

Webinar on Enhancing National Health Financing through Digital Technologies: Innovations and Lessons from Asia and the Pacific Region

18th April 2024, 14:00 – 16:00 (Manila time)

BACKGROUND

The integration of digital technology in health financing within developing member countries (DMCs) of the Asia-Pacific region is a transformative step towards achieving more efficient, transparent, and equitable healthcare systems. By leveraging digital tools, these countries can enhance administrative efficiency, improve data management for informed decision-making, reduce fraud, increase accessibility to healthcare services, especially in remote areas, and support the overarching goal of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). In this endeavor, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been a pivotal supporter through Technical Assistance (TA) 9967: Using Digital Technology to Improve National Health Financing in Asia and the Pacific, providing targeted assistance to strengthen digital health initiatives across the region.

This webinar serves as a crucial platform for exchanging knowledge and experiences in digital health financing. It brings together experts and stakeholders to discuss innovative strategies and share lessons learned from the Asia-Pacific region. The insights gained from this webinar will contribute significantly to implementing effective, equitable, and sustainable health financing solutions, thereby supporting the broader mission of enhancing health outcomes and financial protection for populations in the region.

OBJECTIVES

- Explore the role of digital technologies in enhancing health financing.
- Review current trends and innovations in Digital Health Financing in Asia and the Pacific.
- Discuss challenges and opportunities in implementing digital health financing solutions in DMCs.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Webinar title: Enhancing National Health Financing through Digital Technologies: Innovations and Lessons from Asia and the Pacific Region.

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Audience: Open to the public (register link: https://adb-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jGwpwK5aQYeu-Nw7wwg_4g)

Time	Webinar topics	Speakers
2:00 p.m. to 2:05 p.m. (5)	Opening remarks	Ms. Ayako Inagaki Senior Director, Human Social Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
2:05 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. (15)	Setting the Context: Digitization within Health Financing Schemes	Dr. Akihito Watabe Health Specialist ADB
2:20 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. (15)	Digital solutions for tackling fraud, waste, and abuse in Health Financing Schemes &	Ms. Thalia Georgiou , ACG Mr. Konark Joshi , KPMG
2:35 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. (15)	Case studies to stimulate cross-learning on Digital Health Financing	Dr. Santosh Moses , IQVIA
2:50 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. (15)	Innovative technologies for Digital Health Financing (Winners of Innovation Challenge on Digitising Health Financing)	Artivatic.ai Rey.id
3:05 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. (30)	Panel discussion: Roadmap for Digitization within Health Financing Schemes in Asia and Pacific	Moderator: Dr. Jae Kyoung Kim , Health Specialist, ADB
3:35 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. (15)	Q& A session	Panelists: Mr. Samvel Kharazyan , Advisor Ministry of Health, Armenia Dr. Enamul Haque , Director General, Health Economics Unit, Bangladesh Mr. Tseren-Ochir Byambatulga , Senior Officer in Charge of Digital

		<p>Health Transformation, Ministry of Health, Mongolia</p> <p>Ms. Ye Xu, Health Specialist ADB</p> <p>Mr. Nishant Jain, Health Specialist, ADB</p>
<p>3:50 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. (5)</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Dr. Vasoontara S. Yiengprugsawan Senior UHC Specialist (Service Delivery) ADB</p>

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