Newsletter October 2023

Dear Readers,

In this month's edition of openIMIS Newsletter, we are excited to bring you diverse range of topics and insights to keep you informed and engaged.

Here is a glimpse of what lies ahead in this newsletter:

- Wrap up Asia-Pacific Social Protection Week 2023
- openIMIS Relelase 2023-10
- Networking - Post World Health Summit
- Outlook AI in health insurance
- openIMIS in global solution registries

Are you brimming with ideas and topics for what you want to read in our upcoming newsletter? Don't keep those thoughts to yourself! Share your brilliant suggestions with us by sending an emailto: contact@openIMIS.org.

Right now, relish every bit of our newsletter. Dive in and savor the insights and stories we have carefully crafted just for you!

Your openIMIS coordination desk.

openIMIS at APSP Week 2023

The openIMIS Initiative was present at the Asia Pacific Social Protection Week (APSP 2023) organized by the Asian Development Bank at their headquarters in Manila, Philippines.

At the marketplace, openIMIS drew the attention of government authorities and development partners looking to sustainable digital goods to manage a variety of social protection programmes. Together with our friends at the Digital Convergence Initiative (www.spdci.org), the openIMIS team provided an insight into sustainable, interoperable digital systems for social protection.

To find out more about the event, and to access material from it, please visit the event website: https://adb.eventsair.com/social-protection-week-2023/at-a-glance

New Software Release about to be published

The openIMIS Initiative is about to finalize the **Beta testing phase**. The developer's 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 WorldBank** 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.

You can already try out the new version on the release server. Feel free to browse the full list of changes in the release notes and to check out the usual links for further information and testing:

- Release Server (same credentials as the Demo server)

- Testing scenarios / Instructions

- Test Management Platform

- Documentation (might not be fully updated to the new release, yet)

Kindly be aware of the Service Desk to report issues that you might experience with this new version. Stay tuned for the release announcement in a few days on this channel.

Post World Health Summit Networking

In the aftermath of the World Health Summit in Berlin this year, the openIMIS Initiative was invited to participate in two events organized by organizations that work in Global Digital Health.

- The Global Digital Health Lab invited researchers and practitioners to brainstorm on the role of academic research in digital solutions for Global Health. The openIMIS Initiative was able to show case how research and academia in general can support the development and implementation of a Global Good such as openIMIS.

- The openIMIS initiative was also part of the community meeting of the digital public good SORMAS. During the event, we had a chance to brainstorm around topics of shared interest starting from financing opportunities all the way to code contributions from implementing scheme providers around the globe.

Outlook AI in health insurance session at AeHIN GM

The session is envisioned as a space wherein countries can share about their digital initiatives in managing health insurance schemes and the practical challenges that come with it. It will feature artificial intelligence (AI) as a potential tool for addressing some of these challenges. - exploring the aspects AI can and cannot solve in the health insurance sector.

Inputs and contributions by:

- BPJS: Mr. Donni Hendrawan (Deputy Director of Data Management and Information), Mr. Jusron (Data Analytics Head)

- GIZ: Saurav Bhattarai (Advisor and openIMIS Team Lead)

- WHO CO: Mrs. Kanti (HSS Officer of Indonesia WHO Country Office)

- Joint Learning Network: Pak Pandu Harimurti dan Pak Somil

- WHO:

- Health AI (formerly I-DAIR) (TBC):

At the end of the session, the participants should be able to:

1. Discuss country challenges in digitizing health insurance management

2. Describe BPJS' experience in adopting AI for health insurance

3. Explain how AI works in conjunction with existing insurance management information systems

4. Critique the role of AI in the health insurance sector
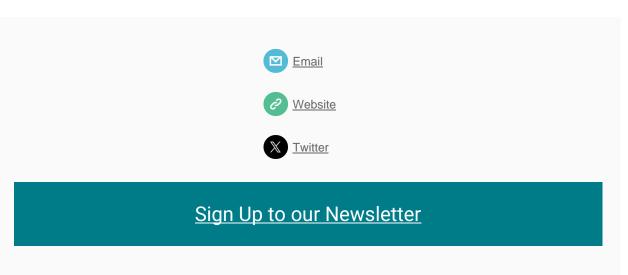
https://asiaehealthinformationnetwork.org/aehingm2023/

openIMIS in global solution registries

- oI alignment with Digital Principles
- concepts like DPG assessing tools along … criteria
- value of assessments / repositories for orientation to partner countries / development partners in selection of tools
- critical view on multitude of repositories existing in parallel, sustainability in terms of regular review (effort of maintenance)

Certifications from and alignment to global standards provides increased credibility to openIMIS as a tool as well as providing more exposure and confidence to the community of practice. Since 2018 openIMIS has been taken up in the following repositories.

https://openimis.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/OP/pages/3632562177/openIMIS+in+solution+registries

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