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Dear readers,

In this newsletter we will briefly report on the big highlight of this year: The openIMIS community meeting in Yaounde. We also report on our impressions of the Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection. Finally, we refer to a new implementation on our website and invite you to our regular Implementer Call.

Do you already have topics you would like to see in the next newsletter? Let us know by sending an email to contact@openIMIS.org.

For now, we hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Your openIMIS coordination desk

Successful openIMIS community Meeting in Yaounde

We are thrilled to share the latest highlights from the openIMIS community meeting, held in Cameroon from 06-09 June.
The event brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including developers, implementers, policymakers, and researchers, all committed to advancing the mission of openIMIS. In total, over 60 participants from 17 countries took part. The openIMIS Community Meeting in Yaoundé was the first in-person meeting of the

bigger community since 2019, after the COVID-19 pandemic, and the first chance for community members to directly interact with the CORE-MIS team after the recent merger (12/2022). A key aspect of the meeting was the emphasis on community engagement and capacity building. The community meeting encouraged lively discussions through panel sessions and workshops, where participants exchanged best practices, ideas, and innovative solutions to address challenges. Workgroups were formed to foster ongoing dialogue and collaboration, ensuring that the openIMIS community remains vibrant and responsive to evolving needs.

Cameroon has been chosen as location for the Community Meeting for its multiple implementations of openIMIS by various scheme operators (HIV fee elimination scheme, maternal health voucher scheme, health voucher scheme for refugees) under the Ministry of Public Health. You can find a detailed documentation in our Wiki: Community Meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon - openIMIS - openIMIS Wiki (atlassian.net)

openIMIS initiative at the Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection

The Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection, which was held in Berlin from June 13-15 2023, was co-organised by Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the World Bank. More than 1600 people joined the proceedings online – a testament to the enormous interest in adaptive social protection as an essential contributor to social and economic stability in crisis-ridden times.
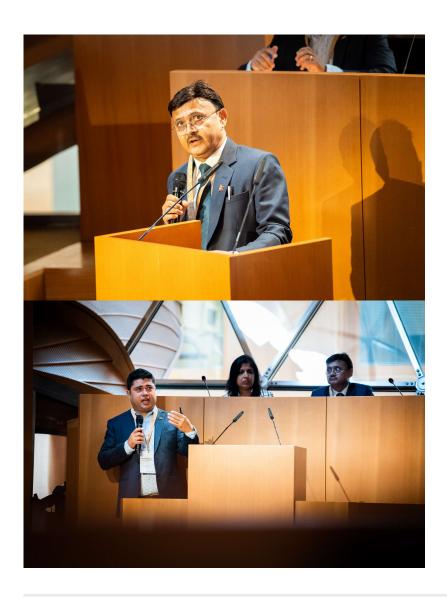
During the Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection, openIMIS emerged as one

of the key topic of discussion among participants. Its potential to enhance the effectiveness of social protection programs by enabling adaptive approaches caught the attention of policymakers and practitioners alike.

During the conference we had the opportunity to present openIMIS in detail during the parallel session "Sustainable digitalisation using open standards and open source tools". This session looked at the role of open standards and open source software for digital social protection. Participants explored the benefits of Digital Public Goods, particularly in enabling countries to manage and lead their digital development, and discussed the roles played by different types of organisations supporting this endeavour. Saurav Bhattarai, head of the openIMIS coordination desk presented the impact of openIMIS and the value of Digital Public Goods for Social Protection Schemes. Damodar Basaula, Director of the Health Insurance Board presented how openIMIS is used to manage the Health Scheme in Nepal.

You can download all presentations here: Parallel session 2.3: Sustainable digitalisation using open standards and open source tools – Healthy DEvelopments (bmz.de)

The key outcomes of the whole conference can be found on the Healthy Development website: Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection – Healthy DEvelopments (bmz.de)

New implementation on openIMIS.org

The openIMIS initiative is proud to publish a new implementation on openIMIS.org. The Employment Injury Insurance (EIS) is the first scheme of this kind in Bangladesh. For a period of three years, all workers in the export-oriented ready-made garment sector are eligible for workplace injury and disability compensation payments in accordance with international standards adopted by the ILO Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 (No. 121). This is called the EIS Pilot. The scheme is managed using a customised version of openIMIS to support the core business processes and workflows defined under the Standard Operating Procedures of the EIS Pilot to provide income replacements for the permanently disabled and the dependents of deceased workers. Cases will be registered in openIMIS and pension calculation will be done by the openIMIS VBA tool. A dedicated Special Unit within the Central Fund operates the schemes.

Learn more about the EIS Scheme on the website openIMIS.org:

Join as an implementer

You are already using openIMIS in a health or socialprotection scheme or do you consider to use openIMIS in the future? Then join the Implementers Commitee. The Implementers Committee is the operational arm of the openIMIS Product Group. The main responsibilities of it is to discuss, showcase, and provide aspects of implementation of openIMIS in order to build capacities in countries as well as set up local, regional, and global support structures of the openIMIS Initiative.

The Implementers Committee meets on a weekly basis (every Wednesday, 10 am CET) in virtual call to accomplish a number of task:

- Update activities according to functional requirements

- Review request for implementation support

- Discuss needs for training material and implementation starter kit

  Do you want to join the IC call virtutally? Then please write a short message at **contact@openimis.org**