The Promise of Digital Health
Addressing Non-communicable Diseases to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage in LMICs

THE SITUATION

>40 million people die each year from lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and heart disease (non-communicable diseases - NCDs)

>85% of these deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries

Achieving Universal Health Coverage is only possible if we properly address NCDs

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY ALLOWS US TO REIMAGINE HOW HEALTH SYSTEMS TACKLE NCD CARE

Digital technology can transform healthcare
to fight NCDs, especially in low- and middle-income countries

Digital empowers:
Health providers to deliver better care
Patients to manage their own health
Governments to strengthen health systems
The Broadband Commission Working Group on Digital Health has published a new report that outlines six building blocks, accompanied by country examples, to help policymakers realize the full potential of digital technology to strengthen health systems and accelerate Universal Health Coverage.

**Policy makers** need to prioritize and lead a national digital health strategy

**Legal frameworks** are essential to protect patients while enabling innovation

**Standardized infrastructure** that allows information to be used and shared is key to effective NCD management

**Interoperability** between diverse digital health solutions and data sources is a must to enable coordinated NCD management

**Partnerships** combine expertise, assets and ideas to amplify the scale and impact of successful digital health solutions

**Sustained financing** is mandatory if successful digital health solutions are to be scaled

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**LEARNING FROM OTHERS**

**Policymakers do not have to deliver alone**

The report includes practical recommendations and examples from over 30 countries.

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**About the Working Group**

The Broadband Commission Working Group on Digital Health is tasked with identifying countries that have successfully integrated health information systems, ICT infrastructure, and health ICT application, showcasing best practices and tools.


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