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Newsletter February 2023

Dear readers,

there was a lot going on in February. We are proud to announce that KeHIA will be part of the openIMIS community. Moreover, Digital Square confirmed openIMIS as Digital Global Good. Besides the Digital Convergence Initiative (DCI) launched their publication about “Applying the Principles for Digital Development in Social Protection”

Please share the newsletter in your networks. Enjoy reading!

Your openIMIS coordination desk

The openIMIS initiative is excited to announce its partnership with the Kenya Health Informatics Association (KeHIA)

The openIMIS initiative is thrilled to collaborate with KeHIA to establish a community of practice in the African region to support the use of digital health global public goods. KeHIA is a professional society that consists of members from diverse backgrounds including health, technology, policy and governance, law and regulation and many others, all with an interest in application of ICT in healthcare. It is driven by the desire to “professionalize” the development and application of digital health interventions in Kenya both in pre and in-service. The organization has consistently contributed to shaping the digital health ecosystem in Kenya through playing its rightful role as an institutional thought leader, neutral convener and technical contributor to initiatives and activities aimed at strengthening the health sector through application of digital health in Kenya.

Through its active engagement with HELINA (Health Informatics in Africa), KeHIA is suitably placed to drive the openIMIS initiative and to support its expansion in the region. KeHIA is committed to sharing the knowledge around openIMIS and to supporting the expansion of Health Information Management Systems locally and in the African Region.

The partnership will support capacity development, skills enhancement and cross border cohesion among participating member states.

*“We are glad to partner with the openIMIS coordination desk as we build up the openIMIS Community of Practice in Africa, a critical component of responsible investment in digital health supported by the Principles for Digital Development. We also look forward to the impact this initiative will have on improving digital financial solutions which advances both **financial protection** and **supports health system performance**.”* Steven Wanyee - Secretary General, KeHIA.

If you have any questions or you would like more information on our activities, please contact sylviamwelu@kehia.com

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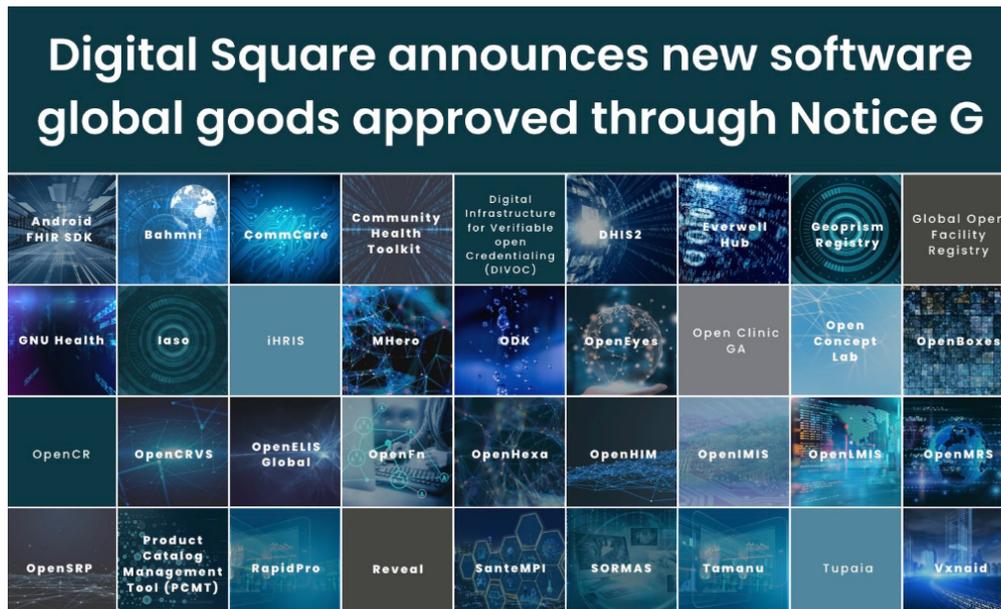


openIMIS Approved as a Global Good by Digital Square!

The openIMIS initiative is pleased to announce that Digital Square continues to recognize openIMIS as a global good through Notice G! The declaration in February 2023 is a result of an extensive evaluation process by Digital Square, which looked at the impact, sustainability, and scalability of openIMIS.

There were 57 applications submitted through Notice G which was a unique [call](#) for software applications, focused on a revised evaluation of Digital Square's current approved global goods and identification of new global goods. 36 software tools (e.g. SORMAS and DHIS2) were selected

Read more about Notice G here:



DCI launched publication about “Applying the Principles for Digital Development in Social Protection”

The Digital Convergence Initiative, with the support of the openIMIS coordination desk, has launched its first official publication on “Applying the Principles for Digital Development in Social Protection”. The publication summarizes best practices in 9 concise principles taking the context of country cases into account. All the principles are presented in the guide with their original definition, followed by the perspective of social protection and key actions for practical application. openIMIS is particularly highlighted as a best practice example in the context of the implementation of principles 7 (Reuse and improve) and 9 (be collaborative). You can download the whole publication for free at the following link: <https://spdc.org/news/digital-principles/> Enjoy reading!

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Applying the Principles for Digital Development in Social Protection



openIMIS initiative expands its french language knowledgebase

The openIMIS coordination desk is glad to share that our website and wiki are regularly improved by expanding the French Glossary and creating a French version of the website. The Glossary is a list of commonly used of and their definition. Additionally, the sections [About](#), [Product](#) and [Use Cases](#) are now translated into French on the wiki. This will improve the overall accessibility and experience for French-speaking partners and stakeholders. Please refer to the [French Glossary](#) whenever you need to familiarize yourself with the openIMIS terminology.

The openIMIS e-learning course on socialprotection.org

To conclude this newsletter, we would like to once again recommend our e-learning course. Do you know anyone newly discovering open-source solutions in the field of social protection and/or health care financing? If so, please forward the course to interested learners:

The self-paced course on our open-source software will allow you to learn more about the features of openIMIS. Furthermore, the webinar showcases

successful implementations. The course consists of 4 modules:

Module 1: The Basics

Module 2: openIMIS and the national eHealth landscape

Module 3: *openIMIS Use Cases*

Module 4: Sustainability & the role of the openIMIS Community

After the completion of all modules and the self-assessment, you will be able to acquire knowledge on openIMIS and understand how it can contribute to countries' digital health ecosystems. Moreover, you get to learn how openIMIS can support strategies to increase access to UHC and USP.
