

SECURE WEBINAR 24
Smart Health Systems: Leveraging Digital Solutions for Health Governance
20 November 2025, 2:00-3:30 PM (Manila time)

The SECURE Webinar Series is a platform to promote best practices to strengthen health security in Southeast Asian developing member countries (DMCs) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The webinar series is supported by the ADB technical assistance (TA 6767) on Supporting Enhanced COVID-19 Vaccination and Post COVID-19 Health Security Responses in Southeast Asia.

SECURE Webinar 24 will discuss the digital technologies introduced in DMCs with funding contribution from the High-Level Technology Fund (HLTF) through TA 6767.

Background and Overview

The Asia and the Pacific region is at the forefront of complex health challenges, including rising noncommunicable diseases, aging populations, effects of climate change, workforce shortages, and fiscal constraints. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed systemic vulnerabilities and underscored the urgent need for scalable, adaptive, and technology- and data-driven solutions. The digitalization of health systems—through electronic health records, telemedicine, and artificial intelligence—offers a transformative pathway to reshape health care delivery. In countries with resource constraints and geographic diversity, digitalization offers opportunities to strengthen health systems and accelerate progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Sustaining digital technologies requires strong leadership, robust policies, financial investments and specialized expertise on information systems.

Over the last several years, ADB has supported the adoption of digital health solutions its developing member countries. ADB has provided technical assistance and investments on health management and logistics management information systems, electronic medical records, claims processing automation, and digital policies and regulation. These are consistent with WHO's Global Strategy on Digital Health, which emphasize the need to implement national digital health solutions while strengthening the governance of digital systems.

In this webinar, experts and government officials will offer insights on how to design and implement digital health care solutions. They will also discuss the policy frameworks, investments, and expertise required for digital solutions to succeed.

Objectives

- Explore governance and regulatory frameworks for digital health solutions.
- Showcase digital solutions implemented in developing member countries.
- Share lessons and best practices for digital solutions.

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AGENDA

Time (PM)	Session
2:00-2:10	Introduction and Overview of Webinar Sonalini Khetrapal Senior Health Specialist Team Lead, Health Sector (India) ADB
2:10-2:20	Welcome Remarks Eduardo Banzon Director Human and Social Development ADB
2:20-2:40	<i>Digital health strategy and national health sector reform agenda (Lao PDR)</i> Dr. Baykham Khattiya Minister Ministry of Health, Lao PDR Governance and regulatory systems in building healthy digital environment (Bhutan) Mr. Tashi Penjor Chief of Planning Ministry of Health, Bhutan
2:40-3:10	<i>Collaborative networks and partnerships for technological innovations in health</i> Mr. Gene de Guzman Country Manager, Bot MD Mr. Sengbeo Lee Founder and CEO, Taggle Health Dr. John Lewis Director, HISP Vietnam Mr. Sam Bouphe Project Coordinator, HISP Vietnam

3:10-3:20	Open Forum and Questions and Answers Moderator: Liza Tabora, ADB Consultant
3:20-3:30	Synthesis and Closing Remarks Alexo Esperato Senior Health Specialist ADB