

Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) region Digital Health for Health Systems Strengthening and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

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TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL



SO1: Provision of a coordinated and complementary approach supporting digital health solutions to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pillar 1: Digital for COVID - 19, digital tools, skills, and transformation in support to the COVID-19 response:

- Health Information Systems and Surveillance
- Communication and awareness raising
- Digital COVID-19 Certificate
- Global Trust Repository for Counterfeit Vaccines
- Digital skills for pandemic preparedness
- Support to open-source software, etc.

SO3: Develop a joint EU position and broad strategy on digital health, aligned with regional need.

Pillar 3: EU representation in Digital For a

- Joint representation and cooperation
- Visibility of joint EU and MS Digital health strategy
- Coordinate the different timelines of digital health projects of EU MS
- Data Safety and management

SO2: Strengthen health systems through i) sustainability of impact and upscaling of COVID-19 actions ii) identification and operationalization of a set of EU tools, ii) coordination of ongoing and future programmes and roadmaps on digital health to overcome bottlenecks across health system.

Pillar 2: Digital for Health systems Strengthening (HSS) and UHC

- Health service delivery tools
- Human resources & skills development
- Medical products, vaccines, and technologies
- Health information systems
- Health financing
- Systems governance & Institutional digitalisation roadmaps

TEI on digital health offers to streamline digital health pillars through a joint dedicated programme.

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Policy dialogue

Technical assistance

Investments: loans/guarantees

KEY DELIVERABLES

Accelerating the COVID-19 response and strengthening health systems through digital health tools

Upscale digital health tools for vaccine counterfeit detection.

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

To accelerate health systems strengthening and the achievement of universal health coverage through digital health initiatives.

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NATIONAL CONTEXT

Digital technologies (WHO):

- Essential part of health system strengthening strategies
- Significant enablers for Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Digital Health bottlenecks across the health system:

- Health Service Delivery
- HR for health
- Medical products, vaccines, and technologies
- Health information systems
- Health financing
- Health governance
- Limited digital infrastructure

COVID-19 pandemic:

- Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A), over EUR 5 billion euros.
- Additional pressures on the health systems

Regional policies:

- Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA)
- AU Digital Health Strategy (DHS) for Africa
- EU Multiannual Indicative Programmes (MIPs)

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Digital4Development (D4D) Hub.

1 NO POVERTY



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Synergies with:

- Existing and new investments in digitalisation, health and/or digital health (i.e. Global Fund and Gavi).
- Regional Health TEIs: MAV+; One Health, Green & Smart cities SASA, etc.

**SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)