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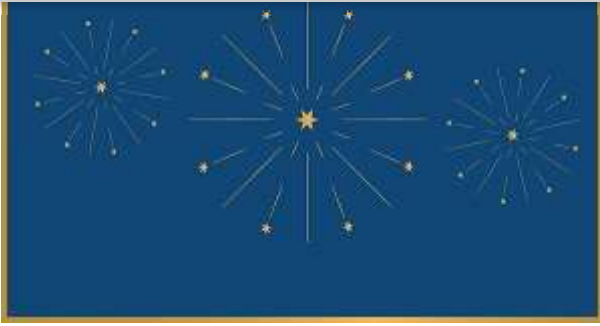
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Newsletter November + December 2023

Dear readers,

In this newsletter edition, we express our gratitude for yet another successful year alongside you, the esteemed members of the openIMIS community, and our valued partners. As we approach the conclusion of the year, we extend our wishes for a serene year-end phase. To those celebrating Christmas, our warmest wishes for a joyous and festive celebration, and we anticipate a prosperous commencement to 2024 for all.

Thank you for being an integral part of our shared journey, and we look forward to another year of fruitful collaboration.

Stay healthy, stay safe,

Your openIMIS Coordination Desk team

New Software Release 2023-10 available!

The openIMIS Initiative is happy to announce the last software release of openIMIS for this year. The developers committee has again bundled an exciting mix of updates and additions into this release:

- The **modular migration** of openIMIS was **completed**: all of the legacy functionality is now available on open-source technology, including the integration of the mobile apps.

- The first results of the **merger with the CORE-MIS software from the World Bank** are now included in the package as a preview. The experience of both communities qualify openIMIS even more for use cases in universal social protection such as unconditional cash transfer or its implementation as a unified beneficiary register.

- The team from **Nepal contributed a number of features** back into the main package that proved useful during daily work with the system.

- An impressive number of **bug fixes** and **performance improvements** were applied based on feedback from the field.

Feel free to browse the detailed list of changes in the [Release Notes](#) and check out the usual links for further information and downloads:

- [Demo server](#)

- [Download](#)

- [Documentation](#)

Not under the car, but under the hood! openIMIS is now 100% open source!

[openIMIS talks about opportunities on AI for Health Insurance at the AeHIN General Meeting 2023](#)

To discuss the potentials and challenges of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a tool in managing health insurance schemes, the Badan Penyelenggara Jaminan Kesehatan (BPJS-K) or Social Security Agency on Health Indonesia, openIMIS Initiative, German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Joint Learning Network, and the World Bank, held a joint preconference session on 'AI for Health Insurance' last November 6, at the AeHIN GM 2023.'

Karlina Octaviany, AI Specialist at the 'FAIR Forward – Artificial Intelligence for All' initiative at GIZ Indonesia, moderated the two-hour knowledge-sharing

(2) presented opportunities on how AI could work with existing (health) insurance management information systems; and

(3) shared BPJS-K's experience in adopting AI for health insurance.

Please find the [full session documentation](#) in the openIMIS wiki (summary of the session, PDF of presentations and recording).

Overview and download of all [presentations](#) of the AeHIN GM.

This summary has been provided by Kristin Chloe Pascual / AeHIN Secretariat.

The use of openIMIS is expanding in Cameroon!

The Cameroonian government has recently inaugurated its nation-wide UHC scheme, marking a significant stride towards comprehensive and inclusive access to healthcare. This initiative brings together previously separate programs covering maternal health, HIV, TB and dialysis services as well as all consultations for children under five.

The dedicated team that initially implemented openIMIS for the maternal health voucher scheme has extended its efforts to create a new, integrated, openIMIS platform that simultaneously manages these five programs. The collaborative efforts between Y-Note, Swiss TPH, and GIZ Cameroon have proven successful in supporting the Ministry of Health in setting up this pioneering initiative. Notably, claims have been entered into the system as of November 6, marking the operational commencement of the implementation.

The expansion of openIMIS and the launch of the nation-wide UHC scheme in Cameroon mark a pivotal moment in the evolution of the country's healthcare system. The convergence of various health programs under the innovative openIMIS platform is a testament to the transformative power of collaborative efforts and technological innovation. As Cameroon continues on this progressive trajectory, the partnership between stakeholders and the government holds the promise of a healthier, more connected, and digitally-driven healthcare future for all.

This update has been provided by Daniella from SwissTPH.

[Presentation on open-source tools as a foundation of global health infrastructure at GDHF 2023](#)

One of the essential pillars of a well-functioning health system is health financing. Health information systems are a driver of many health system functions since they enable the majority of the operations within the health ecosystem. Due to the intricacies of their operations, many nations have had difficulty managing their health financing systems. openIMIS is a flexible, interoperable, open-source platform that has been utilised for the management and administration of health financing and social protection programmes. openIMIS has been effectively implemented in multiple countries across the globe, with over 10 million beneficiaries already recorded. Since 2016, Nepal has used openIMIS to administer its national social insurance programme via the National Health Insurance Board. To learn more about the implementation and the newer developments from the openIMIS initiative, please visit the openIMIS wiki page where you can also find the link to the recorded presentation:

https://openimis.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/OP/pages/3667361800/Open-source+tools+as+a+foundation+of+global+health+infrastructure

This summary has been provided by Dr. Sylvia Mwelu / KeHIA.

[Join the Community Connect Call on 06 + 07 February 2024](#)

Let us catch up on new developments in implementations, expanded functionalities, ideas for communication and testing at the beginning of the new year.

We have set up a rough [agenda](#) for the Community Connect Call to be conducted at the beginning of February 2024. If you have [additional topics](#) you would like to feed in, please [write us](#) or add your suggestions directly in the openIMIS wiki.

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