# Global Digital Health Network

Formerly the mHealth Working Group

# MISSION

The Global Digital Health Network, **formerly the mHealth Working Group** created in 2009 by global health organizations for global health organizations, is a 2600+ person-strong networking forum for members from 84 countries to share information, engage with the broader community, and provide leadership in digital health for global public health.

The Network provides leadership in digital health (mHealth, eHealth, and ICTs) and offers a collaborative gathering space for members to share perspectives, resources, and practical guidance related to implementation across a range of technical areas. Our members support global public health strategies, standards and practices through use of innovative technologies in limited resource settings.

# VISION

The Global Digital Health Network envisions a world where technical innovation supports improved health and contributes to better quality, accessibility and sustainability of health services and health outcomes, particularly for underserved populations in low resource environments.

Sign up via the Knowledge Gateway

https://knowledge-gateway.org/globaldigitalhealthnetwork/



**Global Digital Health Network**
Formerly the mHealth Working Group

Search

TRANSLATE Select Language

me  About  Digital Health Resources  Meetings & Presentations  Advisory Board  Global Digital Health Forum 2016

The Global Digital Health Network envisions a world where technical innovation supports improved health and contributes to better quality, accessibility and sustainability of health services and health outcomes, particularly for underserved populations in low resource environments.

**Darsi learns she's a grandmother**

In Demak, Jawa Tengah, Indonesia, 54-year-old Darsi receives news via mobile phone from her daughter in Jakarta that she's a grandmother to a healthy baby boy. © 2014 Aji Styawan, Courtesy of Photoshare

Learn More

# CORE FUNCTIONS

- **Convening:** Host open meetings with presentations by/for members on selected digital health topics, providing a global forum to discuss accomplishments and lessons learned.

- **Knowledge Management:** Facilitate sharing of experiences, lessons learned and resources.

- **Promising Practices:** Identify, develop, promote and advise the best available approaches for the development, implementation, and evaluation of digital health projects and practices; create and share tools and resources that enable adoption of promising practices and their adaption to local circumstances.

- **Collaboration:** Identify and facilitate opportunities for joint activities and partnerships among members **locally, regionally and globally**, across sectors.

- **Capacity Strengthening:** Enhance skills and organizational capacities in digital health at all levels.

- **Advocacy:** Engage decision makers and stakeholders working in international health and development at **all** levels to mobilize planning and resources for digital health.

- **Leadership:** Leverage member strengths and support their ability to organize digital health efforts, including participation and leadership in member network activities.

# MONTHLY MEETINGS + DEEP DIVES

- **Monthy meetings** focus on a particular health topic area, technology, country/region/ challenge. Recent meetings include topics:

  - Innovation out of Myanmar
  - Content Adaptation: Utilizing multimedia to support frontline community health
  - Harnessing Closed User Groups
  - Data for Health Decision-Making
  - Presentations from the Tanzania mHealth Community of Practice

  _____

- **Deep Dives**
  - Sustainable Business Models for Digital Health Impact

  Presentations by: Accenture Development Partnerships, IFC World Bank, FHI 360, IntraHealth International, Dimagi, DIAL, mPowering Frontline Health Workers

  Participants discussed how to:
  - Apply a generic costing tool to their projects;
  - Describe different business models and their relevance to their own digital health implementations;
  - Understand the importance of non-financial factors in ensuring sustainability

# LISTSERVE



Join our moderated listserv for members to share announcements and discussions via the IBP Knowledge Gateway. Once you are a member, you can send a message to the group at: mhealth@my.ibpinitiative.org.
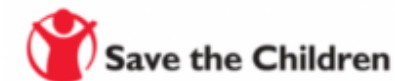
# GLOBAL DIGITAL HEALTH FORUM 2016

The Global Digital Health Forum will offer opportunities for collaboration in mobile and connected health in low resource settings worldwide, making it the primary venue for keeping informed and discovering new solutions through dialogue with key stakeholders:

• Hear from more than 90 speakers, thought leaders and stakeholders exploring emerging trends and state of the art digital health tools for LMICs
• Engage in over 20 interactive sessions with digital health experts from around the world, highlighting the latest evidence, experiences and lessons learned
• Network and share experiences with NGOs, social entrepreneurs, donors, local governments and civil society
• Experience the Interactive Hardware/Software Showcase to learn more about the design, implementation and evaluation of digital health initiatives in LMICs
• View dozens of compelling poster presentations

# ADVISORY BOARD

## REACH OUT!

**Heidi Good Boncana | Co-Chair**

Senior Program Officer, ICT + Innovation

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs (JHCCP)

**Heidi.Good@jhu.edu**

**www.globaldigitalhealthnetwork.org**

**Amanda Puckett BenDor | Co-Chair**

Technical Advisor, Digital Health and Knowledge Management

IntraHealth International

**Apuckett@intrahealth.org**

RESOURCES

http://www.mhealthknowledge.org