

Rethinking unused medicine management

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Problem statement

Objective

- Maintaining healthy balance in the society and encouraging common people to stretch a helping hand for poor citizens of the country through donation.
- To control unsafe medicine disposal.

Initial ideas



Advertising campaign



Prescription design



Awareness short film

Secondary research



- Medicine Baba, New Delhi
- 2. Helping Hands Donation Box, Hyderabad



DROP UNUSED MEDS, BOOKS, TOYS HERE

Helping Hands Donation Box set up near Kushaiguda Police Station will provide space for donors and hand it over to the needy

Express Features

elping Hands "Donation Box," a novel stationery, and any other utilities which will sensitising agent to the society." reach the needy through this initiative.

who require a helping hand from the larger tive. society. Principal architect of the initiative, initiative by Zone info Media sup- S.Kushal, says, "We often come across people nor Lion Dr Sunaina Aminha inaugurated ported by Lions Club ECIL - Elite, was who want to donate unused items in their the box and appreciated the initiative. ACP launched in near Kushaiguda Police house to the needy, but don't know where to Syed Rafeeq said that their department Station this week. Donors can give unused donate. Based on our earlier experiences we would extend their maximum support to the (but usable) medicines, toys, clothes, books, thought of having a point which will act as a activity.

response on sensitive issues like health, ies like the Kushaiguda police and the Lions cines" since May 2015

poverty, concern for the under privileged Club ECIL - Elite who supported the initia-

The Lions Club ECIL-Elite District Gover

The youth promised support to Zone Adds, So he set up the box after deliberating the the Implementation partner. The ad agency The initiative seeks to evoke community installation process with government bod- has been promoting "Donate Un-used medi-



Primary research

Contextual enquiry

- Narration of critical incidents, issues, events faced by the users.
- It helps in understanding the user's perspective and the degree of impact.
- It helps to eliminate biases from the researcher's end.

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Semi-structured interviews

- A pre-determined set of open questions.
- It Helps to understand how interventions work and how they could be improved.
- It allows respondents to discuss and raise issues that you may not have considered.

USER STUDIES

65 Users

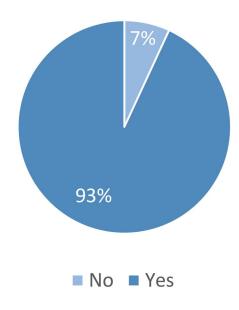
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Hospitals

5 Pharmacies

2 Doctors

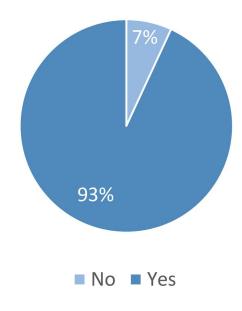
Charitable trust

Stockpiling and discarding medicines

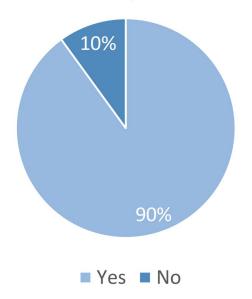


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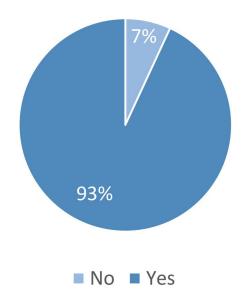


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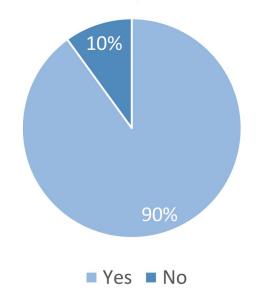


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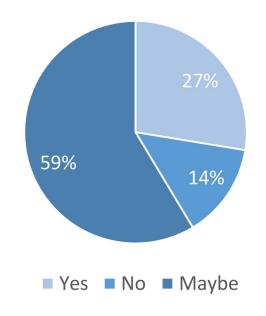
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Only 27% people agree to accept medicines from others.

73% people are unsure about accepting medicines due to trust issues.



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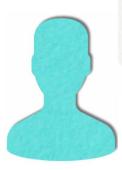
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I feel bad when I throw unused medicines. It's such a waste of money. What about people who can't afford?

A lady talking about wastage of money spent on medicines. Also showing empathy towards underprivileged part of the society.

Observed problems

- Trashing of excessive medicines by privileged.
- Under privileged are in medical debts in order to get cured.
- Have to choose either food or medicines.
- Majorly depends upon government medical facilities.
- Can't afford medicines at subsidised rate also.
- Get rare & irregular assistance from the charitable trusts.
- Hospitals spends mere amount of overall expenditure on buying medicines itself.
- Lacks to provide other required facilities.

Insights

- Privileged people have empathy towards financially poor people and hence are willing to play a role of donor.
- Availability of free medicines to under privileged can bring a positive change.
- Hospitals could reduce overall medicine expenditure if they will accept donated medicines.

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- Various stakeholders
- Multiple touchpoints
- Timely changing interactions
- Multiple places of interactions



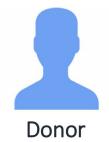
Design Challenges

- Stockpiling and discarding has become habit
- Motivate stakeholders to contribute more often
- Keeping track of information flow and activities during journey
- Designing a safe, assured and verified system flow

Implementation Challenges

- Persuading government officials to assure the system flow
- Replicating the system on a larger territory

Initial overview of system







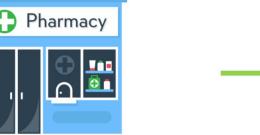




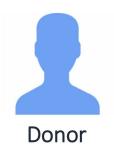
















Drug disposal unit

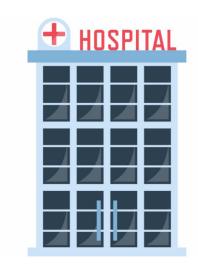




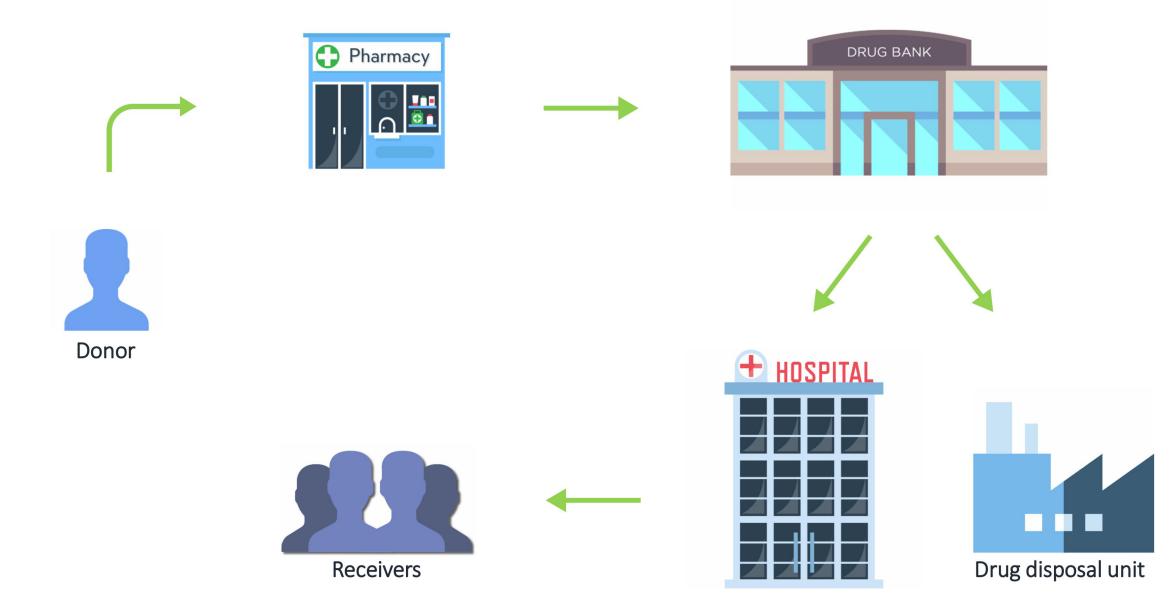












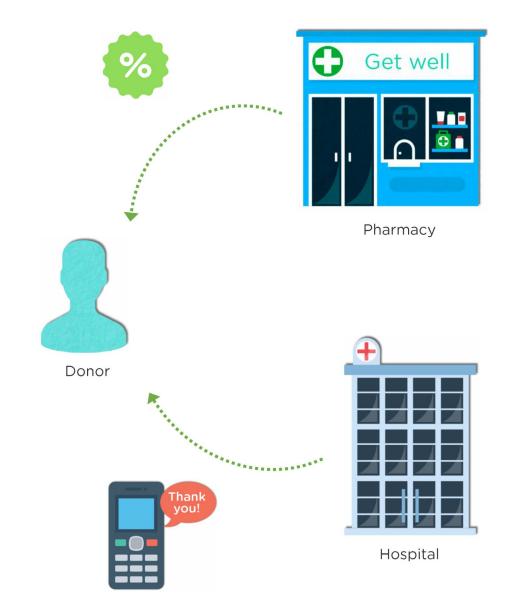
Incentive centered design

- Induce desirable behaviours from users, such as participation and cooperation and to achieve goal of the system.
- Help system benefit their users and ultimately achieve better results

Ideation

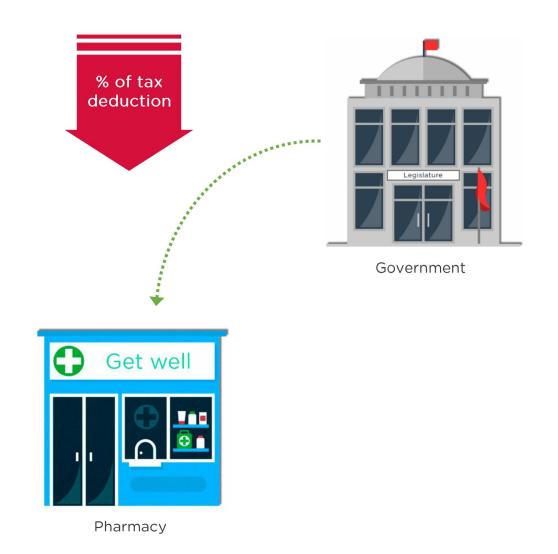
Donors

- Certain % of discount of MRP of donated medicines could be availed by donors on their next purchase at the same pharmacy where they have dropped their excessive medicines in drop box.
- when a poor hospitalised patient will receive the donated medicine, donor of that medicine will receive a SMS of gratitude which certainly give the donor a joy of helping.
- These incentives will motivate donors to contribute more often to the system.



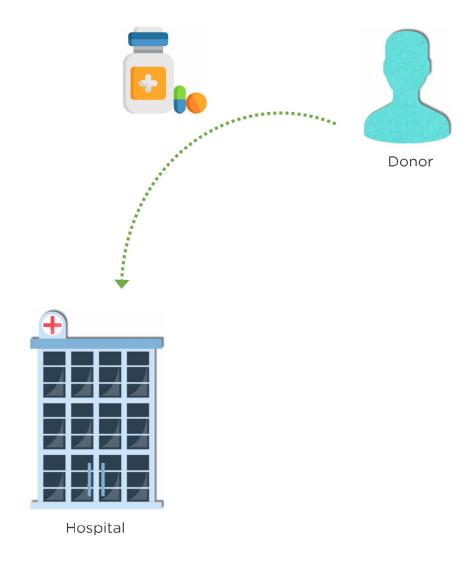
Pharmacy

- They will be playing an important role in running the system.
- Incentive will motivate them to do the same on longer run.
- The pharmacies will be able to avail certain percentage of deduction in their yearly taxes.



Government hospitals

 Accepting medicine donations from wealthy people and distributing them to the hospitalised patients, they can trim down huge medicine expenses at some degree which will be an incentive to the hospital in a way and will be able to cater better medical services too.



System map

The proposed system is demonstrated in the system map

Rules

- Medicines have to be kept together in a paper bag provided at the pharmacy with donors' name & contact number written over it in capital letters.
- Donors should avoid donating medicines without expiry date.
- Amount of expired medicines won't be taken into consideration while offering discount.
- Donors have to stick to same pharmacy to perform donation and to avail discounts.
- Free medicines can be availed by the needy people at the government hospital only where he or she is taking treatment. Only on showing valid income proof and prescription by an authorised medical officer working there.

Constrains & assumptions

- The system assumes that all the stakeholders will be willing to work together and will pool their resources.
- It is assumed that establishing the back end operations will be possible.
- There will be enough people, establishments and businesses that will sign up as partners.
- The thank you message might not be sent in case the donated medicines will not be required by any receiver.
- There will be enough funds available with the system to employ working staff and pay them regularly.

Final design

- out of whole proposed system, have focused on the Medicine bank.
- Final design solution will be the Graphical User Interface (GUI) of an online record management platform of the medicine bank.

Wireframes

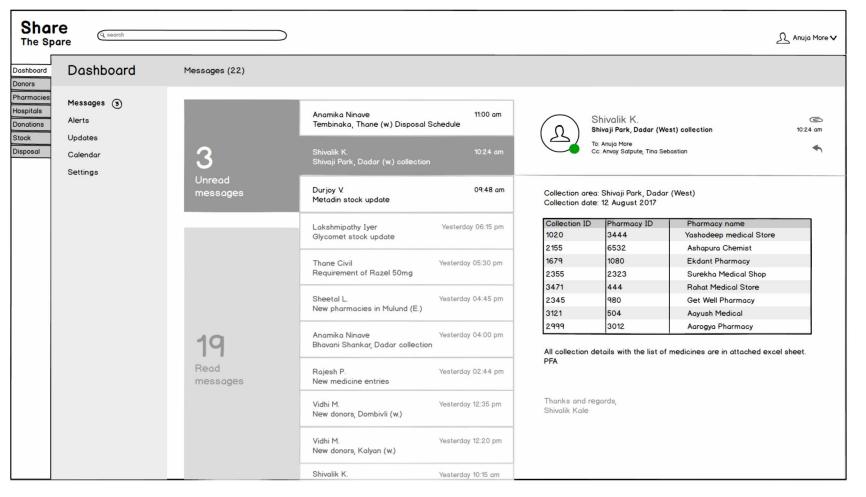
Share The Spare



New user? Register

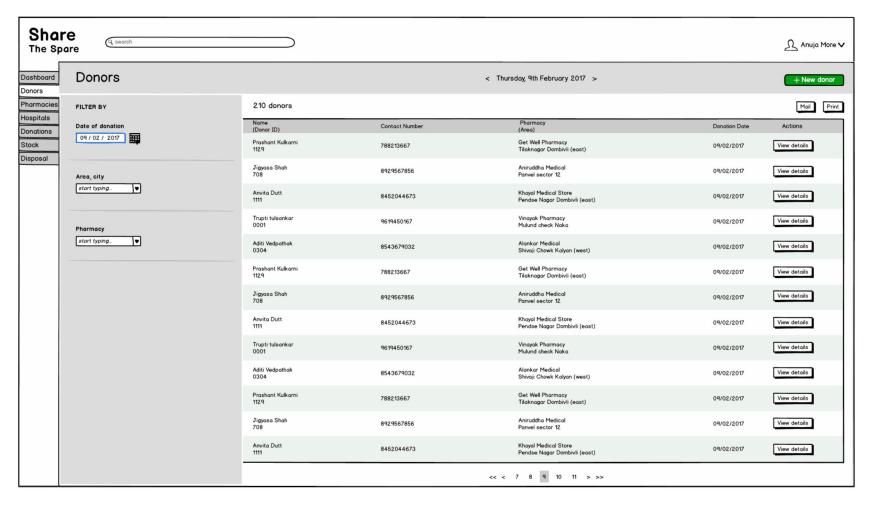
Login Page

- After filling all required details and by clicking the login button, administrator will be redirected to the dashboard.
- If users wants to create new administrative account, they can first register themselves by clicking 'Register' link which is at bottom right corner below the login box.
- Forgot password link will assist when users are not able to recollect account password.



Dashboard

- Administrator can have a look on received messages sent by other staff of the medicine bank, transaction updates, alerts.
- He/ she can also schedule collection, disposal dates.
- 3. Profile settings can be changed.

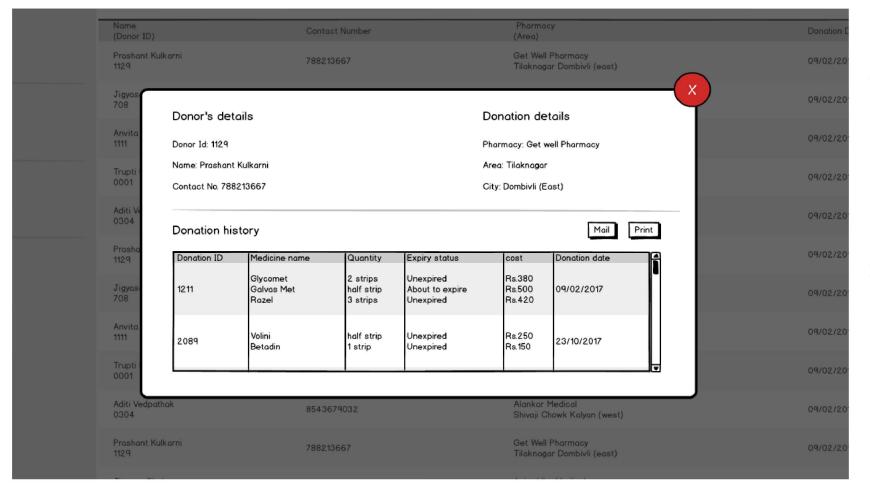


Donors

- 1. Here administrator can access through the list of medicine donors.
- 2. Results can be filter by the donation date, area, pharmacy.
- 3. This list can be printed or mailed if needed.
- 4. On clicking 'view details' button, it will redirect the user to donor details page
- 5. In the same manner record of pharmacies, hospitals, donations, medicine stock in the bank, disposal of medicines can be accessed.

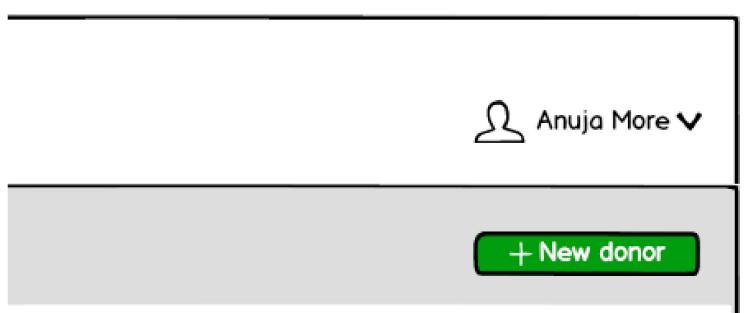
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 On clicking 'view details' button in front of the donor in the list,



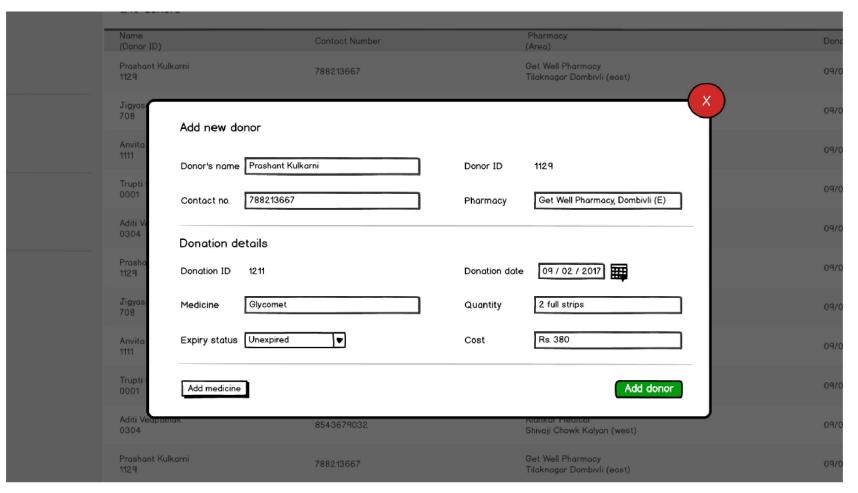
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- One can get to see donors' details like contact no., donated medicines, their expiry status, medicine cost, donation date, quantity of the medicines.
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Add new donor

 By clicking green button at the top left side of the donors page, administrator can add new donors to the list.



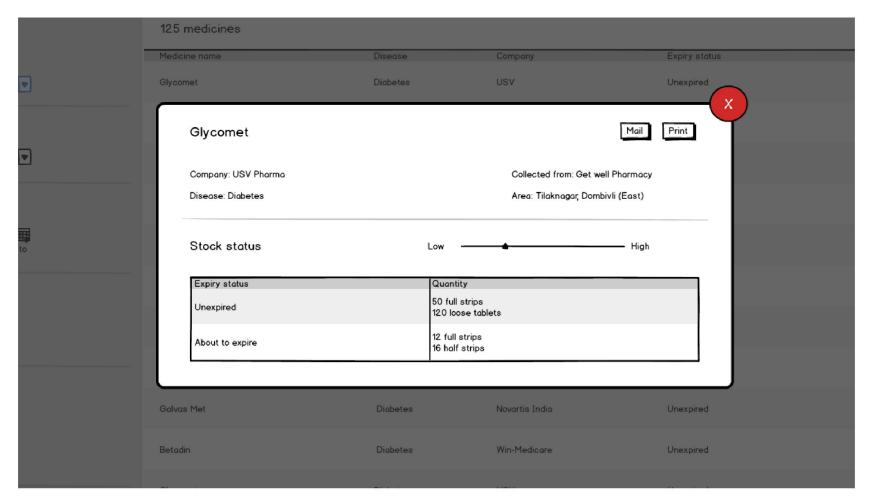
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- On clicking that button, a popup window can be seen with the necessary fields needs to be fill-up in order to feed donors details to the data server.
- In the same manner new pharmacies, hospitals can be added to the server.



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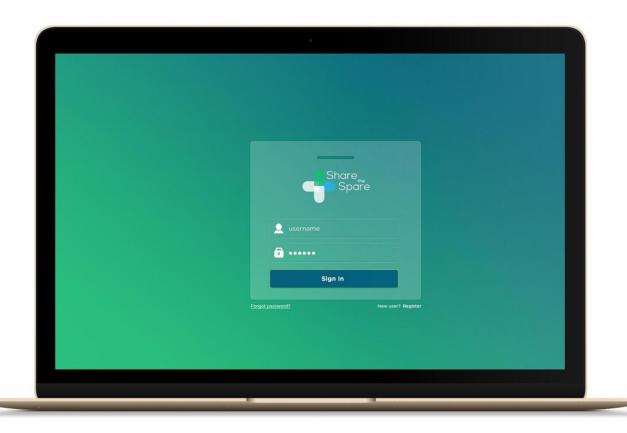
- 1. One can access all the details of that particular donation like, who has donated it, from where this donation has been collected, what is the delivery status, which medicines has been donated, their quantity, cost, expiry date, etc.
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Stock details

- Details of particular medicines
 in stock can be accessed here,
 like manufacturing company,
 amount of medicine stock, their
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Graphical User Interface





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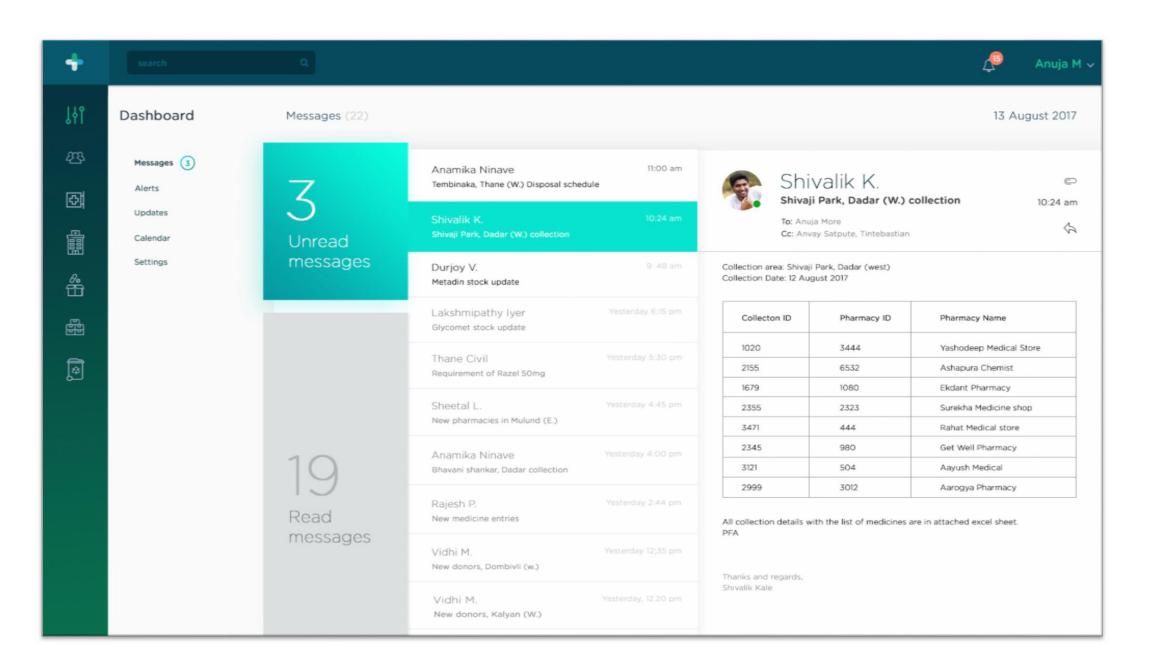
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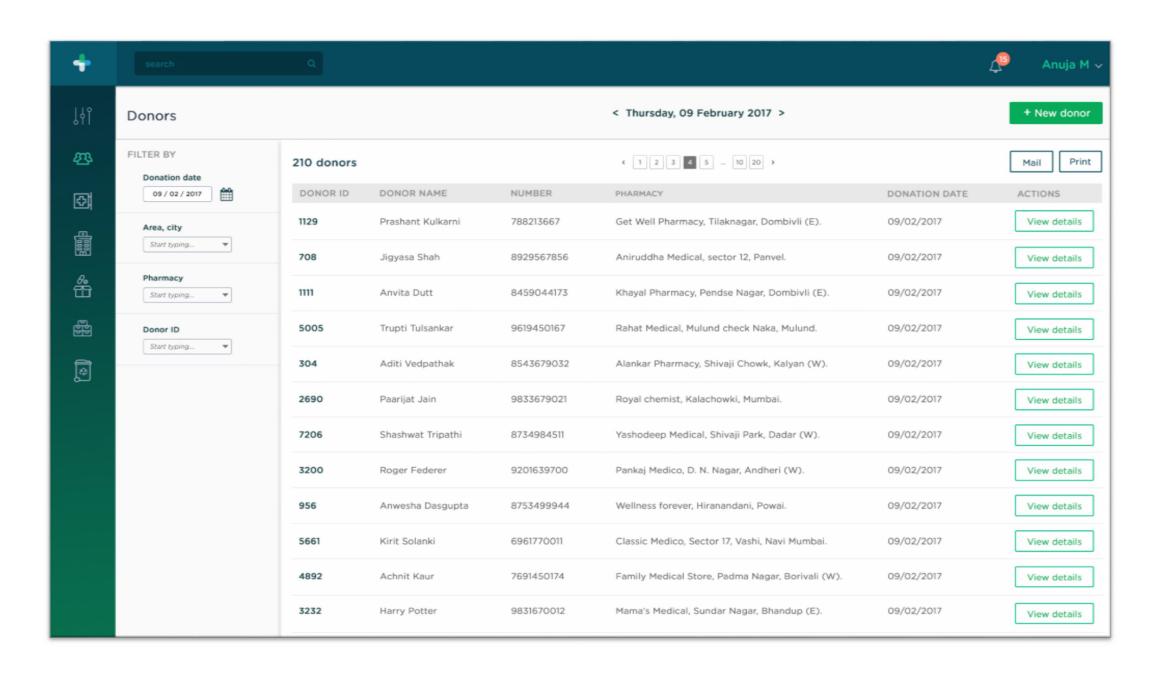


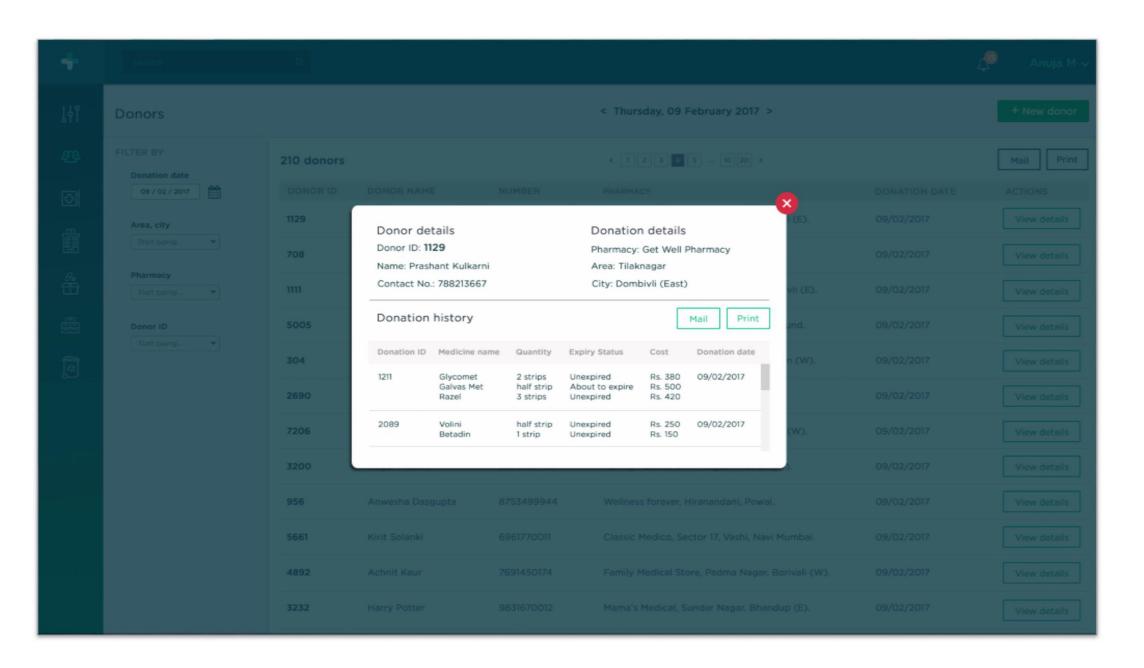
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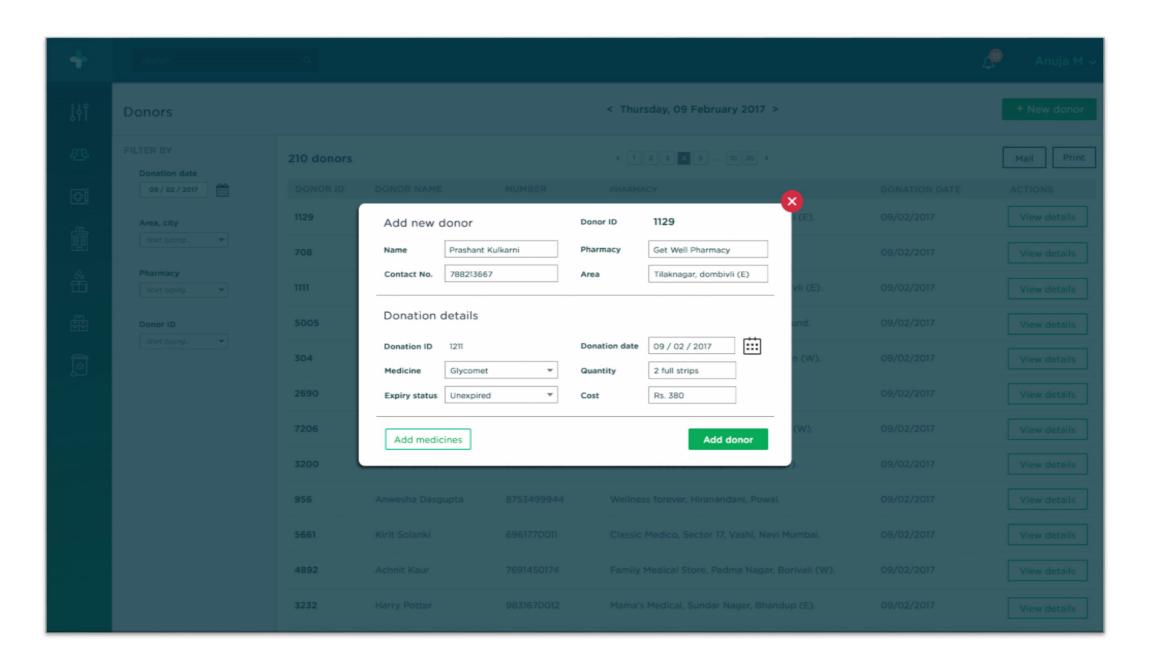


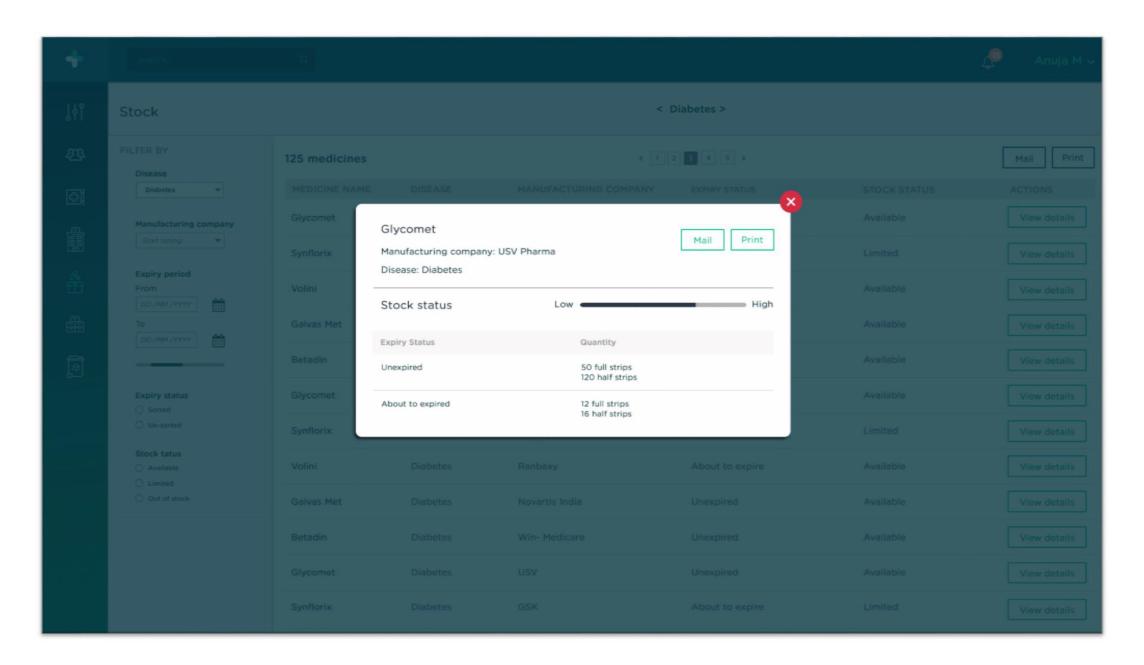
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