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openIMIS Initative joined the AeHIN General Meeting and Conference 2022

The Asia eHealth Information Network held its AeHIN General Meeting and Conference 2022 with the theme "**Accelerating Digital Health Towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**" from October 10-12 at Ascott in Makati, Philippines which was simultaneously streamed online.
The conference coincided with the network's 10th anniversary and Digital Health Week 2022. A total of 366 members participated in the conference; 246 joined virtual while 120 were present in the venue. Participants from 36 countries took part in the AeHIN General Meeting and Conference 2022.
The Department of Health Philippines co-hosted the event with support from the World Health Organization Country Office in the Philippines. In addition to various organizations such as WHO, USAID, Digital Square and PATH, members of the openIMIS initiative held two presentations at the conference.

One day one, Saurav Bhattarai and Uwe Wahser of the openIMIS coordination desk highlighted in their presentation the achievements of the initiative in 2022 especially the Increased number of implementations (Bangladesh, Mauritania, Niger) and with it reaching 10 million beneficiaries. Morevover, their major topic was the migration to a modular version of openIMIS. With the new version there are new modules, functionalities, and design available. In their following presentation, Purushottam Sapkota and Nirmal Dhakal from GIZ gave insights into their experiences with openIMIS, which was used to manage the Nepal's Health Insurance Board (HIB) and Social Security Fund of Nepal (SSF)

Finally, during the third day of the 2022 AeHIN GM, Saurav Bhattarai took part in the business meeting. The meeting was held to map potential development partner support to the priority needs of countries. Both presentations can be reviewed here: The new, modular openIMIS! - YouTube

A detailed reporting on the AeHIN conference and general meeting can be found here:

[AeHIN celebrates its 10th year at AeHIN GM 2022 – AeHIN (asiaehealthinformationnetwork.org)](asiaehealthinformationnetwork.org)

New software release 2022

The openIMIS Initiative is happy to announce the October software release of openIMIS for this year.

With this release it will be possible to install the openIMIS core on a full open-source technology stack, eliminating the need to install software components from Microsoft. Implementers now have the choice if they want to keep their openIMIS data in an **MS SQL database server** or in the **open-source PostgreSQL**.

The developers have also put in a lot of new and impressive features, especially the new reporting module. Furthermore, a number of security improvements have been made, most prominently an update to the Django 3.2 framework.

Feel free to browse the detailed list of changes on our Wiki.

Update of the website openIMIS.org

We are proud to present you the new structure of openIMIS.org. On the website you will find the most updated information about the open-soure software.
In the new menu items "About" "Product" "Use cases" "In action" "Get started" and "Resources" you will get comprehensive knowledge about openIMIS and how you can become part of the initiative.
We would be happy if you stop by and share the website in your networks.
www.openIMIS.org

Learn more about openIMIS by joining the AeHIN Academy

Do you already know the AEHIN Academy? AeHIN offers scholarships for technical training in order to help build capacity in the region. At present, with its partnership with the openIMIS community, this page hosts a free online learning course to help governments and academic institutions learn about health financing and openIMIS.

You can register at the following link: New account (aehin.net)