

# Tech trends in water quality monitoring at scale

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### 13 years later

## The digital revolution has barely started in our sector.

The future is digital "90% of digitally maturing organizations –

companies in which digital technology has transformed processes, talent engagement, and business models

 are integrating their digital strategy with the company's overall strategy"

MIT Sloan Management Review, July 2016

## Are you re-organising?

- Do you have experienced CIO and CIO on your management team?
- A few IT people that used to manage your network, isn't going to cut it.
- Building the digital system you need in-house, isn't going to work.





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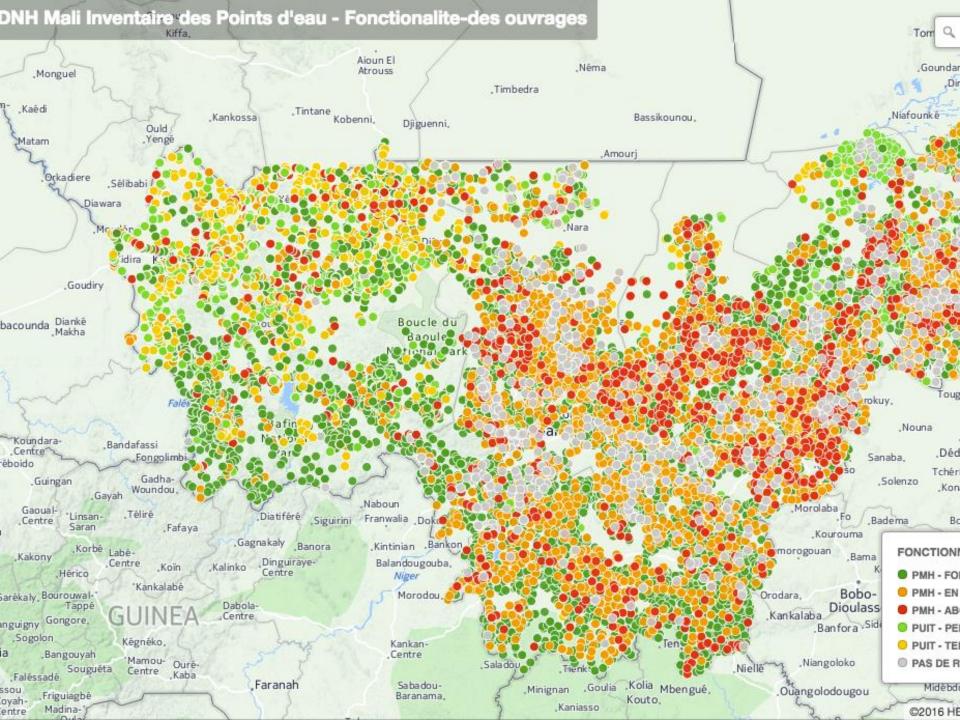


#### Data for indicator 6.1.1

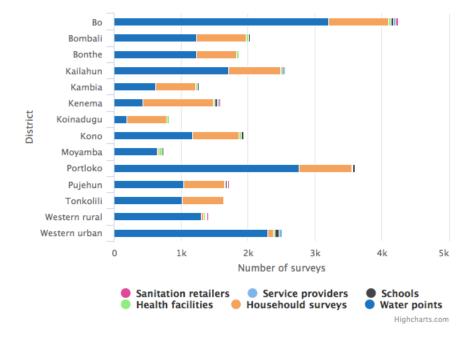
Household surveys combined with population records for information on access and type of services.

Inclusion of water quality testing for **faecal contamination** and priority chemicals (**arsenic** and **fluoride**) by utilities and/or in household survey instruments.

**High temporal** and **spatial resolution** of institutional/utility data. Disaggregation of data by intra-household characteristics.

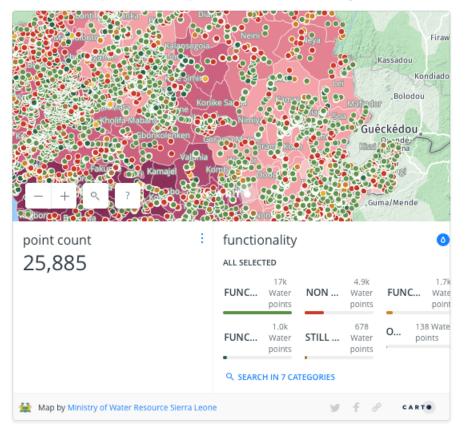


Characteristics of survey findings



#### Questionnaires completed by district

#### Latest map: Water point functionality



## Ongoing monitoring

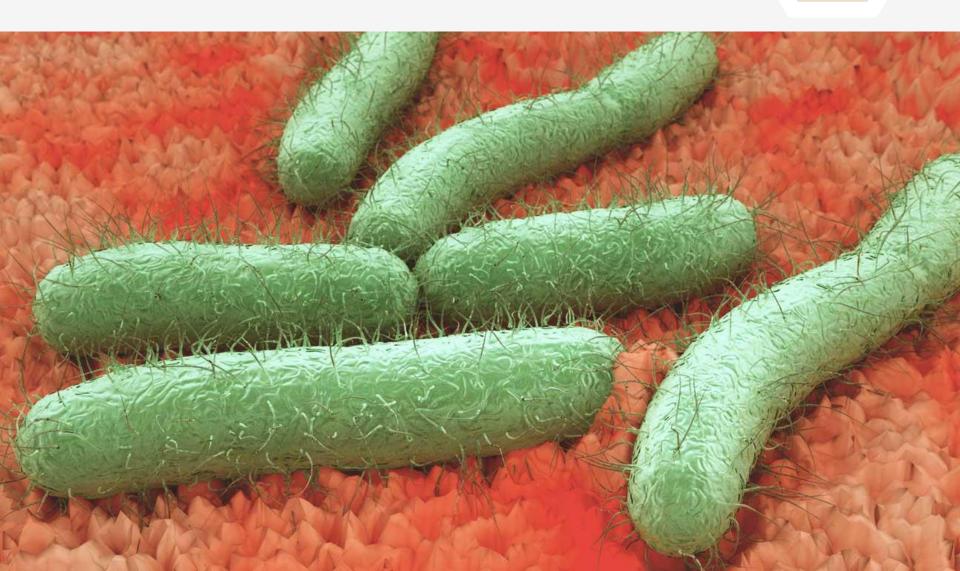
If your work isn't reflected in an on-going digital national monitoring system, at district level then you are doing it wrong.

## We are at a transition phase.

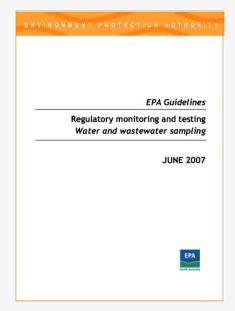
Adapt or .... ?



#### Faecal coliforms



#### Microbiological transport



"Refrigeration: It is recommended that microbiological samples be refrigerated between 2°C and 10°C (as per AS/NZS 2031:2001). Ice can be used to rapidly cool samples to 4°C before transport. Ice bricks are preferred over loose ice or dry ice."







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#### Assembling the OpenFlexure microscope

and connecting it to a Raspberry Pi

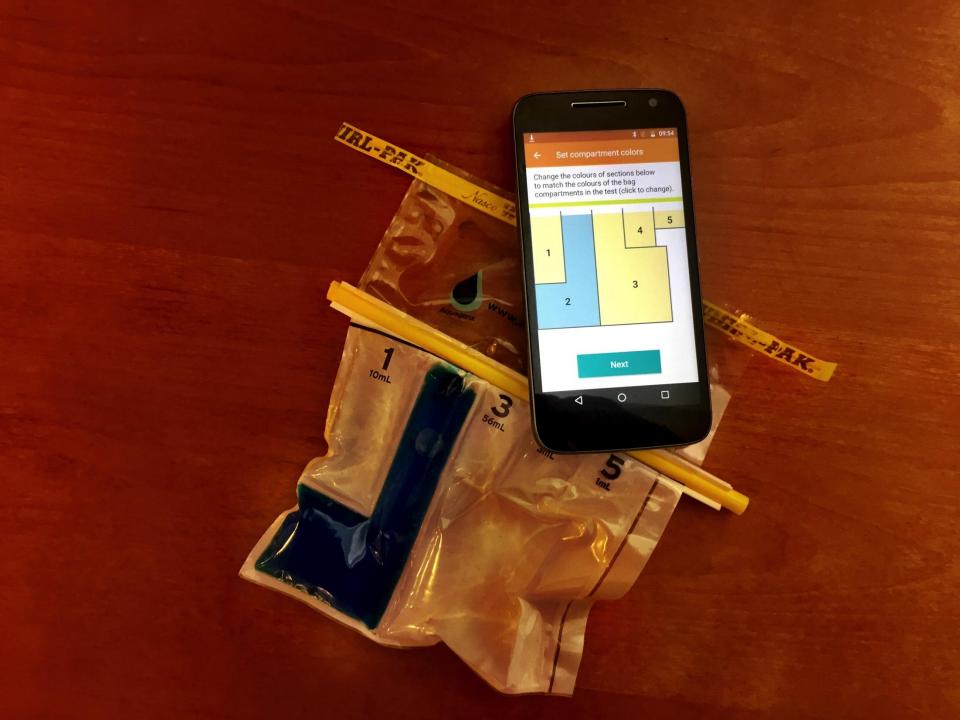
The OpenFlexure microscope is a buildit-yourself microscope which features a flexure-based XYZ stage with submicron precision and a range of 8mm.

Don't be fooled by its appearance. Because it's constructed using flexible plastic, its motion is free from friction and vibration. And because it can be connected to a Raspberry Pi, you can see pin-sharp detail on a smartphone, tablet or monitor, rather than the limited view through a traditional microscope.

Whether you buy the assembly kit or 3D-print the parts, assembling the microscope is relatively easy as well as rewarding.

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#### Arsenic







#### Fluoride



#### Bluetooth connected



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#### Fluoride Residual chlorine Chromium Arsenic (in development)

#### Other water quality tests







We can **eliminate** uncertainty around drinking water quality and access, worldwide, in 5 years. If we work together.

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## Live demonstrations of state-of-the-art SDG 6.1.1 monitoring at scale. Stand 23

