

Digital Health and Innovations Subgroup Meeting
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Recording Link: <https://mcsprogram.adobeconnect.com/p98d8gww04it/>

Meeting Notes:

- Welcome from Dyness and Introduction of Steve Ollis, Chair of subgroup
- Subgroup member introductions
 - o Subgroup members introduced themselves via audio and chat.
- Discussion of TOR:
 - o Roles and responsibilities
 - The role of the subgroup fits in well with the broader goal of the CH TF of advocacy and being a knowledge management platform to share information and learn from each other.
 - o Goals and objectives
 - Members expressed specific interests they had for the goals and objectives of the subgroup such as:
 - Helping influence the guidelines for WHO to ensure digital tools are included for community health workers as they work with children.
 - How tools for frontline health workers fit into larger country health information systems and issues of interoperability.
 - WHO standards of care are usually very focused on specific health components. It would be helpful to discuss how digital health tools or interoperability could support these new standards.
 - It may be good to keep an active list from the different organization of who is working on any innovations, technologies, or digital.
 - Need to consider what groups already exist and what is the value add of this subgroup.
 - One suggestion is to first identify the problem that may require an innovation or digital solution. Is there a specific problem that we're trying to solve?
 - o Feel that across innovations and digital there is a lack of information out there on what is going on, what is appropriate, what are some of the considerations, what others are working on, what are the costs, pros and cons, etc. Difficult to find this information while it is happening. This group could play a role in this.
 - Groups or individuals that would be able to contribute to the objectives of this group? Or resources for the group?

- Global DH Network: Share information from subgroup to the GDHN
- Health Data Collaborative: HDC Digital
- Digital Health Atlas: <https://digitalhealthatlas.org/landing>
- USAID Digital Health resource portal, one specific to MCH
- USAID Global Health Analytics Hub
- Additional leadership
 - Collaboration with the innovations team at MCSP may help to bring in the Innovations part of the subgroup.
 - Continue to bring non-digital, non-M&E people into the subgroup.
- Meeting schedule
 - Monthly meetings – the subgroup could be broken down into smaller groups based on interest.

Next Steps/Action Items:

- Steve will be making a presentation to USAID CH team on what is going on with digital tools for CH.
- Set up Google Drive folder to share different resources, tag existing resources, and follow up with people to enter in missing information. Also to highlight what exists in the DH Atlas. This would be disseminated through the redesigned CH TF webpage.
 - Send template around for members to enter in what they're doing within their organizations and what they know about to capture what's going on and decide what to focus on in the subgroup.
- Steve to invite Jim Ricca from the MCSP Innovations team.
- Danielle to look at MCSP Innovations Framework to see if it could assist the subgroup.