



# Global Initiative on Digital Health

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## Why in News?

During India's [G20 presidency](#) in 2023, the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) initiated the **Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH)** virtually, focusing on one of the three priority areas agreed upon during this period.

- GIDH will support countries in three ways by **listening to their needs, by aligning resources to avoid fragmentation and overlap**, and by providing **quality-assured products**.

## What is the Aim of the GIDH?

### ▪ About:

- The new **GIDH initiative** will operate as a **WHO-managed network and platform** to support the implementation of the **Global Strategy on Digital Health 2020-2025**.
  - The Global Strategy on Digital Health 2020-2025 outlines a comprehensive framework for leveraging digital technologies to enhance health and healthcare systems worldwide.
- As a **WHO Managed Network (“Network of Networks”)**, GIDH aims to consolidate and **amplify recent and past gains in global digital health** while strengthening mutual accountability.

### ▪ Aim:

- Developing clear priority-driven investment plans for digital health transformation.
- Improving reporting and transparency of digital health resources.
- Facilitating knowledge exchange and collaboration across regions and countries to accelerate progress.
- Supporting whole-of-government approaches for digital health governance in countries.
- Increasing technical and financial support to the implementation of the **Global Strategy on Digital Health 2020-2025** and its next phase.

### ▪ Four Main Components:

- **Country Needs Tracker:** A mechanism to identify and track the digital health needs of different countries.
- **Country Resource Portal:** A map of available digital health resources within each country.
- **Transformation Toolbox:** A repository of quality-assured digital tools for health transformation.
- **Knowledge Exchange:** Facilitation of knowledge sharing among participating nations.

### ▪ Role of India:

- India played a crucial role in establishing this institutional framework for digital health during its G20 presidency.
- India's [Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission](#) is working toward creating a seamless electronic health record system.

## What is Digital Healthcare?

▪ **About:**

- Digital healthcare is a system of medical care delivery that uses an array of digital technologies to make quality medical care services accessible, affordable, and sustainable.
- The broad scope of digital health includes categories such as mobile health (mHealth), health information technology (IT), wearable devices, telehealth and telemedicine, and personalised medicine.

## Initiatives of India Related to Digital Health

- [Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission \(ABDM\)](#),
- [e-Sanjeevani Teleconsultation Service](#)
- [Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana \(AB-PMJAY\)](#)
- [CoWIN App](#)

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