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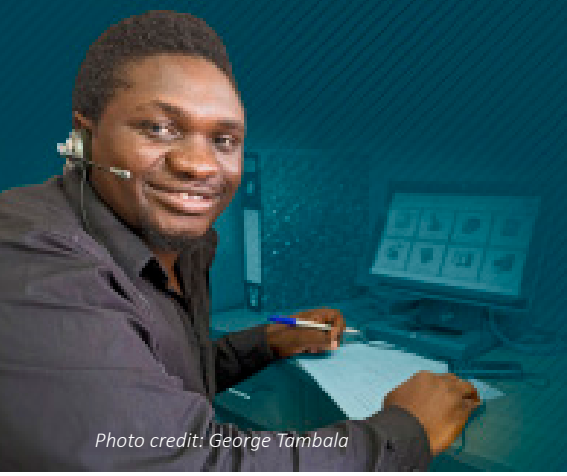
Transforming Telehealth Together



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The Global Telehealth Community of Practice (GTCoP) is a dynamic ecosystem where governments, private sector innovators, healthcare institutions, academia, donors and partners come together to share insights, spark ideas and drive change. By uniting diverse voices and expertise, the GTCoP is creating a future where high-quality, accessible telehealth services become the norm.

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed both the vulnerabilities and the immense potential of telehealth. In Malawi, for example, the national telehealth hotline, Chipatala Cha Pa Foni ("Health Center by Phone"), saw call volumes surge by almost 500% from 2,435 in February 2020 to 12,138 by September 2020. This dramatic increase underscored the urgent need for scalable, coordinated digital health solutions.

Yet, in many parts of the world, telehealth initiatives have operated in isolation—hindering the development of standardized care and leaving under-reached communities without the support they need. In response, the Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH) was launched in 2024 as a "network of networks," dedicated to aligning resources, building capacity, and advancing digital health technologies. The GTCoP proudly supports this mission, uniting efforts across borders to drive innovation and improve health outcomes worldwide.

Why the GTCoP?

Supported by the Skoll Foundation and the Gates Foundation, the GTCoP is built on the belief that collaboration is the key to overcoming today's healthcare challenges. By connecting telehealth implementers around the globe, the GTCoP seeks to:

Share Success Stories

Identify and disseminate innovative telehealth interventions, best practices and tools that are making a difference at both national and global levels.

Foster Community

Create vibrant, ongoing networks where national telehealth communities collaborate, exchange knowledge, and support one another.

Shape the Future

Work together to develop policies and regulatory frameworks that elevate the quality and accessibility of telehealth services for everyone.

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Accelerating Telehealth Transformation

Imagine a world where governments, health care providers, innovators and donors work seamlessly together to break down barriers in health care. That's the vision at the heart of the GTCoP.

Governments are laying the foundation by establishing national telehealth communities—platforms where public and private sector partners unite, share their experiences and access global expertise. These efforts are supported by partners who bring specialized knowledge and technical acumen to the table. Donors step in as catalysts, providing the critical funding that transforms promising ideas into sustainable, life-changing initiatives.

Together, these stakeholders are writing a story of transformation: a story where new policies, innovative technologies and on-the-ground implementations come together to ensure that high-quality healthcare reaches every corner of the globe.

Collaborating for Impact

VillageReach (Implementing Partner): Oversees on-the-ground execution of telehealth programs and facilitates coordination among government, private sector and local health institutions.

Geneva Digital Health Hub (Technical Partner): Contributes specialized technical expertise and digital health solutions, ensuring projects are designed, implemented and monitored effectively.

International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth (ISfTeH) and WHO's Department of Digital Health and Innovation (Advisors): Provide strategic guidance, best practices and global standards to ensure the GTCoP's initiatives align with international frameworks and advance telehealth innovation worldwide.

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