



Transform Health

Health for all in the digital age

In 2015, United Nations Member States pledged to achieve universal health coverage (UHC) by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Although some progress has been made, almost **4 billion people globally still lack access to essential health services.**

On current trends only about half of the global population will benefit from UHC by 2030.

However, there is a window of opportunity

Digital technologies – and the data they generate – offer unprecedented opportunities to tackle health system challenges and to support and empower individuals everywhere to manage their own health. Digital technologies can accelerate progress towards UHC by enhancing the quality and coverage of health services and **make primary health care (PHC) systems more resilient and effective.** The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the great benefits of sharing health data and adopting digital technologies for health in many countries; but has also highlighted the digital divide and need for stronger governance.

The promise of health for all in the digital age is currently limited by weak health and ICT systems across many countries, leading to inequitable coverage of health services. Lack of involvement and consideration of key communities – such as young people, women, and marginalised groups – in the design, use and governance of digital technologies and data is further contributing to the equity gap. These issues could be addressed if decision makers demonstrated the political will to do so. Transform Health was set up to respond to these challenges.

Transform Health is building a global movement to achieve UHC by 2030 through expanding the use of digital technology and increasing access to data in ways that are equitable, ethical and enabling for all.

Over the next 10 years, Transform Health will collaborate with a diverse range of partners to advocate for greater investment in digital technologies and data to support PHC as a pathway to achieve UHC. **We will campaign with and for individuals and communities – particularly women and young people – who would benefit most from the digital transformation of health systems** but are often excluded from decision-making processes.

Our vision

UHC will be achieved by 2030 by harnessing digital technology and the use of data in line with the following principles:

- Equity**
Everyone should have access to equitable, affordable, and high-quality healthcare.
- Empowerment**
Everyone should be able to make better decisions about their personal health using real-time health information and their own, protected health data.
- Rights**
Everyone should be aware of and able to exercise their rights in relation to digital technologies and their own data.
- Inclusion**
Everyone should be included in the design, use and governance of digital approaches that may affect their health and well-being.
- Partnerships**
Individuals and organisations should work together to ensure people are able to control their own data and achieve better health outcomes for themselves and their communities.

What are we calling for?

1

STRONGER POLITICAL WILL

The recognition of the fundamental role of digital technologies and data use to transform and expand PHC as an essential foundation for achieving UHC.

Stronger political will and leadership is essential for creating an effective digital health ecosystem that prioritises PHC and principles such as equity, inclusivity and human rights.

We are calling on more political leaders, technology developers and digital health partners to demonstrate their commitment to harnessing the digital transformation to improve health for all and to ensure that everyone is fully informed about the **opportunities and risks associated with digital technologies and data use**.

2

A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK

A data governance framework to allow for the full beneficial use of health data, while safeguarding data privacy, ownership and security.

The way the world governs health data and data for health has never been more pivotal than it is in this digital age.

To create an environment where all people and institutions can share, use, and benefit from data, an inclusive and collaboratively developed global framework for governance of health data is needed.

We are calling for a global governance framework that realises health data as a global public good whilst protecting individual rights.

3

INCREASED INVESTMENTS

Increased domestic and international financial investments in strengthening digitally-enabled PHC systems and empowered communities to achieve UHC.

With just ten years left to achieve UHC, we are calling on national governments and international donors to increase their investments in **equitable, digitally-enabled primary health care**, and to increase digital literacy of **youth, women and marginalised groups**.



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