

Update: Kick-off meeting report

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Key themes

- Establishing a framework to guide the Group's activities based on SDGs 3, 9, and 17.
- Creating an **“innovation umbrella” of digital health, AI and machine learning groups from the global north and global south**, lifting barriers so that local solutions can be scaled up globally, and making the **huge expertise and knowledge amongst those in the global south** in the fields of digital health and AI clearer to funders and financiers.
- Using digital and AI tools as instruments to boost the **value of human health as an asset** and the **health of the planet as an asset, to prevent as well as to fix** human health problems
 - with particular attention to primary care
 - community level
 - ageing populations
 - preventing as well as fixing pandemics.

Key themes

- *Supporting efforts to strengthen **implementation science**, for better understanding the users and recipients of digital and AI tools*
- *Focusing on **human-centered design and local ‘intelligence’** such that*
 - ***health systems are continuously learning and improving***
 - ***innovation in digital health becomes a natural outgrowth of patient care***
 - ***leading to more rapid adoption of findings***
 - ***and improved quality of outcomes***
- *Championing **health data as a global public good**, and creating a trustworthy and trusted international data system for health emergencies, applying best practice and lessons learned from data-sharing and digital and AI tools developed in response to COVID-19 as components of future pandemic prevention and response mechanisms.*

Key themes

- *Creating **quality and efficacy bars** for evaluating and regulating digital and AI technologies that are **as rigorous as for any other healthcare interventions***
- *Employing the power of **standardization and long-term interoperability**, shaped by patients' and service providers' needs and constraints, to accelerate digital and AI for health applications in resource-poor settings.*
- *Improving the **sustainability of the activities of many digital and AI innovators especially in low-resource settings** by achieving*
 - ***better balance between the private and public sectors** and their respective extraction, holding, and use of data,*
 - ***tackling data silos** which weaken the value of data and harm the collective good,*
 - *and finding new ways, including as part of **Universal Healthcare (UHC)**, to demonstrate value, reimburse, and finance when the potential beneficiaries of digital health and AI for health are poor.*

Case studies

- Aga Khan Development Network Digital Health Resource Centre
- minohealth AI Labs and Runmila AI Institute
- Villgro Africa
- Ethiopia Covid-19 Response Team
- Global Health Management at Technische Universität Berlin
- Financial Times and Lancet Commission 'Governing Health Futures'
- The International Telecommunications Unit (ITU) World Health Organization (WHO) Focus Group in AI for Health
- Life-Saving Instruction for Emergencies (LIFE) Project

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