





CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE:

MORE AND BETTER FUNDING FOR THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF HEALTH

Towards a youth-centred approach to investments in the digital transformation of health





WHAT IS A YOUTH-CENTRED DIGITAL HEALTH INVESTMENT?

an approach that focuses on using digital technologies to address the health and well-being needs of young people, placing their unique perspectives, preferences, and challenges at the forefront.

But Why?!



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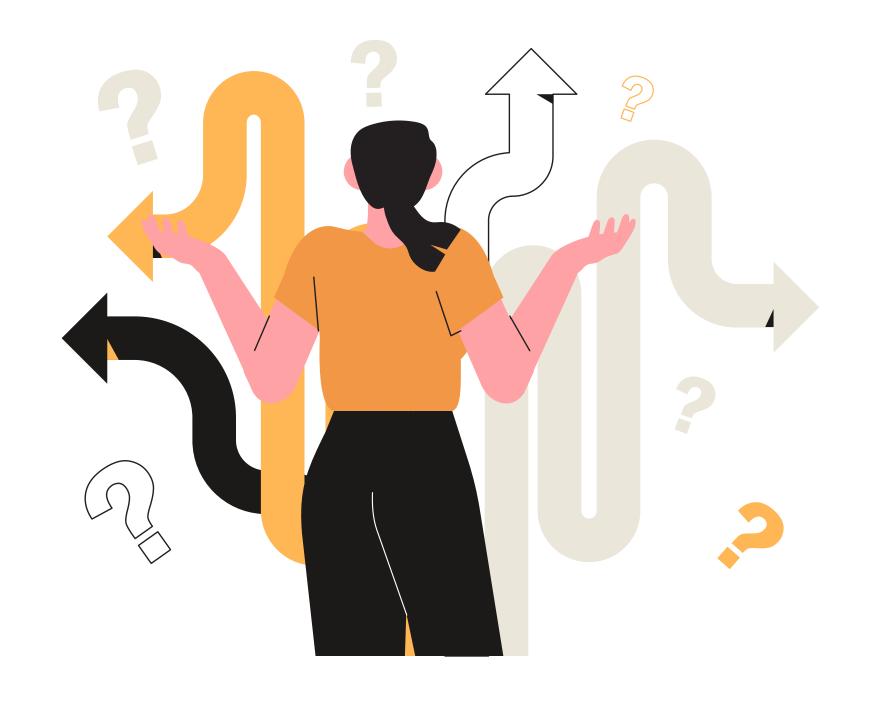
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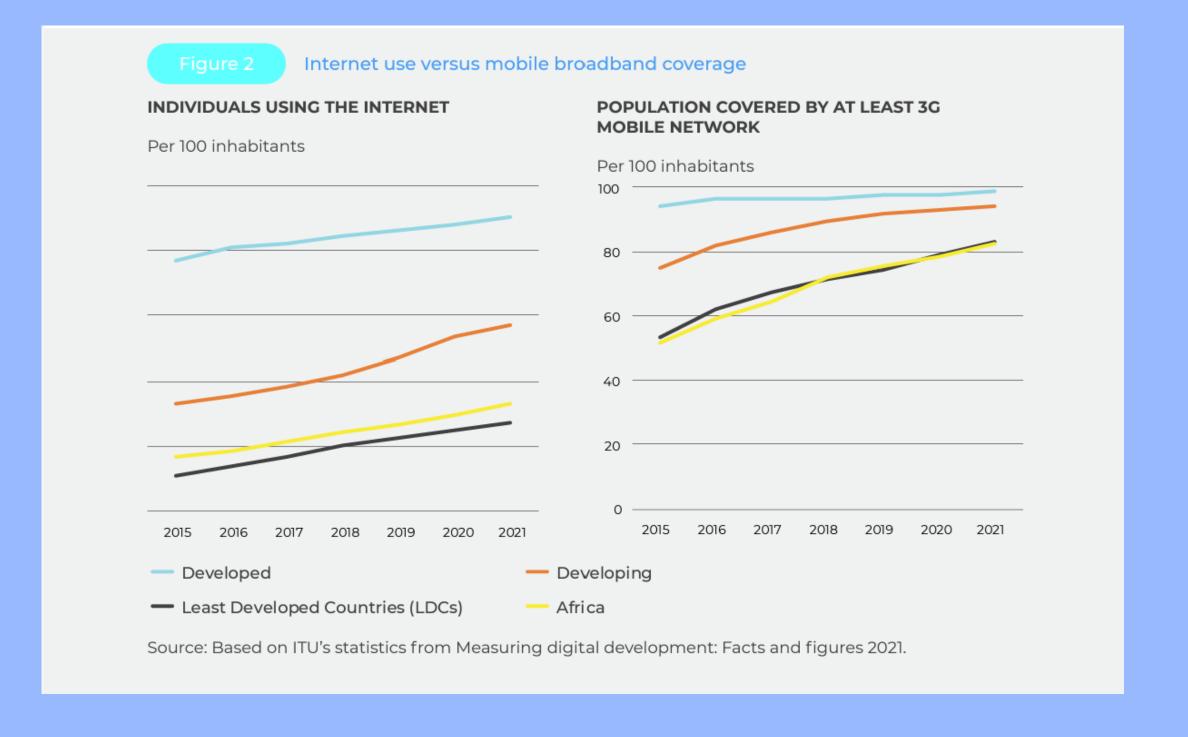
BUT WHY CAN'T WE MEANINGFULLY BENEFIT FROM DIGITAL HEALTH?

- 1 Lack of proper ICT infrastructure
- 2 Poor Data Governance
- 3 Solutions not designed based on our needs
- Insufficient capacity for engaging meaningfully in decision-making.





Mobile network coverage (3G or higher) has expanded rapidly in recent years. In 2021, the International Telecommunication Union estimated that 95% of the world's population was within broadband coverage.



Broadband coverage is improving, but access to digital tools is lagging

The potential of digital health has been evident. But the uptake has been slow, uneven, unsystematic and mostly limited to individual products and services, with a large number of pilot projects that do not progress to a nationwide or system-wide scale adoption. So, the current outlook is



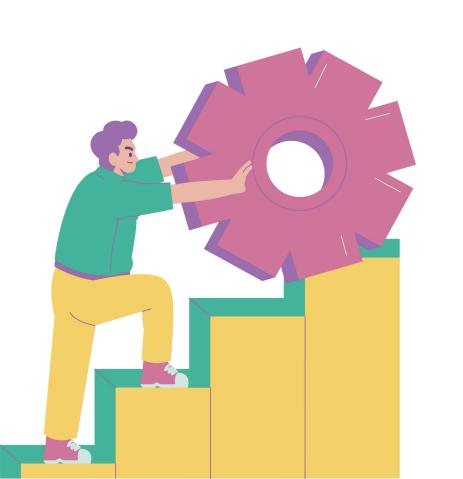


CHALLENGES FACING COUNTRIES

Lack of Investment

Weak Policy and Regulatory Frameworks Lack of
Universal
Internet Access

Inadequate Digital Literacy



CURRENT EFFORTS



Global strategy on digital health 2020-2025



Governing Health Futures 2030

Key findings and recommendations of The *Lancet* and Financial Times Commission



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A Conceptual Framework to guide investments and action towards health for all in the digital age

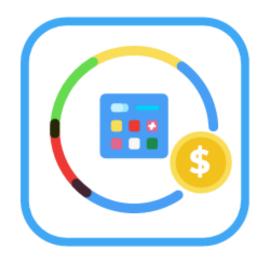




FROM YOUTH TO POLICY MAKERS



Meaningful Youth Engagement



Closing the Digital Divide



Digital Literacy



Regulatory Frameworks



Meaningfully engage youth as a key stakeholder in the digital transformation.

To make digital transformations work for youth, they must be included in any process or strategy for digitally transforming national health systems.



Inclusion from the start



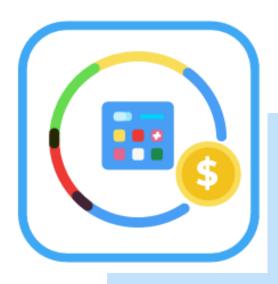
Empower Youth Voices



Co-create with Youth



Train and Educate



Prioritize investment in digital infrastructure to close existing digital divides

Closing the digital divide is a core human rights agenda and must empower and equitably include youth, women, and other marginalised groups.



Identify Disparities



Public-Private Partnerships



Rural and Remote Solutions



Long-term commitment



Build the digital capacity of youth and the health workforce.

Doing so will ensure that youth and the health workforce can fully benefit from and collectively harness the potential of digital technologies to expand access to health and improve the quality of care for all.



Industry-Academia Collaboration



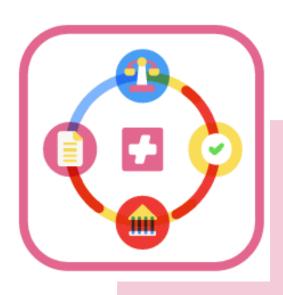
Health
Workforce
Training



User Training

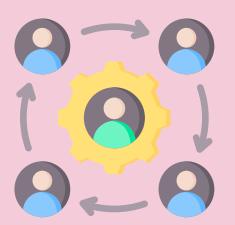


Invest in Elearning materials



Establish a robust regulatory framework and policy environment.

Strong regulations can facilitate easy, equal, and safe access to, and use of, digital health infrastructure for all. It will ensure that no one is left behind



Multistakeholder Engagement



Data
Governance
Frameworks



Ethical Considerations



Evidencebased Policies

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Only through a youth-centred approach to investment can the full potential of digital technologies be harnessed to build more robust and resilient health systems for generations to come.

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