





Harnessing Digital Health to Advance Universal Health Coverage

About the toolkit

Globally, about 4.5 billion people still lack access to essential health services. Digital health transformation offers an important opportunity to accelerate progress to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030. Parliamentarians play a crucial role in creating a supportive enabling environment for a sustainable, equitable, inclusive, and safe digital health transformation. This requires shared commitment, leadership, and action, to ensure the appropriate legislative, regulatory, and funding environment for this to happen.

UNITE and Transform Health have developed a Parliamentarians' Toolkit on "Harnessing Digital Health for Universal Health Coverage". This toolkit contains tools and resources to support Parliamentarians to champion digital health in global and national contexts, influence priorities, ensure robust legal frameworks for digital health, and ensure effective implementation of digital health transformation strategies, in support of UHC goals.

How to use the toolkit

The Toolkit maintains political neutrality and can be used by present and former parliamentarians of all regions and countries. The toolkit is broadly global in nature, allowing for users to tailor the content for their national context. It also includes country-specific content in some sections for Argentina, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico and Tanzania (further countries may be added based on demand). The country-specific content can also be used as a reference and inspiration by parliamentarians of the same regions. This toolkit may be updated as global and national level digital health and UHC contexts change overtime and in response to requests for further tools and resources.

Policy Brief



Parliamentarians are crucial to creating a supportive environment for a sustainable, equitable, inclusive, and safe digital health transformation. To harness the full potential of digital health, we need to set clear priorities, strengthen collaborations, and identify clear actions. This policy brief calls on Parliamentarians to harness the full potential of digital health as a driver of UHC progress and economic growth, and to keep a "health in all policies" approach.

It highlights key priorities and recommended actions for parliamentarians to support the digital health transformation to achieve UHC.

Read the policy brief

Fact Sheets

The fact sheets include key statistics and figures; relevant digital health strategies and resources; as well as policy recommendations.



Country-specific fact sheets













Parliamentary Questions

The contributions of parliamentarians within parliamentary sessions and debates are an important opportunity to shape national policies and legislations and ensure the prioritisation of health transformation.

The following parliamentary questions, covering various themes and topics related to digital health, are template questions that can be tailored and used by parliamentarians as relevant to their national context, challenges and needs to request action and accountability to prioritise digital health transformation in their country.



List of parliamentary questions

Advocacy Letter

Kenya



This template letter can be tailored and submitted to Ministers of Health and/or other relevant government officials to promote collaboration between governments and Parliamentarians in taking action to advance Universal Health Coverage in the digital age. It sets out recommendations for priority actions around investment and ensuring a robust legislative and regulatory environment.

Advocacy letter template



Other resources