

USAID DIGITAL HEALTH POSITION PAPER 2024-2029



USAID envisions a world in which all people have equitable access to safe, secure, and reliable health services and data to promote wellbeing.

Digital technologies can be a critical enabler of global health and broader socio-economic development when invested in and managed strategically. To deliver this value, USAID's health-sector investments and activities leveraging digital technologies should be aligned to meet and advance partner countries' digital maturity as described in the USAID Digital Health Vision.

GOAL

USAID works with partner countries in their efforts to provide integrated and equitable health services, supported by digitally enabled health systems and health workers using high-quality, interoperable tools and data to improve health and wellbeing for all. The following priorities and practices can help USAID deliver on this goal.

PRIORITIES



Assess and strengthen a country's digital health enabling environment



Align digital health investments to national digital health strategies



Align digital health investments to national digital health architecture



Consider the use of global goods

This USAID Digital Health Position builds on related policies including the [USAID Digital Policy](#) (2024-2034), and forthcoming USAID Global Health Policy (2024-2034). It is part of USAID's broader embrace of open, inclusive, secure, and rights-respecting digital ecosystems as a foundation for and accelerant of the agency's social and economic development programs.

PRACTICES



Commit to person-centered point-of-care digital systems



Require data standards to enable integrated health service delivery at scale



Support country-led governance of health system digital transformation



Strengthen data privacy and cybersecurity practices, and related country regulations



Deepen engagement with local partners, including the private sector



Invest in shared resources that advance the global digital health commons

USAID DIGITAL HEALTH POLICY:

In the [Digital Health Vision](#) (2020-2024), USAID issued its first policy guidance formally recognizing and addressing the problem of fragmented, non-interoperable, and unsustainable digital technologies in partner country health systems. In this [Digital Health Position Paper](#) (2024-2029), USAID recommits to the four priorities identified in the Digital Health Vision and further identifies six promising practices that can strengthen USAID's digital health investments.

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