Serving new market segments







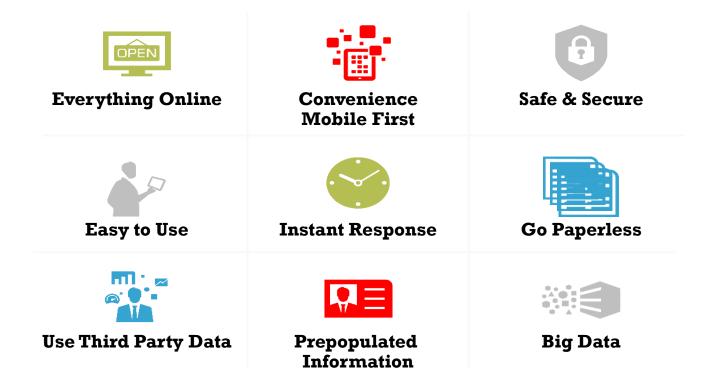


# **Company context**

- Equity Insurance Agency (EIA) is a subsidiary of Equity Group Holding Limited (EGHL)
- EGHL is a large financial services conglomerate headquartered in Nairobi (Kenya), with around **12 million** customers in 6 East African countries
- The group has entered a phase of its growth and evolution characterized by **technology and digitalization**
- EIA is lagging behind and needs to catch up in order to serve existing customers more effectively and expand to new segments

### Identifying the desired future

Provide engaging and secure customer interactions across all digital touch points thus creating customer value and driving profitable growth



# Our digita



### ...began by asking

1.WHY

### 2. WHAT

**Revenue or cost?** 

Digitize sales or processes?

**3.HOW** 

Build, Buy or Partner?

### Why and What....

Why	Increasing Revenue	Reducing Cost
	by	by
What	Digitalizing sales	Digitalizing processes
Visibility	High, since customer facing	Low, mostly internal processes
Turn around	Faster; leverage Bank's digital platforms	Slower; due to dependencies on insurers
Competitive advantage	High	Low, since we are a broker
Impact	High; creation of new distribution channels	Low - Medium

# How: Build, buy or partner?



Build

- Have basic capability
- Do we have the expertise?
- Time
  consuming

### Buy

- Complete
  control
- Cannot
  experiment
- High exit barrier

### Partner

- Quicker GTM
- Low exit barrier
- Can experiment with multiple models
- Culture clash
- Clarity on roles & responsibilities

### **Key Digital Pillars**

<i>Enhance</i> <b>customer</b> <b>experiences</b>	<i>Build</i> <b>new</b> <b>partnerships</b>	<i>Optimise</i> <b>operations</b>
Systems Technology activated to enable Digital	Innovate through digital	Leverage Data for better decisions

### Initial focus areas

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FIRST STEPS	Online sales portal	Mobile microinsurance	Decentralizing processes
FUTURE STATE	Online servicing & claims portal	Leverage Bank's channels & government	Digitalize UW and Claims processes

# Taking the first steps

### Enhancing customer experience by using technology

### Simple 4 step digital on-boarding platform



#### Buy online

- Tech savvy customers
  buy simple products
  on their
  phone/tab/laptop
- Reduce effort and time to buy insurance
- Expand market to non-Equity Bank customers

#### DIGITAL AS A DIRECT CHANNEL



### Sell online

- 35,000+ Bank Agents & Contact Centre Agents sell insurance using their phones/laptops
- Increase reach and inclusiveness
- Cross-sell insurance to bank's customers

#### **DIGITAL AS AN ENABLER**

# **Key learnings**

- Channel conflict & fear of retrenchment addressed by offering a "sell online" version of the digital platform
- **Integration** with core system critical for a seamless digital experience; however legacy core systems pose a challenge

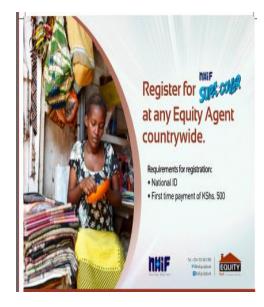
# **Building new partnerships**



### Insurtechs



### **Bank agents**



### Government

# **Key learnings**

View partners as strategic stakeholders

- **Contracting** takes a long time, work started after signing a LOI
- **Commercials** have been a key point of failure in past partnerships. Nailed down before work began
- **Clarity** on roles and responsibilities is critical. Our contracts define them in great detail and connect them to remuneration

# **Optimizing processes**

#### Decentralization

#### WHAT

Moved printing of motor insurance certificates from HO to branches

#### WHY

- 1. Improve customer experience
- 2. Reduce costs
- Deploy more staff to revenue generating activities

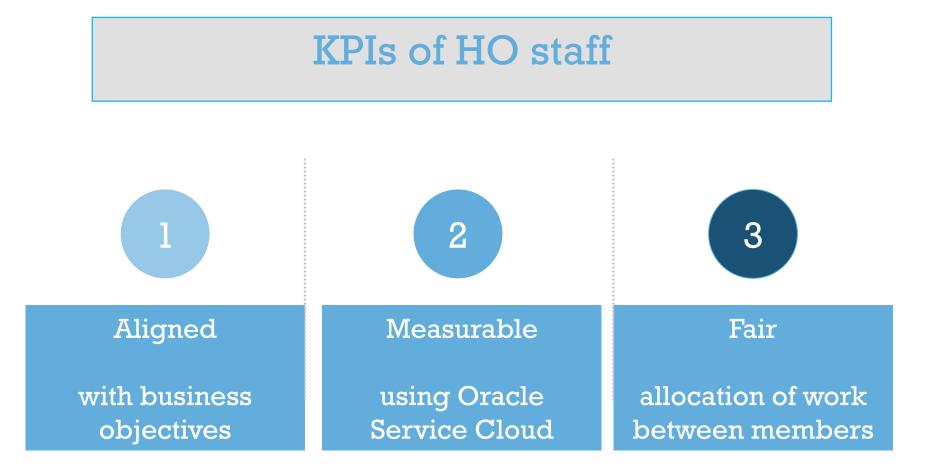
#### HOW

- 1. Pilot with branches
- 2. Scale to branches
- Achieve complete decentralization – 140 branches

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80

### ....and aligning incentives



# **Key learnings**

- **Counter fear of change:** assured staff that decentralization would not result in retrenchment; alternate roles were created and discussed beforehand
- Use a gradual approach to spread influence: piloting allowed users to see the positive impact and spread the message to other colleagues
- **Establish a feedback loop** for all new initiatives, since change is a process and may need tinkering



### **Omni-channel distribution strategy**

