openIMIS Newsletter September 2021

openIMIS is certified as a digital public global good!

In September 2021, openIMIS was added to the Digital Public Goods Alliance DPG Registry. The goal of the DPGA is to promote digital public goods to create a fairer world. Being recognized as a Digital Public Good (DPG) increases the visibility and the support for open projects that have the potential to tackle global challenges. To become a digital public good, all projects are required to meet the DPG Standard to ensure that projects truly comply with the open-source principles.

The Digital Public Goods Alliance is an initiative supported by the United Nations Secretary-General that aims to catalyze the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in low- and middle-income countries by easing the discovery, development, use, and investment in digital public goods.

Recognition as a digital public good means that more awareness of openIMIS can be created, allowing us to reach more people with our program, improve access to universal healthcare, and improve the lives of people in low-income countries.

We are very delighted that openIMIS is now a Digital Public Good.

The Beta testing phase is now open!

Starting with the 2021 October release, the openIMIS Initiative opens up the **Beta testing phase** to a wider audience until mid-October. You are now able to test new features before the product is even released. Of course, the features will not all work as expected already, but you are helping the team to achieve a higher quality level by reporting bugs that you might find.

Being an "Anniversary Release", the developers have put in a lot of new and impressive features. Some of them you can try out on the release server:

- Modules to allow to set up schemes for the **formal sector**
- More modules were migrated into the **new modular architecture:**
  - User management
  - Medical items and services
  - Medical pricelists

Furthermore, a number of improvements in the application itself and in the interoperability, layer have been made. Feel free to browse the full list of changes in the [Release Notes](#) and to check out the usual links for further information and testing:

- [Release Server](#)(same credentials as the [Demo server](#))
- [Testing scenarios](#)
- [Documentation](#) (might not be fully updated to the new release, yet)

Kindly be aware of the [Service Desk](#) to report issues that you might experience with this new version.

Sutori update

Some of you will certainly remember our calls to send us memories in the form of stories, pictures or videos.

We have used the content you have shared with us to create our [virtual timeline](#)and published it on Sutori.com. Here you can travel through the last years of the openIMIS initiative, indulge in memories and learn new things about the community. Feel free to share the story of openIMIS with friends and colleagues so that our community can keep growing.

Thanks to everyone who sent us memories, pictures and testimonials. Without the community, none of this would have been possible.

If you are a partner of openIMIS and would like to get a special place in the timeline, please contact us at contact@openimis.org

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Digital Public Goods Alliance (DPGA) found openIMIS to be a digital public good

The Digital Public Goods Alliance (DPGA) certified openIMIS as a digital public good.
A digital public good is defined by the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation, as: "open source software, open data, open AI models, open standards and open content that adhere to privacy and other applicable laws and best practices, do no harm, and help attain the SDGs."

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WHAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS TO SAY

It's not only about the software development itself. It's also about the whole community building and the existing knowledge made available under the creative common license.

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AI Claims adjudication module

An AI module is developed to simplify the claiming process and reduce the burden on staff. Before the AI Claims adjudication module in Nepal the 16 employed officers could process 1600 claims per day. In order to

Developement of payment layer

The payment layer was developed to deliver an abstraction layer required for the integration with payments platforms and synchronise with accounting systems.

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Partnership with ILO

The ILO and the openIMIS started to work together on supporting the implementation of openIMIS for the administration of social protection schemes in partner countries.

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Extended functionality for the formal sector

openIMIS's beneficiary management functionality was initially geared towards the informal sector with the system providing options for collecting beneficiary data in the field.
This functional design is not appropriate for a scheme operator wishing to provide coverage to employees through their employers.
For such scenarios, the openIMIS formal sector module was developed. The module allows openIMIS to manage details of employers and their employees and associate social (health) protection policies with them. More details on this module's development can be found here.

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