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Announcement

Symposium on Health Insurance for the Informal Sector 12 & 13 February 2019, Dar es Salaam Tanzania

We have the pleasure to announce an international **Symposium on Health Insurance for Informal Sector in Tanzania**, bringing together key stakeholders and experts like you concerned with the future direction of the Community Health Funds (CHF) in Tanzania.

Since beginning of 2018 the Tanzanian Government is scaling up the reform of the CHF in Tanzania. Various stakeholders including development partners in Tanzania have supported the Government of Tanzania in the development of the final version of the reformed CHF health insurance system, and contribute now to the national roll-out strategy of the government. The Swiss Government through its “Health Promotion and System Strengthening” (HPSS) project provides support to this process at various levels and was instrumental in the reform of the Community Health Funds. The reformed “improved CHF” (**CHF Iliyoreshwa / iCHF**) has been equipped with a modern state of the art **Insurance Management Information System** (IMIS) supported by mobile phones and internet online and offline functionality. The technology applied allows management of the health insurance scheme at community, district, regional or national levels.

The symposium is a timely event creating a forum for discussing the progress and future directions of health insurance schemes specifically for the rural population and informal sector in Tanzania. It provides a forum where experience of other countries, specifically in East Africa and Africa at large, can be exchanged and lessons drawn. The symposium offers an opportunity to share the experience with the implementation of the “Insurance Management Information System” IMIS that was born in Tanzania but is now supporting different types of schemes in multiple countries and forms the basis of the global “openIMIS Initiative” <https://openimis.org/>.

The symposium will be organised jointly by the Swiss Embassy with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDEGEC), The President’s Office – Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), The National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH).

The symposium will take place on 12 & 13 February 2019 in Dar es Salaam. Further information will be communicated soon.

The objectives of the symposium are:

- Explore the model of the new CHF Iliyoboreshwa / iCHF as governmental health insurance scheme focusing on the informal sector and the rural population; discuss the implementation progress, and its role in achieving universal health coverage
- Share experiences from other countries (Ghana, Rwanda, Kenya, and Zambia) on health insurance for the informal sector and rural population. Focus is given to East Africa and other African countries.
- Explore the use of ICT in expanding coverage to informal sector, with emphasis on the country implementations of the Insurance Management Information System (IMIS) and introducing the global openIMIS initiative. Experience from implementation of IMIS in other countries apart from Tanzania will be shared - IMIS is also implemented in Nepal, Cameroon, Congo/South Kivu.
- Discuss the way forward for implementing health insurance for the informal sector in Tanzania

An official invitation with detailed information on venue and program will be sent to you shortly. We very much hope that you will join us!

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