

D-Lab Development

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Problems and Solutions

Try and come up with solutions that others have been grappling with for years

Public Health - large centralized infrastructure to keep the general population healthy

Access to doctors, medicine, awareness, preventative, treatment

This exists in many places in the developing world (government)

Also other organizations that take care

Humanitarian Aid -

First measure responses to humanitarian situations

- Tsunami, refugee camps, humanitarian evacuation system
- This is how a lot of people get into Public Health initially
- Many humanitarian aid responses are reflective of the reaction in everyday life

Burden of Disease

Potential life + productive life = Disability Adjusted Life Years

Measuring how healthy a country is. Measuring the work of a healthy individual against disabilities (disease, permanent injury) and mortality

What people die from and suffer from on a daily basis are different

Gives people an idea of where they might want to have an impact

D-Lab Approach

How can you come up with more tactical approaches that can have a result/impact within 2 years. (Other options might be impacts over 30 years)

90% of medical equipment is handed down that fails within 6 months

environmental issues

(leaky roof that shorts equipment)

technicians not taking care of equipment

(world cup / ultra sound / color monitor)

Dual-Use Technologies

Find things that can be developed here and used in developing world

Military is a huge source of this

Camping gear

Similar parameters of a lack of infrastructure

Medicines

Two-market pricing systems

Major reason to compete with local production that can reverse engineer and make a generic alternative (India, Brazil, China all have very good capabilities in this)

Balancing IP with the needs of country and people

Vaccines

Military going to places where soldiers are exposed to some of these diseases

Solutions

Many diseases have solutions (drugs/devices/diagnostics)

BAD NEWS

Not all are easy to deploy

(Cost/infrastructure/education/regulation)

People work on solving this aspect the most

MORE BAD NEWS

Infrastructure isn't always easy
or cheap to respond to



Case Study

Jet Injector (Peace Gun)

No needle

People started to use for other reasons

- Found it spread Hep B among people being vaccinated
- Vacuum formed in chamber that draws small amount of blood from patient, that can infect the next customer

Device since improved with a spacer,
so device isn't against skin

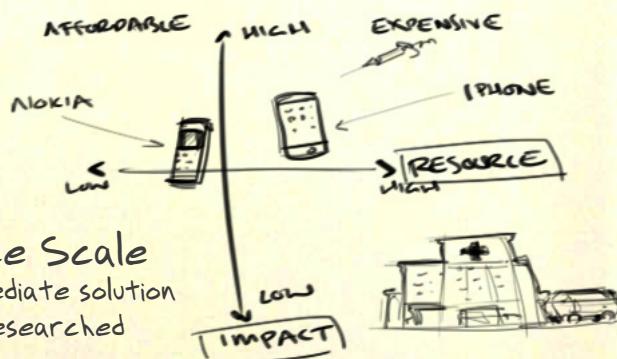
With simple design approaches, you can recover technologies

Elements for Device Design Success

Select appropriate design attributes

Map to design?

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Impact/Resource Scale

Technology as intermediate solution
while vaccines/cures researched

XoutTB

Cellphone + encrypted diagnostics to see if people have taken their drugs

Rewarded with cellphone minute credit

Paying for minutes is cheaper than having health worker go and check

1600 patient trial in Pakistan

Patients like it

Health Care Workers jobs?

Free them up to do what they are trained for

Not trained to write down compliance

Compliance is a big issue

\$300 Billion lost in US because of non-compliance

Google: compliance and adherence

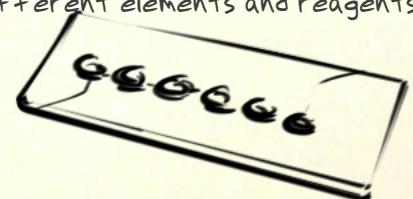
Aerovax

Maintaining the vaccine in a different state
Don't need to refrigerate for 7 days

Microfluidic Chip

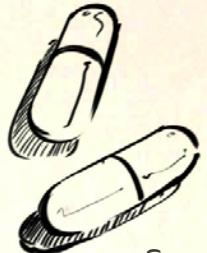
Replace electricity with liquids

Liquids run to different elements and reagents



Why Pakistan?

Because of this serendipitous networking occurrence



Attributes for Medical Devices

Essential

Safe

Accurate

Robust (vials get dropped on floor all the time)

Longevity

Cheap (first thing to go is devices, consumables are purchased, vaccines, while syringes aren't)

Reliable

Reusable/Disposable (varies depending on context)

Auto-disable syringe (cheaper to buy vacuum pack machine and fake new than buy new syringes)

Enhancing

Mobile

Connected (enough affordable electronics to make things connected, and there are many reasons why it should be made connected, devices that talk to each other)

Smart

Plug n' Play (with other devices)

Backup via Redundancy

Long-Term

Local Mfg

Local Innovation

Approaches

Vintage Technology + New Function (old patents)

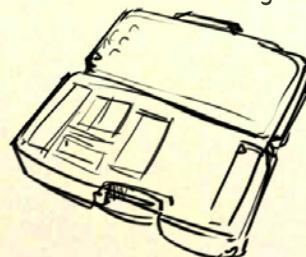
Nerf Gun + Syringe Device

Improvisation → Design

Coke Bottle + Inhaler OptiChamber

Context Shifting

Taking device for one setting and apply in another



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