



Newsletter November 2021

The ISSA – openIMIS webinar

A webinar on “openIMIS – a global good to manage health and social protection schemes” was hosted by the International Social Security Association ([ISSA](#)) on the 26th of October 2021. Saurav Bhattarai (openIMIS advisor) started the webinar by introducing the openIMIS initiative to the participants. Discussions went further to examine what health and social protection business processes can be managed by openIMIS. The typical use cases in different implementation scenarios were also presented. To this effect, the executive director of the Nepal HIB explained how openIMIS is being implemented in Nepal. The cofounder and chief technical officer of [2M corp](#) also presented the implementation of openIMIS in the COVID-19 Cash Transfer Scheme in the Gambia, NAFA Quick.

The last part of the webinar comprised of the presentation of what opportunities and challenges the implementation of openIMIS can pose. Participants were also informed of the type of support that can be provided to them when doing a feasibility study or implementing openIMIS.

Our 5th anniversary video updates!

Happy birthday openIMIS! Time to celebrate: openIMIS turns 5 years old. For this occasion, our team has been working on three very special videos:

- [What is openIMIS? \(French version\)](#)
- [How openIMIS works? \(French version\)](#)

- [OpenMIS use cases? \(French version\)](#)

The videos are short and easy to understand, no matter whether you are new to openMIS or if you already know the program inside out. Watch the videos [now](#) and learn what openMIS is, how the software works and for which use cases openMIS is just right. The videos are available on all of our platforms both in English and French. The short video series is part of our 5th anniversary campaigns and celebrations. So is the [virtual timeline](#) with which you can travel through the last years of the openMIS initiative, indulge in memories and learn new things about the community. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the development of the software and the initiative. Without the community, none of this would have been possible.

We are looking forward to the next five years!

Date: 25.11.2021 Time: 10:00 – 12:30 (GMT+1)

Upcoming Event: Steering Group meeting

It's that time again: The openMIS initiative invites to the Steering Group Meeting. On November 25th it will be all about Digital Public Goods. The guiding theme of the meeting: implementation and collaboration between digital public goods in social protection. The background for this choice of topic is the certification of openMIS as a digital public good by the Digital Public Good Alliance ([public goods registry](#)).

The event is hosted by the Steering Group participants: the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) as well as the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). It is aimed at experts from bilateral implementing agencies, donors and international organisations working in the fields of digitalisation, health and social protection.

For those participants who are interested in getting background info on openMIS prior the meeting, the initiative offers an extended introduction to the software as well as to the initiative: openMIS warm-up, 23 Nov 2021 at 12:00 GMT+1 (via teams).

The call will be recorded and will be uploaded on YouTube afterwards.

The virtual events will be held in English only. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to us by email: konstanze.lang@giz.de or contact@openimis.org

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