening & training efforts

 INDEPTH Scientific Development and Leadership Programme

Masters (at Wits & elsewhere), PhD, Short Courses

Training workshops:

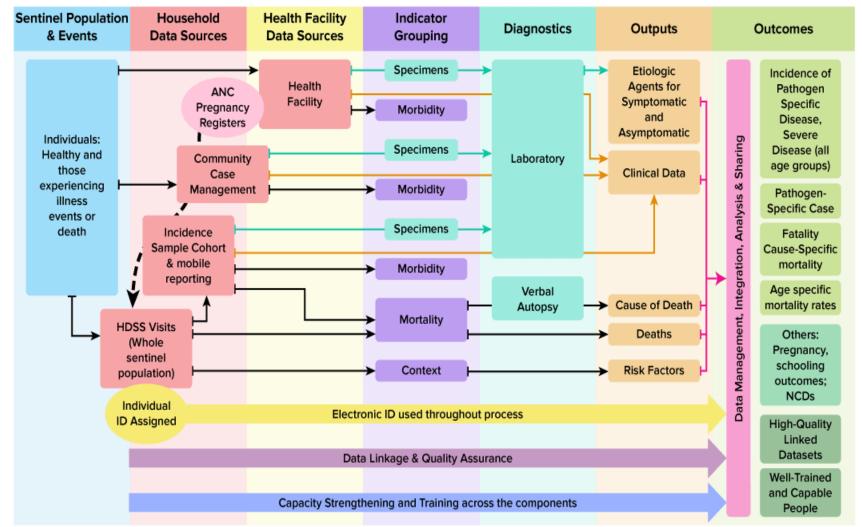
Scientific Writing, Data Management, Longitudinal Data Analysis, Proposal Development, etc..

- INDEPTH Fellows to Centres
- Technical exchange
- Mentorship (SAC, Centre to Centre networking, experts, etc.)



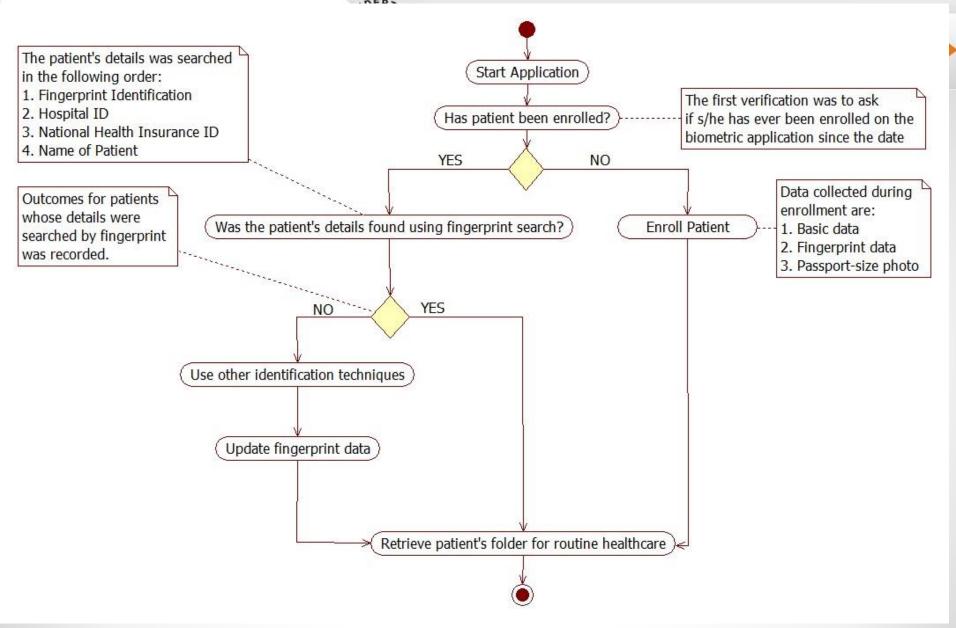
# Looking into the future

### Comprehensive Health and Epidemiological Surveillance System (CHESS)





Results for Policy & Strategy Influence, Dissemination and Use





Linking Community data with health facility data.

Activity Diagram for identification processes

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### **INDEPTH Network Data Repository**

#### INDEPTH iSHARE2



#### Africacentre HDSS, South Africa

The service facility survey catalog provides access to data along with accompanying survey documents from facility level surveys conducted by the World Bank. Service delivery surveys are tools to measure the effectiveness of basic services such as education, health, and water and sanitation...The Africa Centre Demographic Information System (ACDIS) started data collection in January 2000. Read More »



As of November 18, 2012 the Library contains

#### 2 surveys

2 citations 12 variables

#### Central Data Catalog

The Central Data Catalog is a portal for all surveys and datasets held in catalogs maintained by the INDEPTH Network and a number of contributing external catalogs.

Search the Central Microdata Catalog



View all Surveys »

#### INDEPTH ISHARE2 REPOSITORIES



#### **Network Catalog**

iSHARE takes the next step, launching of all new Next Generation iSHARE2 Data Repository. Until then, bear with us as no data are currently shared. Please checkout this space regularly for updates

#### FAQ'S

- How can I contribute to improving the catalog?
- Can you help with analyzing the data?
- Can I get help in implementing a survey catalog in my agency?

Click here for more...

#### NEWS

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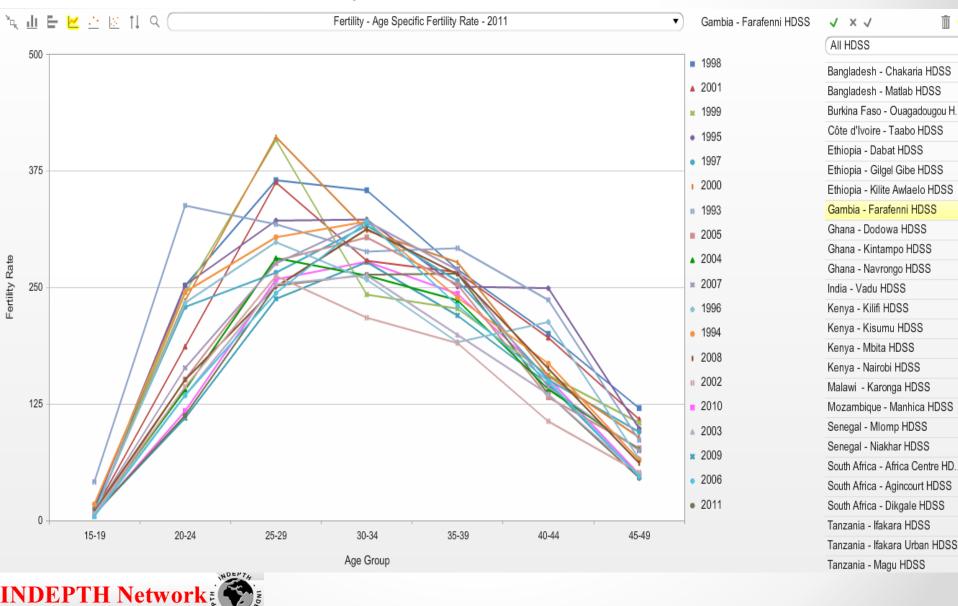




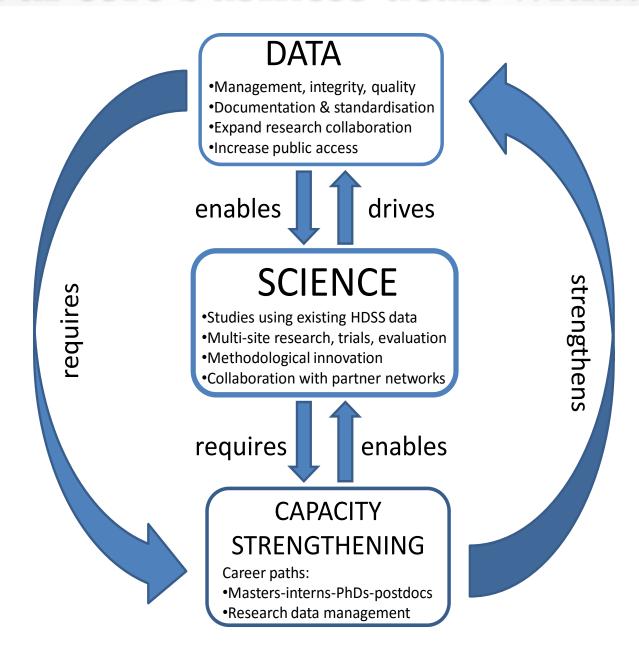
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### **INDEPTHS**tats

Displaying longitudinal health and demographic indicators from INDEPTH member centres in Africa, Asia and Oceania



### Our core business deals with...





# Some Key Challenges... opportunities

### Science:

Leadership, new cross-site research opportunities

### Capacity:

Achieving tailored capacity strengthening

### Funding

- Core support
- Project funding

### Policy Engagement and Communications

- Getting the INDEPTH brand
- Engaging with policy makers at various levels



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- Board / SAC / Centre Leaders / Working Group Leaders / Project Leaders / Collaborators / Secretariat
- All the HDSS teams and the communities and friends





