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Tanzania implementation updates

After a successful pilot exercise, the government of Tanzania has done a national roll-out of the Community Health Fund (CHF) e-payment system with over one million active members. The system is expected to improve the management of the fund by reducing overall costs and facilitating payment of membership contributions.

To build capacity of the Regional Coordinating teams a three-day workshop on the use of the CHF e-payment system was held ahead of the rollout. The workshop involved not only CHF Regional Coordinators but also IT Officers and CHF Council teams from across the country.

Speaking at the workshop, Rasheed Maftah, the Director of Health Services in the President's Office, acknowledged the assistance of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) and the Health Promotion and System Strengthening (HPSS) project. Both has been working together with the Ministry of Finance and Planning in developing the CIF e-payment system.

To read more about the CHF e-payment scheme and how it is being managed using openIMIS follow these links: [E-PAYMENT | HPSS 2021](#) and [Community health e-payment format rolling out next month \(ippmedia.com\)](#).

Bangladesh experts in Kathmandu to learn about openIMIS

The openIMIS implementation for an Employment Injury Insurance scheme in Nepal attracted the interest of experts in Bangladesh. Within a study tour the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) of Bangladesh visited the Social Security Fund (SSF) of Nepal, a user of openIMIS.

The MoLE of Banladesh aimed to learn about the implementation of openIMIS

in Nepal and gain expertise on how it could be applied in Bangladesh. The study tour provided a great platform for exchange between the two agencies and an opportunity for the openIMIS initiative to widen its user base and community of practice.

The tour was jointly organized by Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Nepal, GIZ Bangladesh and the International Labour Organization (ILO). ILO is currently providing technical support to the MoLE in the customization and use of openIMIS for the Employment Injury Insurance scheme in Bangladesh.



openIMIS input to webinars by the gdhub

The year started right! The openIMIS initiative contributed to two webinars on “Building bridges between innovation and impact on AI in healthcare” and “openIMIS: a license free and adaptable software solution for social protection schemes”. The webinars were part of a talk session which is hosted by the [Geneva Hub for Global digital Health](#) (gdhub).

The series focuses on discussions with stakeholders such as GIZ and Medecin sans Frontiers (MSF) who are active in global digital health. It aims to document and federate knowledge about digital health and its potential to improve the health of people worldwide.

For the recording of the webinars and to check out other gdhub activities, please follow this link: [gdhub talk #5: OpenIMIS | GDHUB](#).

Steering Group Meeting: Documentation

Experiences in implementing Digital Public Goods (DPGs) and interoperability between DPGs in social protection – these were the main topics of the openIMIS Steering Group Meeting (SGM) in November 2021. For those who could not join the meeting or want to review the discussions, please have a look at a summary [article](#) on our website or for a more detailed documentation refer to our [wiki](#) pages.

Happy New Year!

We wish all of you a Happy New Year 2022. Stay open source and most importantly stay healthy!



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