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Government of Zanzibar endorses openIMIS to manage Health Insurance Scheme

After the successful implementation of openIMIS for the health financing policy in Zanzibar, the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHSWGEC) has embarked an interest to utilize openIMIS for the establishment and management of a health insurance scheme. openIMIS will be customised by the Ministry of Health and PharmAccess Tanzania for its health insurance products. The first phase will see the enrolment of formal sector employees by April 2022. We are delighted to continue supporting the government of Tanzania in its goals to achieve a functional health insurance scheme and look forward to the next phases of the implementation.

openIMIS presented at the Mannheim University of Applied Sciences

On 12 january 2022, Uwe Wahser from the openIMIS coordination desk at GIZ gave an hour long presentation on the open-source software in healthcare in Africa and Asia at Mannheim University of Applied Sciences. About 50 IT-students at Mannheim University of Applied Sciences students attended the online colloquium. Besides a short input about the general German development cooperation, the talk highlighted key development initiatives in the development of standards for digital infrastructures in the health sector. In addition, Uwe Wahser presented Digital Square as a hub for the promotion of software as digital public goods. Using openIMIS as an example, the speaker showed how Switzerland and Germany together with partners from civil society and the private sector are establishing a Digital Public Good in a joint project.

You can watch the whole presentation in German with English sub-titles here: Mannheimer Informatik-Kolloquium: <u>Vortrag Uwe Wahser, GIZ (Jan. 2022) - YouTube</u> (German with English sub-titles).



New video on openIMIS

The US social enterprise TechChange published a new video as part of a series which highlights a specific global good. The video produced by Digital Square and USAID gives a detailed and clear insight into the possibilities and functions of openIMIS as a strong global good. Among others, implementers and beneficiaries from the countries Nepal and Cameroon give their say about their experiences with the open-source software.



"We have been able to receive and take advantage of new software developments, new features, as well as feedback suggestions and guidance on our implementations from the openIMIS community of practice." (Dr. Damodar Basula, Executive Director Health Insurance Board, Nepal).

Celebrating 4 years of connections on Twittter



On February 23, openIMIS celebrated its four-year presence on Twitter. We regularly report on relevant news, events and share interesting content from our partners. You also want to become part of the openIMIS community on Twitter and get in touch with us? Then follow us and stay up to date: openIMIS (@openIMIS) / Twitter



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