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NAME	TYPE OF NETWORK	WEBSITE	DETAILS
(eHNA) eHealth Network for Africa **(ANDH) AFRICAN NETWORK FOR DIGITAL HEALTH**	Network Initiative	https://www.ehna.acfee.org/ Hosted and managed by (ACFEE) AFRICAN CENTRE FOR EHEALTH EXCELLENCE	The African Network for Digital Health (ANDH) is a peer assistance forum created by leading African eHealth experts to leverage ICTs to achieve better health outcomes. The goal of forming this network is to accelerate innovation to derive better quality and timely health information for improving service delivery and the management of health systems. Modeled on the success of the Asia eHealth Informatics Network (AeHIN), the ANDH is open to all Africans and electronic health (eHealth) professionals in Africa and is designed to empower individuals and institutions through sharing experiences and best practices.
African eHealth Forum (AeF)	Forum	https://ehna.org/initiatives/MjlxNw==/organisation	The African eHealth Forum (AeF) supports countries' health systems to expand and develop their eHealth's human capacity and leadership. These are core to eHealth's success. AeF activities help African countries to identify and develop methods and tools to find sustainable, successful eHealth solutions. It then helps procure them, implement them, sustain them and set up arrangements to afford them.
African Health Observatory (AHO)	Web platform	aho.afro.who.int/ https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4109346/	The African Health Observatory (AHO) serves four functions: Storage and sharing of data and statistics for elaboration and download if needed Production and sharing of evidence through the analysis and synthesis of information Sustaining networks and communities, for better translation of evidence Supporting countries establish national or sub-national health observatories.

(African Alliance) The African Alliance for Digital Health Networks	Network	http://digitalsquare.org/african-alliance/	The African Alliance for Digital Health Networks (African Alliance) provides a platform to cultivate the human capacity needed to develop strong national digital health systems. Promoting country ownership of digital innovation and offering a hub for south-south learning, the African Alliance fosters the sustainability of investments made through Digital Square.
HealthE Africa Network	Network	http://healthenabled.org/wordpress/about-us/	HealthE Africa is a peer assistance networking initiative undertaken by HealthEnabled in partnership with Knowledge for Health (K4Health). They play three roles: Connector We are a neutral, trusted facilitator among governments, top digital health experts, health implementers, and donors. Expert Advisor We have significant experience and expertise in digital health to guide policy-making and the design and implementation of digital health solutions in low- and middle-income countries. Knowledge Hub We share the latest information, advice, and technologies in digital health.
(EAC) East African Integrated Disease Surveillance Network		https://www.eac.int/health/disease-prevention/east-african-integrated-disease-surveillance-network	The East African Integrated Disease Surveillance Network (EAIDSNet) is a regional collaborative initiative of the national ministries of the EAC Partner States responsible for human and animal health in collaboration with the national health research and academic institutions. The project is implemented with support from the Rockefeller Foundation.

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HARMONIZATION FOR HEALTH IN AFRICA	Community of Practice for performance based financing	https://hhacops.org/	HHA provides regional support to African governments for health system strengthening and to meet the Millennium Development Goals. The AfDB, JICA, NORAD, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, USAID and the WB established a mechanism to support country-led efforts at health system strengthening leading to the accelerated attainment of health outcomes particularly the MDGs. The PBF CoP is a community of experts that communicate through an online forum and meet in person at events to share experiences, knowledge, and best practices with the goal of expanding the number of qualified PBF experts working in Africa and enabling regional capacity by documenting and assessing PBF experiences.
(GEMNet-Health) Global Evaluation and Monitoring Network for Health	Network	https://www.measureevaluation.org/resources/networks/gemnet-health	GEMNet member institutions are located in several countries throughout Asia, Africa, and North America. The purpose of GEMNet-Health is to foster organizational growth, collaboration, and peer-to-peer support for monitoring and evaluation of health programs globally through ongoing and future institutional linkages among members, beginning with a core of MEASURE Evaluation's current and former training partners. GEMNet-Health has members skilled in a wide array of evaluation-related technical areas, with capacity to conduct trainings, collaborate on research, and provide technical assistance. Several member institutions are also involved in capacity building and networking activities related to strengthening routine health information system.

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East African Community (Digital REACH initiative)	Network	http://www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/evidenceinformed/reach/en/	An institutional mechanism, the Regional East African Community Health (REACH), has been created on the initiative of various stakeholders in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. These stakeholders include policy makers, researchers from universities and civil society who were interested in the idea of having a knowledge broker. REACH therefore bridges the gap between health research and policy and decision making. REACH is housed within the East African Community, Health Research Council in Arusha and supports a node in each country.east
West Africa RHIS network		http://www.wahooas.org/index2.php?lang=fr	WAHO is an agency which brings together health leadership from the fifteen member states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). WAHO's goal is to improve health by harmonizing policies, pooling resources, and cooperating towards a collective and strategic fight against health problems in the ECOWAS region. The West Africa RHIS network is a newer initiative, which is currently being set up under the governance of the West African Health Organization (WAHO). The network's vision is that by 2025, all member countries will have a fully functional RHIS that produces data of adequate quality, which are effectively used for decision making at all levels of the health system.
HELINA		http://www.helina-online.org/	Health Informatics in Africa is an association of Pan African Health Informatics.

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HMISS & HMISS Asia Pacific		http://www.himss.org/ http://www.himssasiapac.org/?q=about-us/about-himss-asia-pacific	HIMSS is a global, cause-based, not-for-profit organization focused on better health through information and technology. HIMSS leads efforts to optimize health engagements and care outcomes using information technology.
(AeHIN) ASIA EHEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK	Network	http://www.aehin.org/	AeHIN promotes better use of information communication technology (ICT) to achieve better health through peer-to-peer assistance and knowledge sharing and learning through a regional approach for greater country-level impacts across South and Southeast Asia. AeHIN is focused on achieving greater country-level impacts across South and Southeast Asia by promoting better use of ICT to achieve better health. AeHIN believes eHeath is an enabler to improve the flow of information for delivering quality and equitable healthcare services and health system management. The network's strategy focuses on building capacity for eHealth, HIS, civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) in the countries and in the region, increasing peer assistance and knowledge exchange through networking, promoting standards and interoperability within and across countries, and enhancing leadership, sustainable governance, and monitoring and evaluation.
The Pacific Health Information Network (PHIN)		http://phinnetwork.org/about-us/	PHIN was established at the Health Metrics Network (HMN) meeting in Noumea in 2006. PHIN was created to provide a mechanism for networking, support, information sharing and training for health information professionals in the region. PHIN is not a registered organization, but has a strong affiliation with the Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA).

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ROUTINE HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK	Network / Listserv	http://www.rhinonet.org/	RHINO focuses on improving the use of routine health information for decision making through sharing lessons learned and best practices. The network spun out of USAID's MEASURE Evaluation Project and aims to improve population's health in resource poor countries through the use of information produced by high quality, productive and sustainable routine health information systems (RHIS). Examples of its approaches include advocating for the use of routine health information in decision making, learning from and informing HIS professionals, managers, and users of health information systems of advancements in RHIS development, and improving access and availability of routine health information. RHINO engages members in regular forums, newsletters, and cataloging of resources. RHINO is the first global network for RHIS professionals and is currently working to develop regional RHINOs through partnerships with existing regional eHealth and HIS networks in Latin American, West Africa, and Asia.
BID LEARNING NETWORK	Network	http://bidinitiative.org/bid-learning-network/	The network is focused on helping participating countries use better data to improve their healthcare systems at every level. Its stated goals are to: • Bring countries together to identify shared problems and solutions and connect with peers. • Use this knowledge to design common information system products, practices, and data policies. • Experiment with these designs in countries to determine their applicability. Use this experience to inform national and global decision-making.
Evaluate	Newsletter	https://measureevaluation.wordpress.com/	Monthly newsletter focusing on guidelines, tools and other resources from MEASURE Eval.

HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM PROGRAM	Network	http://www.hisp.org/	HISP (Health information Systems Program) is a global network of people, entities and organisations that design, implement and sustain Health Information Systems (DHIS2). As a network, HISP globally follows a participatory approach to support local management of healthcare delivery and information flows, and was established by the Department of Informatics at the University of Oslo.
(GDHN) Global Digital Health Network	Network	https://www.mhealthworking group.org/about	The Global Digital Health Network envisions a world where technical innovation supports improved health and contributes to better quality, accessibility and sustainability of health services and health outcomes, particularly for underserved populations in low resource environments.
Core group		https://coregroup.org/	CORE is the only player in its field that convenes the practitioners and public health professionals in global community health to share knowledge, evidence, and best practices, and then translates these into the real world with a direct impact, creating new standards in clinical and public health as it advances dialogue at the country and global levels.
(JLN) JOINT LEARNING NETWORK FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE			The JLN is a practitioner-to-practitioner learning network for countries to share knowledge and co-develop tools, guides, and resources to achieve universal health coverage (UHC) in low and middle-income countries. The network seeks to connect practitioners and policymakers across countries to bridge the gap between theory and the practical 'how- tos' of implementing UHC reforms. The network forms topic specific sub-initiatives based on members' interests and priorities, and available partner support. Current initiative sub-networks are focused on quality improvements, provider payment mechanisms, information technology, expanding coverage, and primary health care.

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HEALTHCARE INFORMATION FOR ALL (FORMERLY HIFA2015)			HIFA's vision is for a world where every person and health worker will have access to the healthcare information they need to protect their own health and the health of those for whom they are responsible. HIFA's strategy promotes communication, understanding, and advocacy among everyone involved in the production, exchange, and use of healthcare knowledge. The primary network consists of five online global forums under HIFA Global Forums, which are focused broadly on access to and use of healthcare information.
Health Information & Publications Network (HIPNet)		https://www.hipnet.org/	The Health Information and Publications Network (HIPNet) is a mission-driven partnership established in 1989 that addresses a key public health need for access to technical health information and innovative information technologies that strengthen the performance and sustainability of health care programs, organizations, and services around the world.
ICTWorks	Newsletter		ICTworks™ is the premier community for international development professionals committed to utilizing new and emerging technologies to magnify the intent of communities to accelerate their social and economic development. ICTworks focuses on the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) and the implementation processes that can make them sustainable in rural and underserved communities across the developing world (ICT4D).
DHIS2 for INGOs	Network and webinars		Population Services International (PSI) and The University of Oslo (UiO), in partnership with the NonProfit Organizations Knowledge Initiative (NPOKI) and InsideNGO will host a two- day event DHIS2 for iNGOs – a Symposium. The purpose is to showcase an open-sourced M&E solution with the unique opportunity to provide input in how to enhance DHIS2 as an enterprise M&E management tool for iNGOs.

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Health Data collaborative	Various working groups focused on facility, community information system; digital health and interoperabilty and newsletter	https://www.healthdatacollaborative.org/	As the name suggests, the Health Data Collaborative is an inclusive partnership of international agencies, governments, philanthropies, donors and academics, with the common aim of improving health data. Countries are at the core of what we do, supported by donors, academics, UN agencies and civil society organizations. The Health Data Collaborative is not a formal partnership. We operate with a light, nimble governance structure, based on a shared vision that by working together to strengthen country information systems, we can contribute meaningfully to better decision-making and better health.
OpenHIE	Community of Practice	https://ohie.org/	OpenHIE is a Global Mission-Driven Community of Practice. Dedicated to improve the health of the underserved through open and collaborative, development and support of country driven, large scale health information sharing architectures. · Enabling large scale health information interoperability · Offering freely available standards-based approaches and reference technologies · Supporting each other's needs through peer technical assistance communities
Digital principles or ICT4D Principles	Community	https://digitalprinciples.org/	With the advent of accessible digital technology more than a decade ago, international development organizations began seeking new ways of including digital tools in their programming for improved outcomes. These efforts were initially quite successful; significant advancements occurred in various sectors such as health and agriculture, more communities around the globe were connected, and underserved populations were reached in a way that had not been possible before. However, some digitally-enabled programs failed – and quite often that failure was for reasons that were both predictable and preventable.

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NPOKI (NonProfit Organizations Knowledge Initiative)	Network and webinars	https://www.npoki.org/#	NPOKI is a collaboration of international health organizations, funders, partners, and in-country nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). Our members are at the forefront of providing access to safe and affordable health services globally, including a focused response to the spread of HIV/AIDS. Founded in 2005, NPOKI focuses on a variety of projects and communities of practice with an emphasis on performance management. We provide information management and support systems that can track the performance of large numbers of projects in a variety of countries against strategic goals, align financial investment with results, and allow NGOs to collect, analyze and share information across program, departmental, institutional and geographical boundaries.
NetHope		https://nethope.org/	NetHope enables committed organizations to change the world through the power of technology. Bringing together global leaders in the nonprofit and technology sectors, we embrace big challenges through innovation and collaboration in a unique model that has proven to have powerful results for more than a decade. \n\n Nethope enables cross-sector collaboration between nonprofits and innovative companies to develop better programs, mitigate risks, and scale benefits for greater impact in the communities in which we work. Most of their activities occur in the emergency response area by getting iNGOs and IT companies to quickly respond to humanitarian emergencies. \n\n The collaborative model uses public & private partnerships to deliver information technology solutions to the developing world.

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