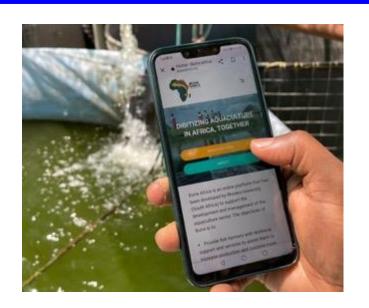
Developing a fish health function in Buna Africa: an online aquaculture platform www.bunaafrica.org





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About Buna Africa





- Buna in Sepedi language means to harvest
- The IP of Buna belongs to Rhodes University
- Hosted on AWS to provide industry level security









What problem is Buna trying to solve?

Governments need to have access to production data in real time.

- The aquaculture sector is growing fast and and it is putting demands on governments.
- Production data is needed to inform policy.
- Institutions such as the FAO, AU even WOAH are dependent on governments to provide them with data that is reliable.









But to solve this problem, we must first fix another problem

To get farmers to release their production data, we need to in exchange provide them with services

- As the sector commercializes and grows farmers are needing increased levels of technical support and services
- In the age of 4IR farmers need these services in real time and in a digital format.









What is Buna Africa?

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 Buna is an online platform designed to perform two inter-related functions



1) Provide technical information & services to fish farmers



Subscription Government Level

2) Provide a pathway for fish farmers to submit farm production data



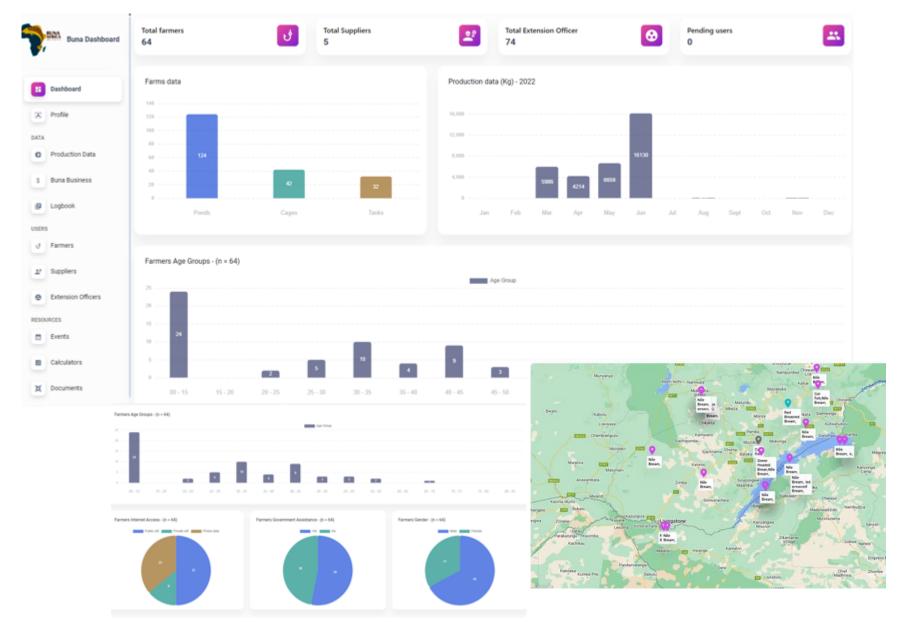








FP (gov) dashboard



Why are we developing a fish health component to Buna, and why is this relevant to WOAH?

- Fish health services on the continent is still underdeveloped & out of reach for many farmers, therefore this presents a considerable risk.
- We need a fish health solution for both notifiable and non-notifiable diseases. Otherwise, we may risk alienating farmers and this could have unintended consequences.
- For Governments (and WOAH) both sets of data, from Buna Africa (production data) and the fish health data sets are equally important and relevant to each other.

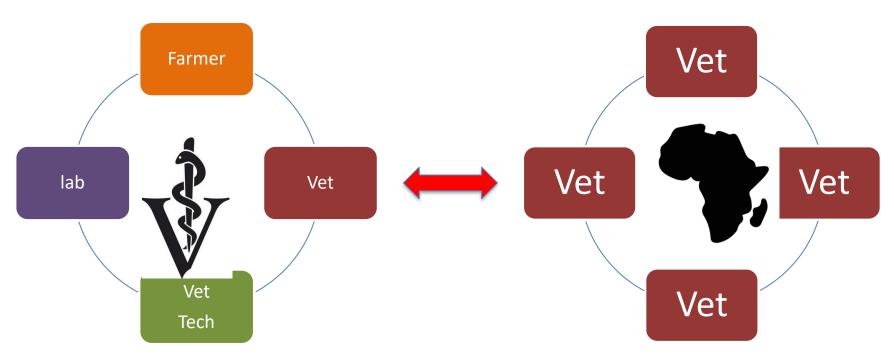








How Buna Fish Health Works



1. Provide fish health services to farmers

2. Create a network of vets to support each other

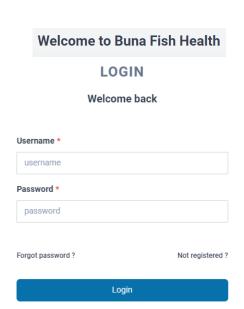


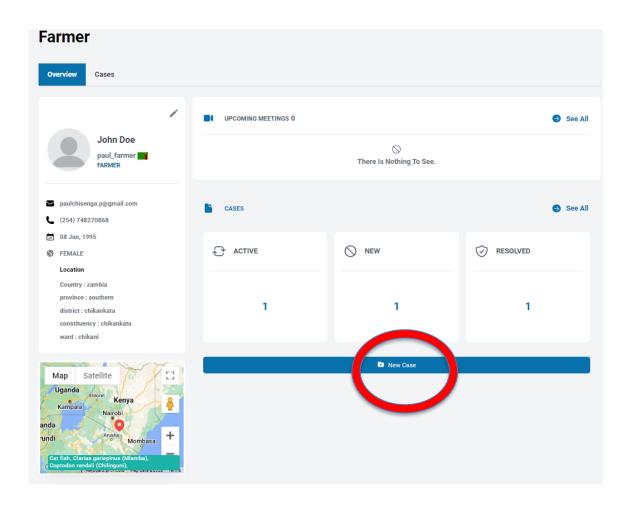






Farmers dashboard...log's in





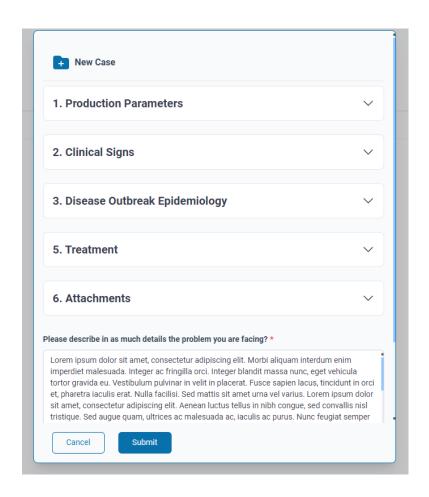


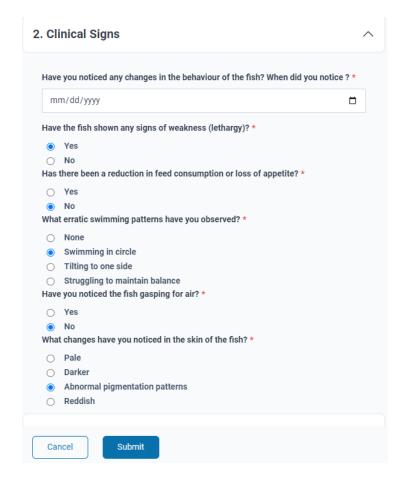






The Farmer...building case history





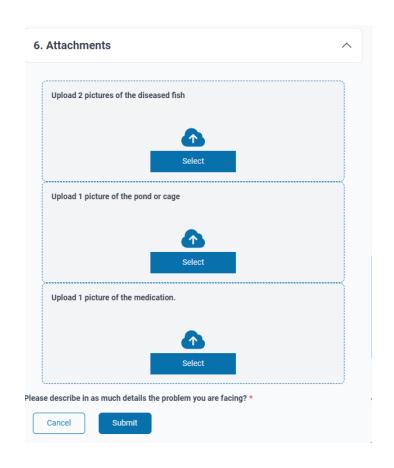


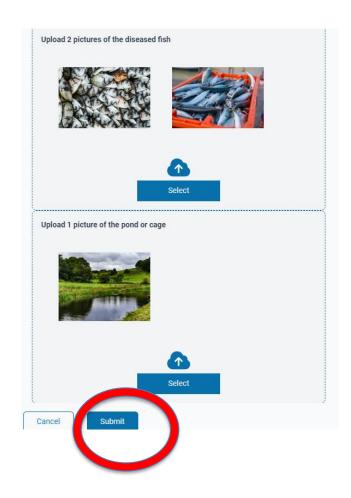






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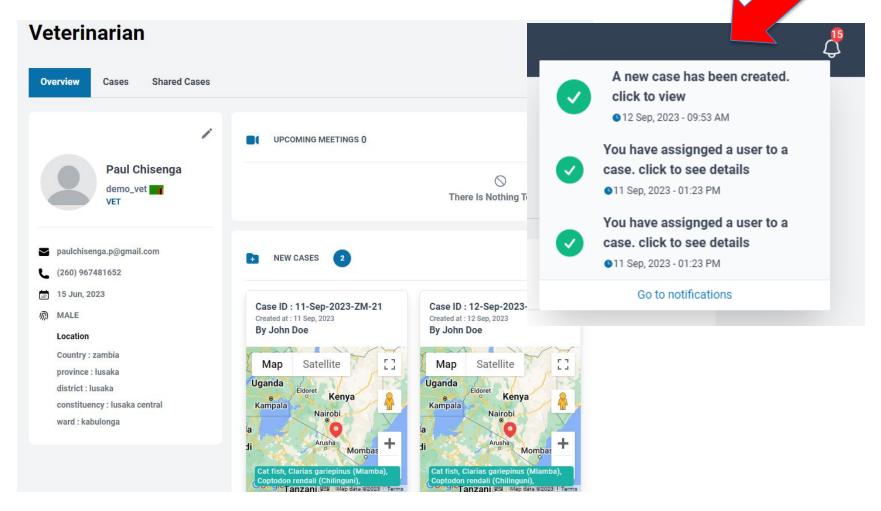








The Vet's dashboard



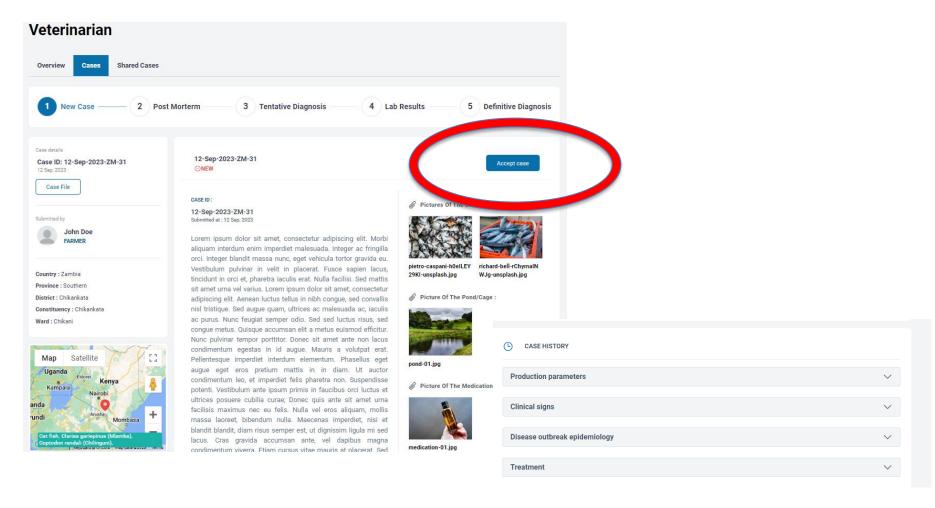








The vet...see's the farmers request



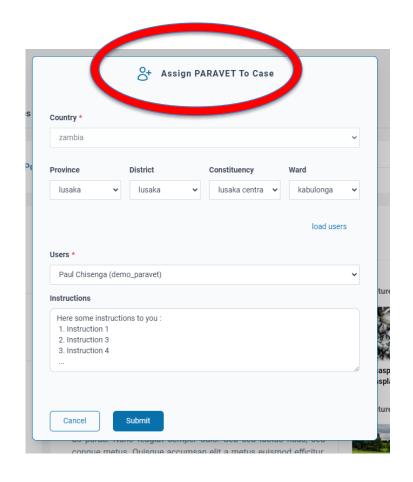


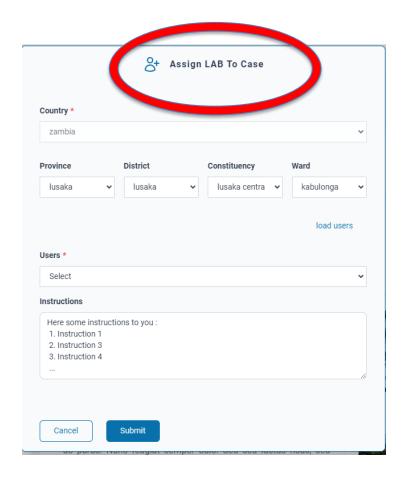






The Vet...assigns vet tech & lab





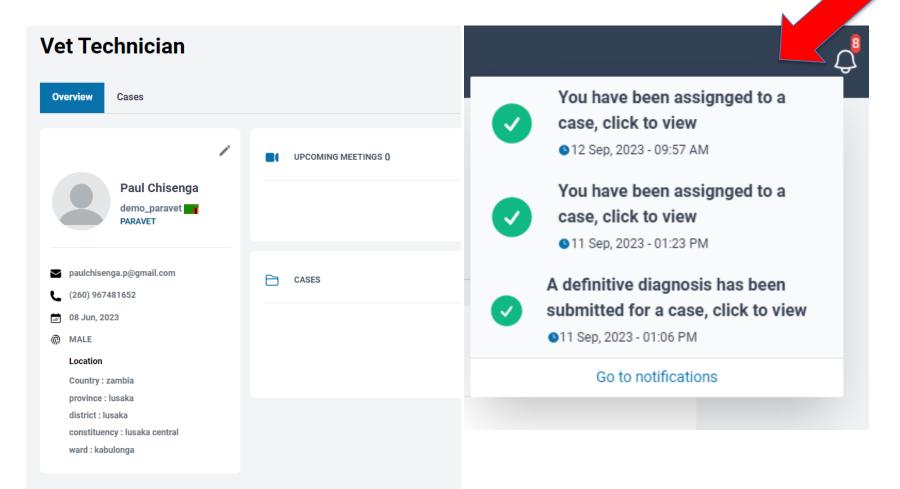








Vet technician...gets notified



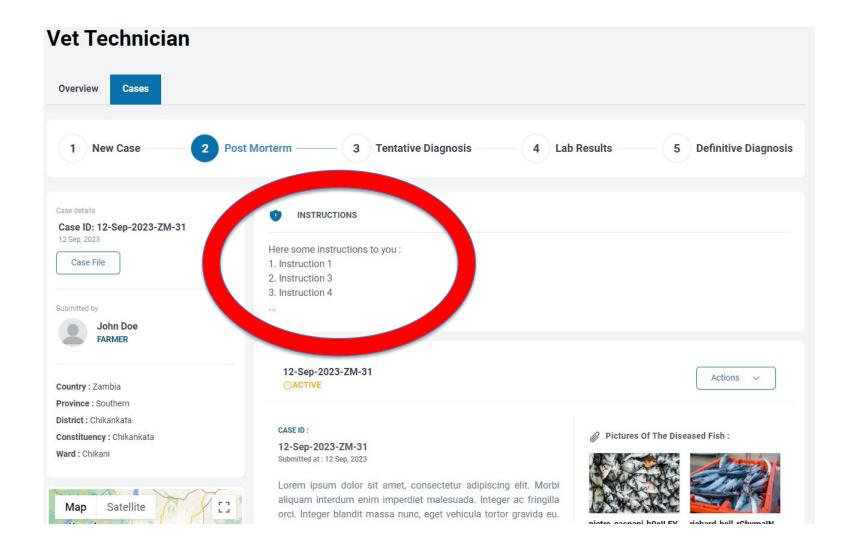




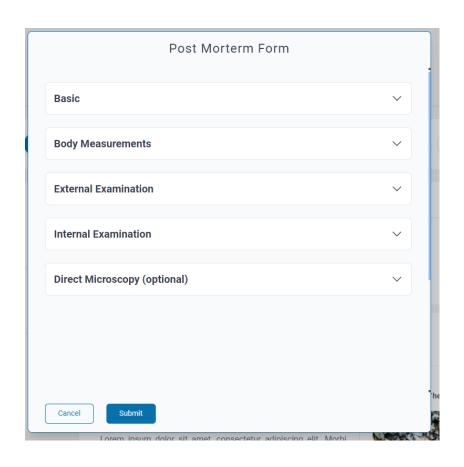


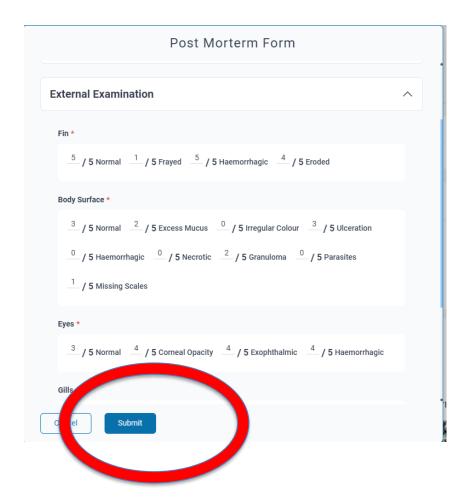


Vet technician...sees the case file



Vet technician...site visit





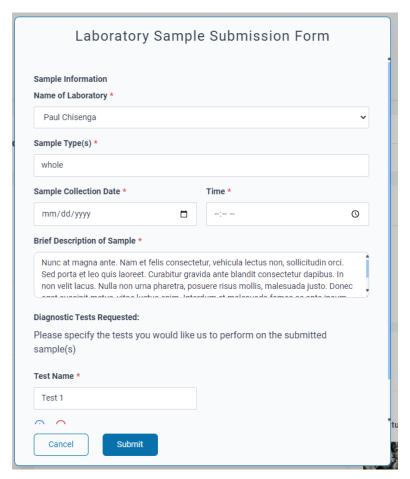


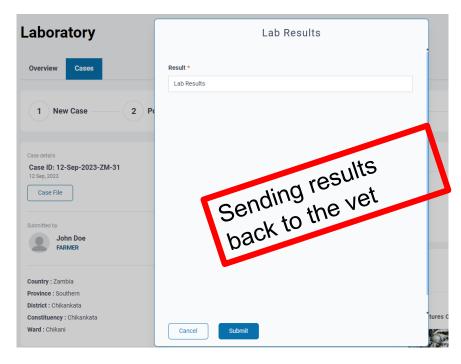






Bringing in the lab





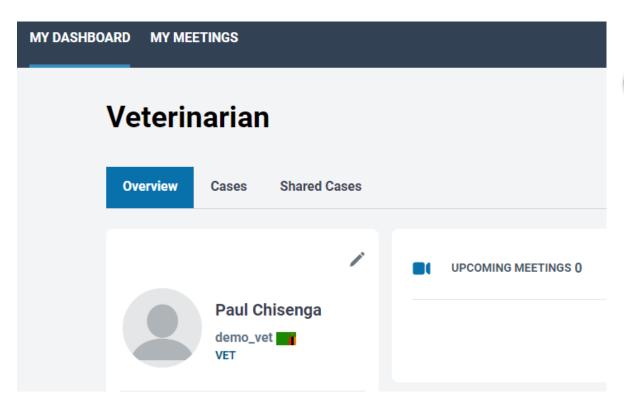


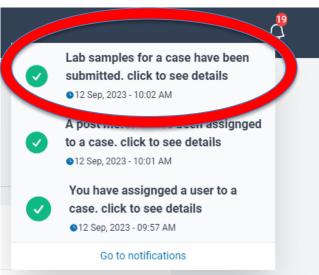






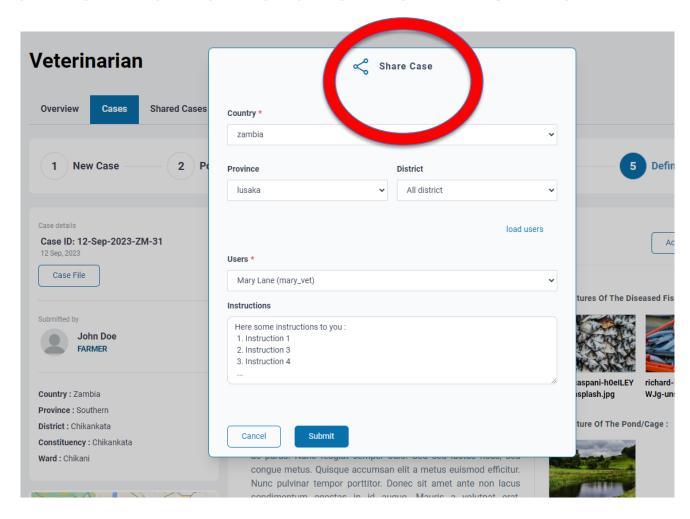
Back to the vet





Information available to the vet

- Farmer's history
- Vet technician report
- Lab report



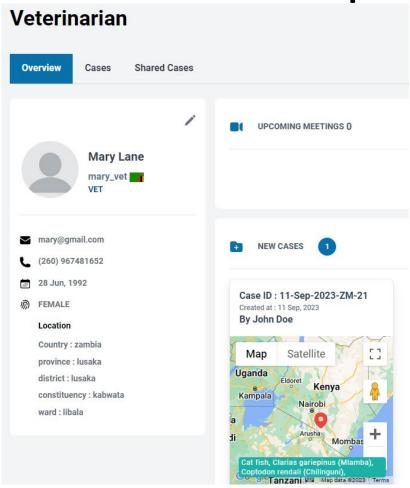


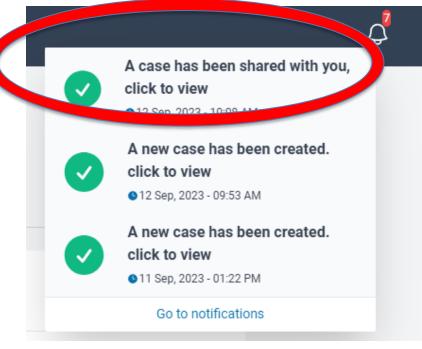






2nd Opinion Vet





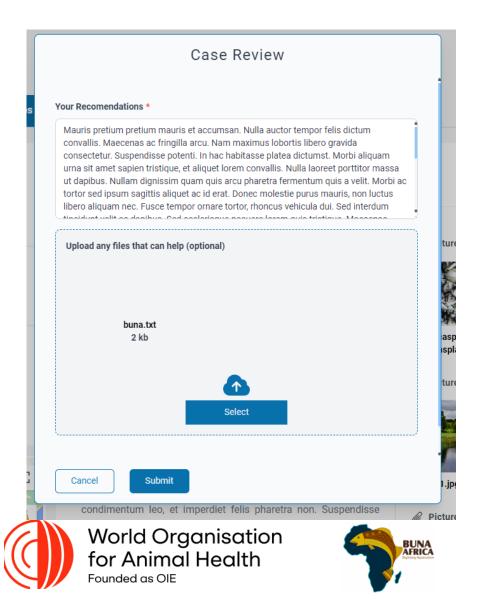








2nd Opinion Vet



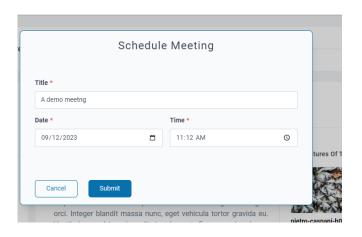
By enabling a vet to share their case with another vet, we are:

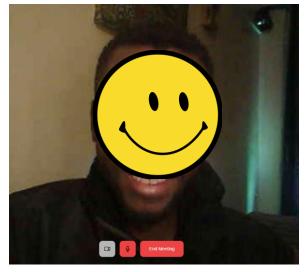
- 1. Building a network of vets across Africa
- We are building capacity amongst vets, by sharing their knowledge.

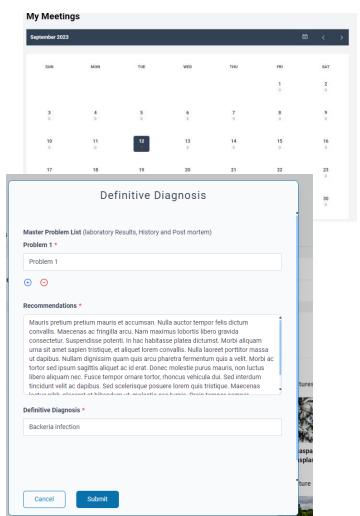




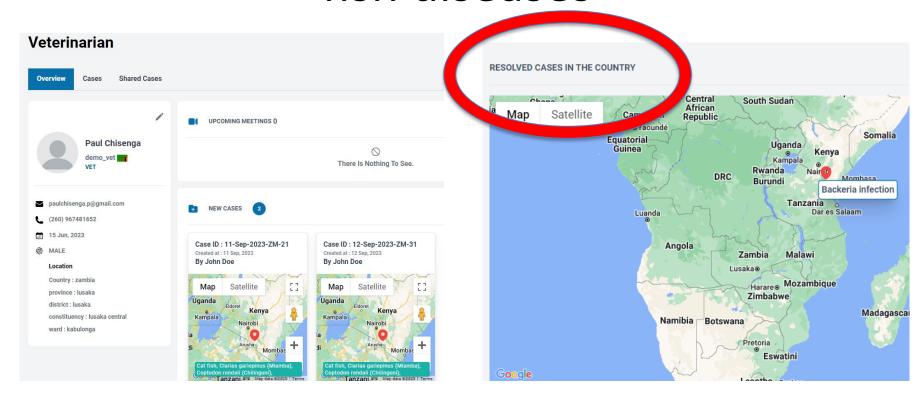
Back to the primary vet...reporting back to farmer







Vet's dashboard...visualising spread of fish diseases











Conclusion

- Buna Fish Health is not only about providing services to the farmer, but it is also about creating a digital fish health ecosystem, that builds capacity across the board.
- Buna Fish Health is creating a network of vets / fish health practitioners around real-life cases.
- Buna Fish Health is not a reporting system (e.g. WAHIS), but rather a tool that feeds into reporting systems.
- Next step would be for a collaboration between Rhodes University (Buna Africa) & WOAH to pilot the fish health function.







