

# Blockchain in PUBLIC HEALTH South Africa

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# About Us



## PUBLIC HEALTH

Ribbon Blockchain is a Platform for Collaboration and Automation of Public Healthcare processes to improve efficiency and quality of healthcare delivery

We use Blockchain as the underlying technology



# Our App

## Public Health Incentives App

Incentivizes & Rewards Patients & Healthcare Practitioners for prescribed health related tasks and activities

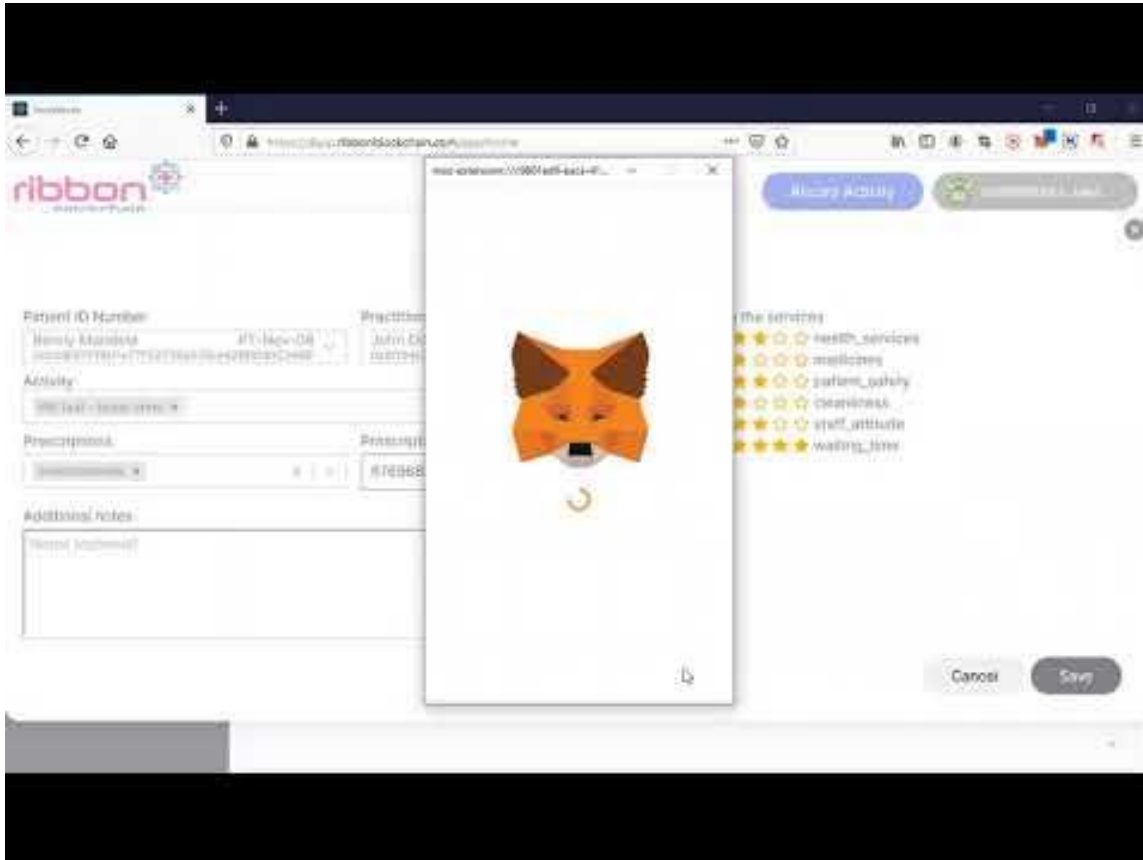
Its like Discovery Vitality for Public Health

We have engaged with South African Dpt of Health & Pharmaceuticals to understand their requirements to develop this app

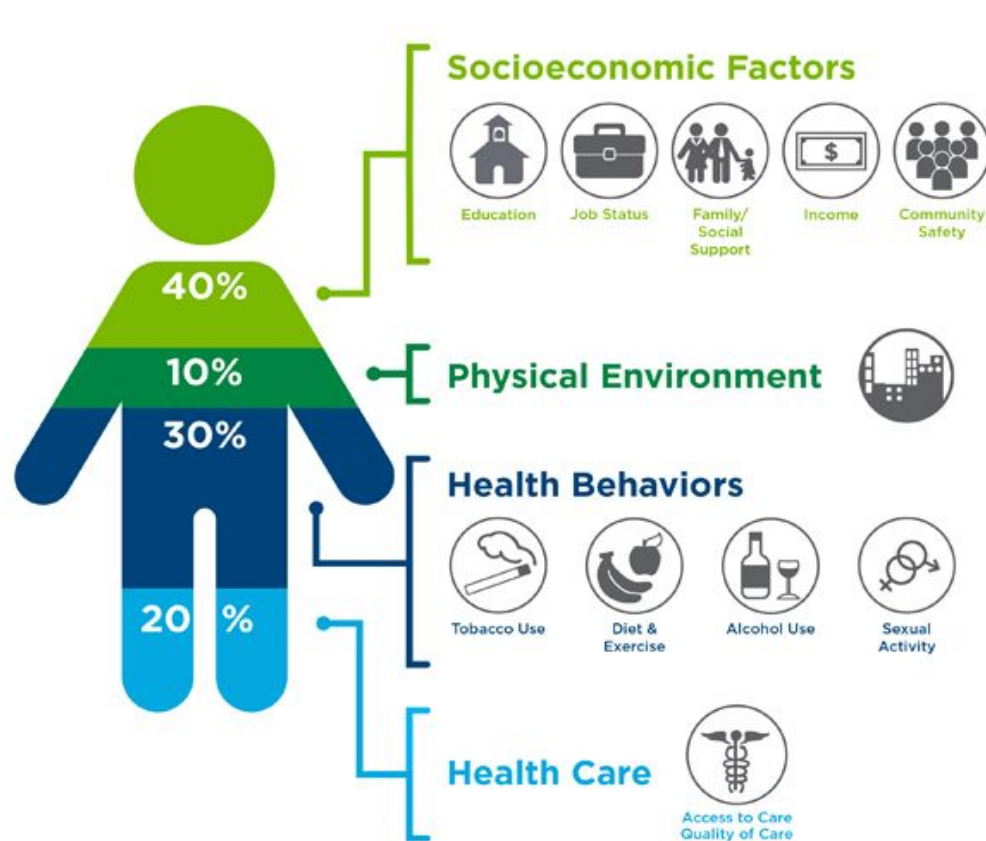
We have a green light to Pilot with DoH in the HIV Use Case

# How it Works

## Public Health Incentives App



# To develop it, we had to 1st Understand Social Determinants of Health



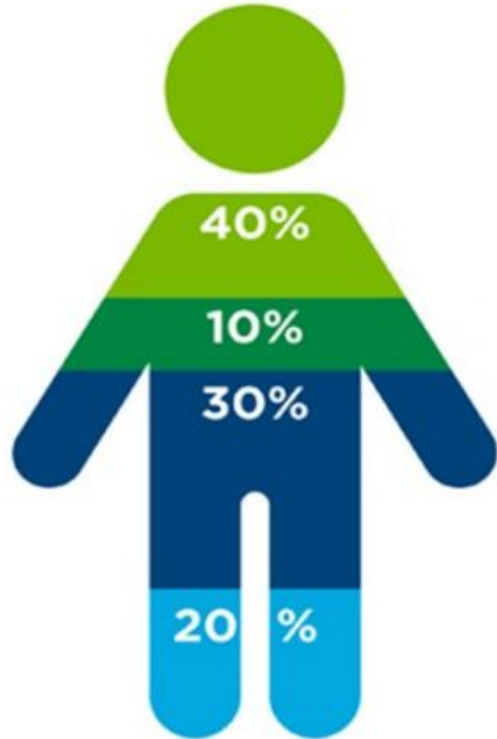
80% of a person's health & well-being is determined by social, environment and behavioral factors

20% of a person's health and well-being is related to access to care and quality of services



# & role of Digital Solutions in Public Health

..are used to bridge the gap in administering Care for the 80% of Social, Environment & Behavioral determinants of Health



Health Transformative  
Consumer Engaged  
Appropriate  
Consistent  
Equitable  
Affordable  
Transparent  
Shoppable  
Referable  
Convenient  
Digital  
Clinical  
Preventive  
Procedural

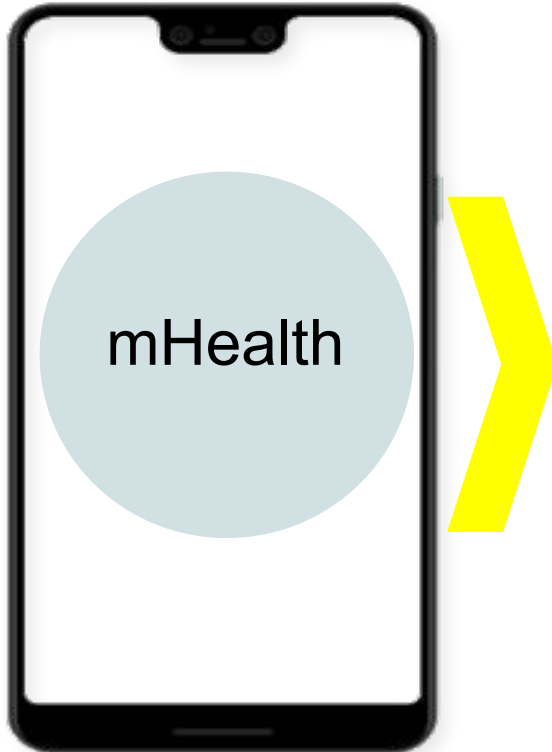
in the form of

**eHealth**  
(electronic health)  
**mHealth**  
(mobile health)  
**technologies**

# Problems with Mobile Health Solutions



Mobile Health (mHealth) solutions are best to deliver remote care direct to individuals but have several problems such as:



## PROBLEMS

- Ad hoc
- Data silos
- Weak Security
- Difficult to Audit
- Multiple transaction platforms
- High risk to Gvt
- Costly to Gvt to implement
- No POPI compliance
- No Health Act compliance

# Blockchain's Role in Digital Health



Blockchain can be used for standardizing Trust, Verification & Proof on a common Ledger



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## BLOCKCHAIN

- Standardization
- Interoperability
- Cryptographic Security
- Audit
- Single Ledger transaction platform
- Low risk to Gvt
- Low cost to Gvt to implement





# **Why Blockchain in Public Health?**

**One single source of Clinical & Medical  
Truth/Proof/Trust to minimize error to  
save lives & money**



# **OUR EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING OUR BLOCKCHAIN APP**

Public Health Incentives App



## **Step 1**

**We had to find a best practice  
process for Disease management  
(a Guideline Process)**

# World Health Organization

## Has a formula to end new **HIV** infections



**90-90-90**  
(Triple-90)

an Algorithm/Process “as important to Health as Einstein’s  $E=MC^2$  is to Physics”  
unknown.

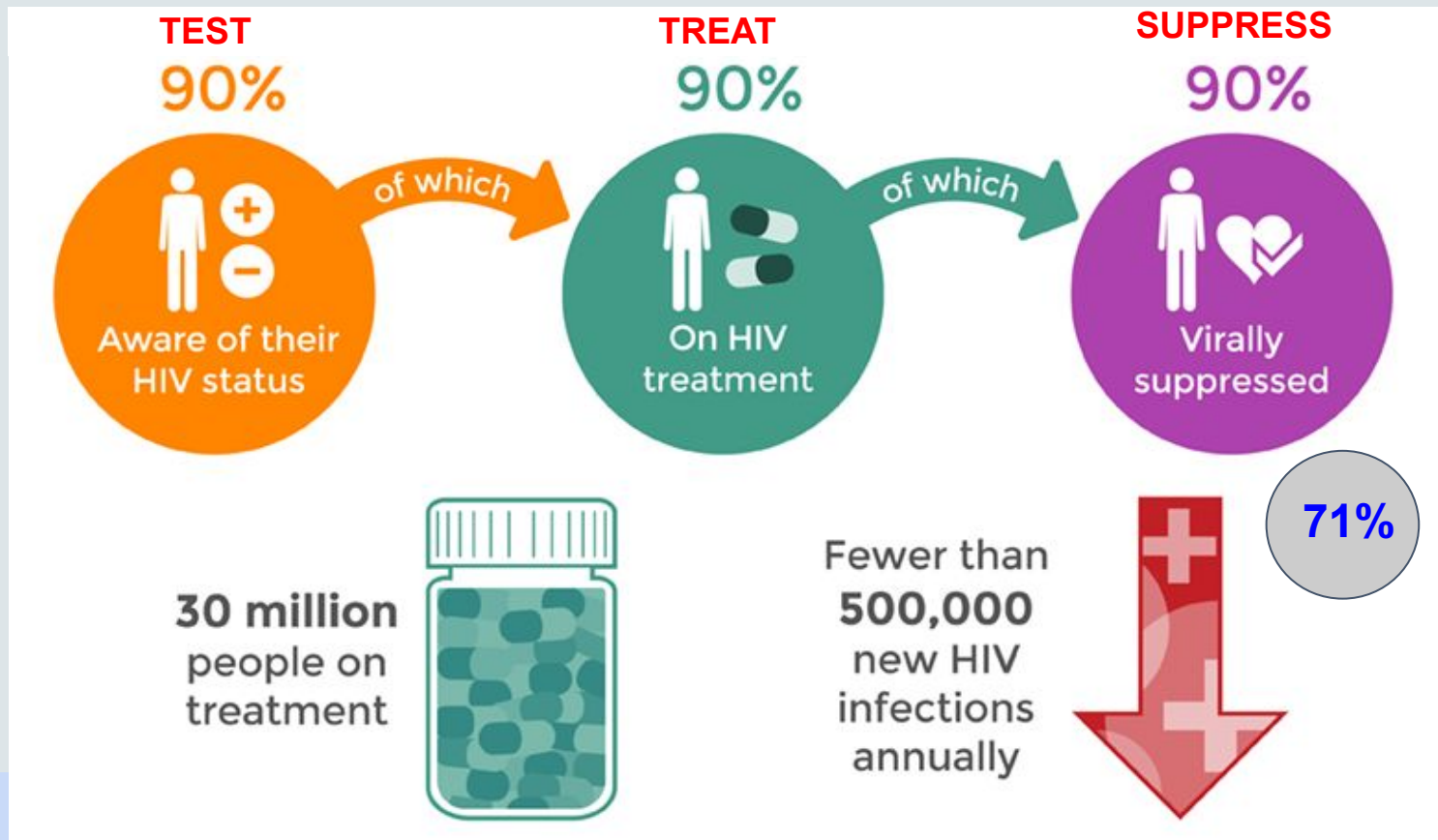
BLOCKCHAIN just so happens to love Algorithms (Smart Contracts)

Healthcare is full of Algorithms to manage/treat diseases

Blockchain & Health are a match made in heaven

# World Health Organization

## 90-90-90 Algorithm to end HIV



# World Health Organization's **90-90-90** applied to Diseases



## Chronic Diseases

eg **HIV: Adherence**

1. **Test** 90% of population
2. **Treat** 90% of people testing positive (ARV)
3. **Suppress** viral load in 90% of people on ARV through medicine **Adherence** until HIV is undetectable & they can't infect anyone else

Repeat until you have no new HIV infections.

## Infectious Diseases

eg **Covid-19: Flatten Curve**

1. **Test** 90% of suspect cases/at risk population
2. **Isolate & Treat** 90% of positive cases
3. **Trace & Test** 90% of exposed direct contacts
4. **Suppress** new infections by imposing Self-Isolation on 90% of the population

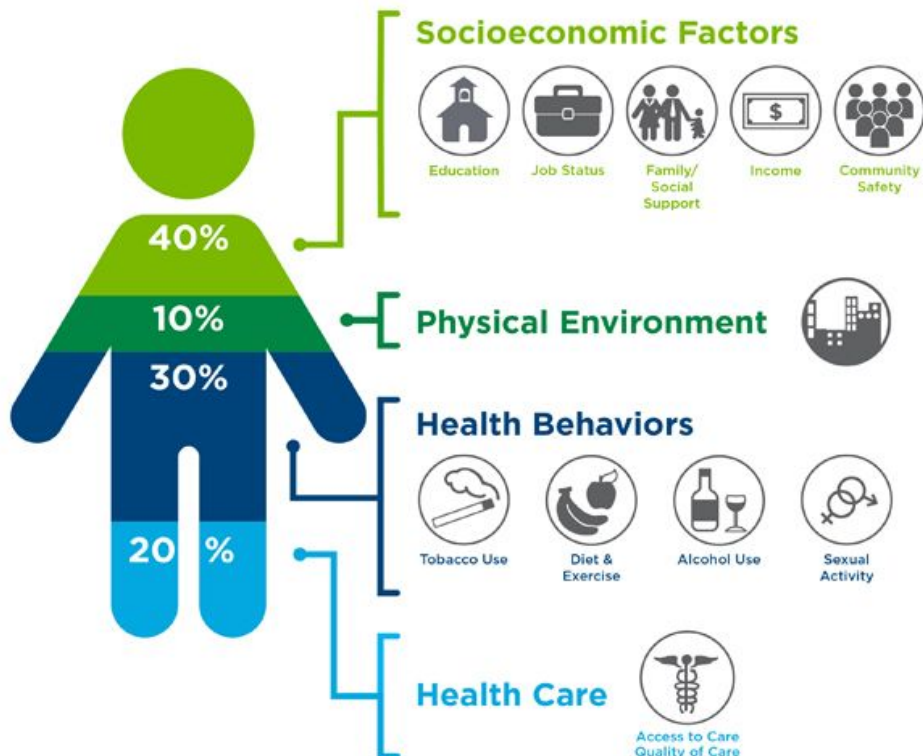
Repeat until you have no new Covid-19 infections.



## **Step 2**

**encode the process (Algorithm) onto a  
Blockchain App**

# We created a Smart Contract to Incentivize Social Determinants of Health ?



1. Incentivize people to Test
  2. Incentivize people to initiate and Adhere to Treatment
  3. Incentivize people to Suppress disease & prevent new infections
  4. Incentivize healthy lifestyle habits
  5. Incentivize behavior change
  6. Incentivize participation in Adherence groups
  7. Incentivize patient education & engagement
- etc etc etc



# Which parts of Blockchain did we Use?



## Automate Payments

### Smart Contracts

To Automate incentive payments for interactions

## Audit/Accounting

### Ledger

To record payments and maintain balances

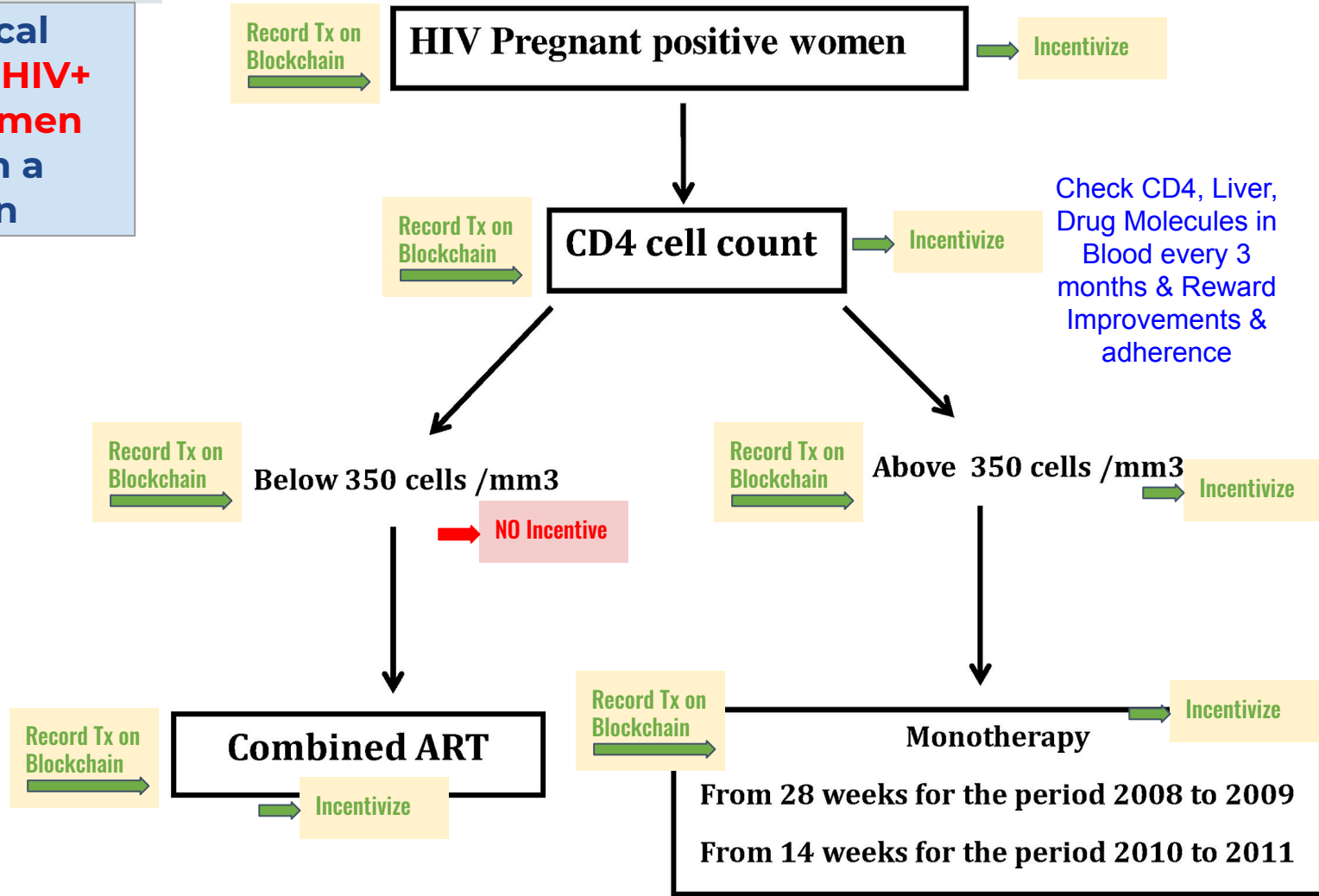
## Other inputs?

### Behavior Science & Health Ethics

To determine incentive types & amounts

An old Clinical Algorithm for **HIV+ Pregnant Women** recorded on a Blockchain

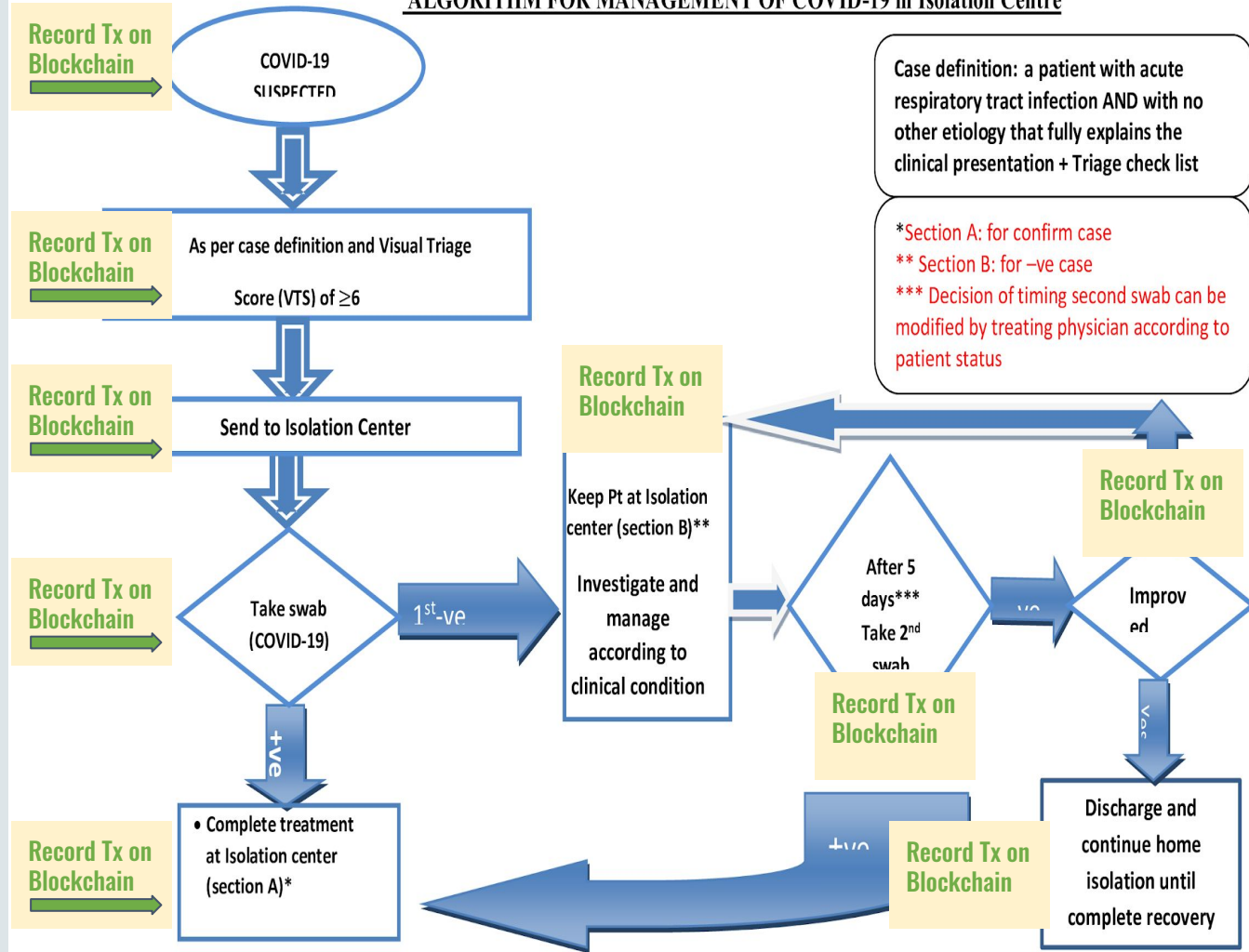
Example 1



# A Clinical Algorithm for Covid-19 recorded on a Blockchain

## ALGORITHM FOR MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 in Isolation Centre

Example 2



# Analytics



Use Data Science techniques to transform Transaction linked health data into actionable information, insights & predictions to make informed Decisions that saves lives

e.g Machine Learning  
Data Visualization tools (Tableau) etc



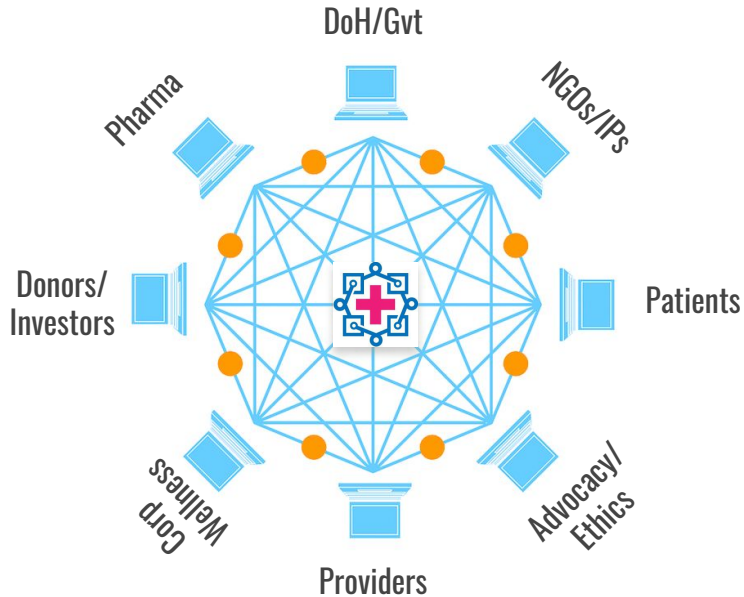
## **Step 3**

# **Design a Sustainable Real World Business Model**

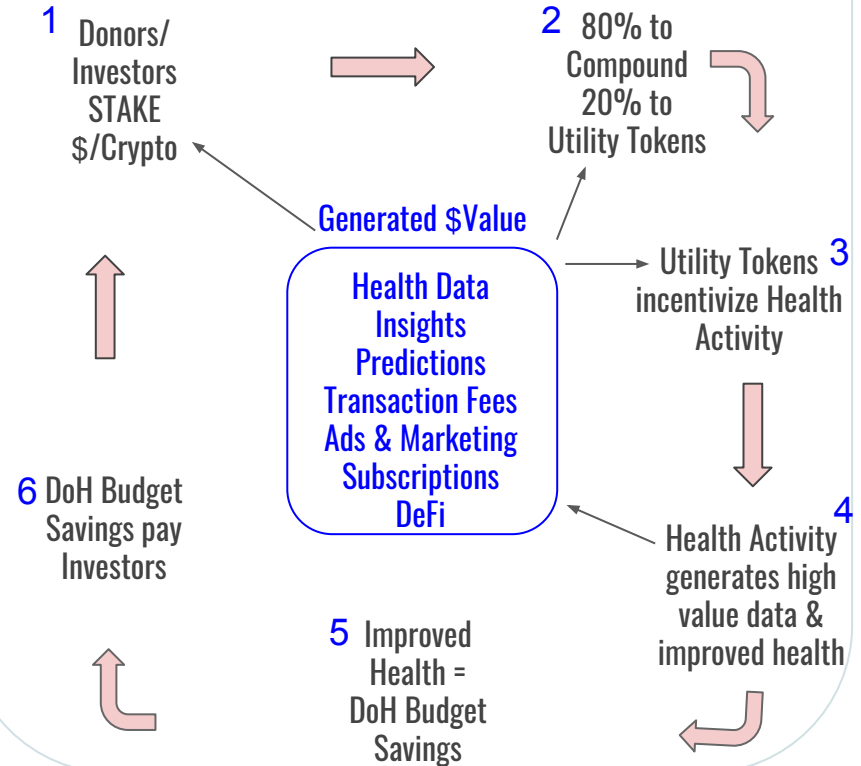
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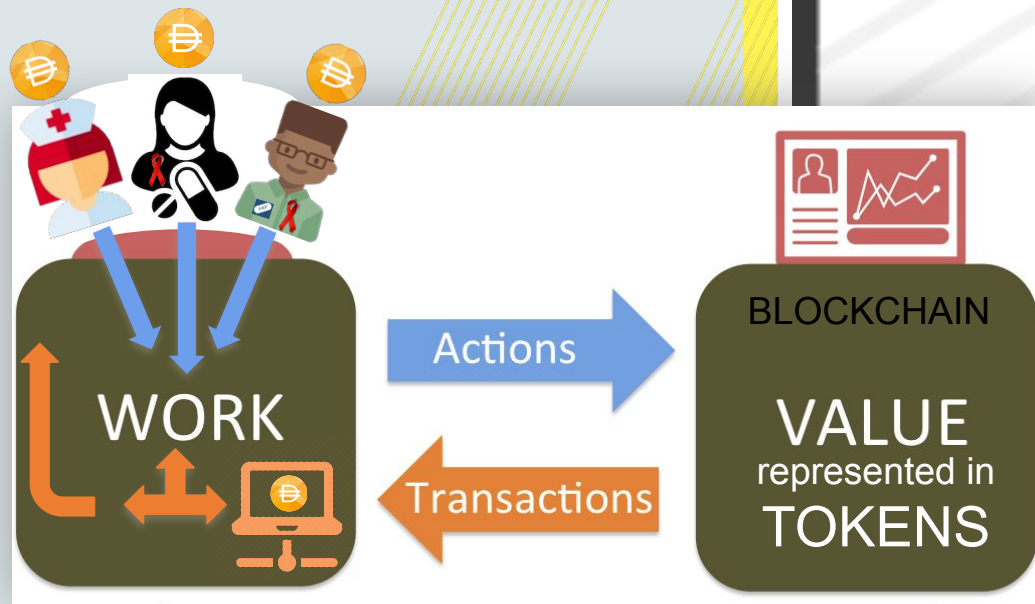
## Blockchain Network Validators



## Sustainability & Network Effect



# Work-Value-Token circular Relationship



## WORK

Users **WORK** by completing prescribed **TASKS & ACTIONS** that are recorded and verified on the Blockchain

## VALUE

The completed tasks or **ACTIONS** have a cost **VALUE** represented in **TOKENS**

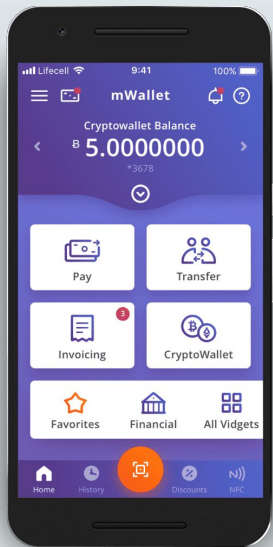
## TOKEN

**TOKENS** are distributed to Users for their **WORK**, & such **TRANSACTIONS** collect Network Fees to pay the Network Nodes, Validators, & Coders for maintenance & upgrades



# How are Incentive Tokens paid out?

Mobile App



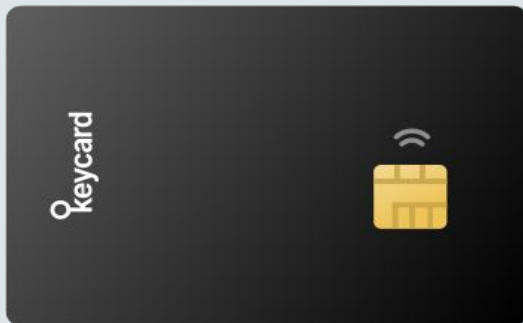
Incentive Reward Tokens are paid to users via:

1. Mobile App & USSD Crypto Token Wallet
2. NFC Rewards Token Debit Card for those without phones

USSD

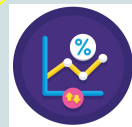


Crypto Debit Card



Card Features :

- ✓ Loyalty Rewards
- ✓ NHI Healthcare Card
- ✓ Portable Health Record
- ✓ Debit Card



Tokens earn Interest



Tokens can buy Online



Tokens can buy at Retail



Tokens can be sent Peer to peer





# Revenue Model



**Advertising & Marketing**



**Transactions & Brokerage Fees**



**Whitelabel Technology Leasing**



**Subscriptions & Decentralized Finance Fees**



**Utility Fees**



**Asset Sales**

Investor Token Sale, Information Sales (Analytics, Insights, Predictions)

**This is how the Platform generates Sustainable Revenue to run itself at network capacity**

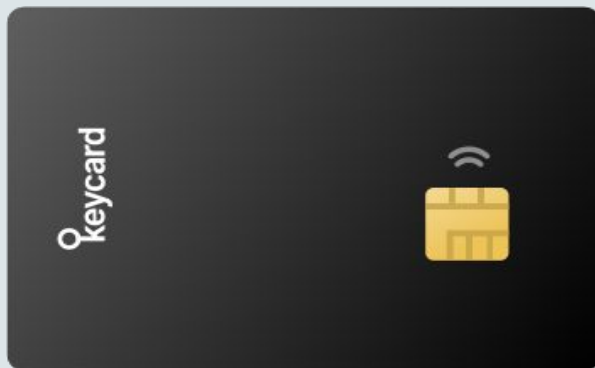
# Collaboration Opportunity on USSD & Crypto Debit Card



Are you interested in collaborating on the Crypto Debit Card?  
Do you have a small budget to chip into the crowdfunding for the developers?

Lets collaborate to develop USSD & Crypto Debit Card for the unbanked and underbanked

Our team have received about 15 demo cards in SA, Nigeria & Uganda from Ethereum Foundation



## Card Features :

- ✓ Loyalty Rewards
- ✓ NHI Healthcare Card
- ✓ Portable Health Record
- ✓ Debit Card



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**Thank  
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