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Redefining the Ethiopian Health sector transformation agenda of Health information revolution to innovative utilization of modern technologies- digitalization of Health information

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A health information system is one of the building block of a health system where all the other five building blocks depends on. However, most of the health information has not been optimally utilized for many reasons among which most of the components of health sectors namely district health office, district hospitals, district health center, and district health post or clinics have no access to user-friendly digital health information management system or lacks basic utilities of electric power and internet availability and access, lack of training or orientation on how to use it. Ethiopia had launched the paper and electronic health management information system in 2010 where the system lacks the capability of timely and appropriate collection and analysis of health information. Ethiopia has launched HSTP-1 with a rationale to revolutionize health information through appropriate and timely use of health and health-related event as an essential element in transforming the health sector's where prime users often receive compiled and analyzed periodic information for M&E of their interventions and performance. This chasm was not considered to be the root cause or not addressed if identified through renovation or redefining the use of innovation to utilization by the prime users along with end-users (managers, policy, and decision-makers). Hence, developing a HIS with the capability of creating provider' user accounts integrated with android applications store and orientation on the use are recommended to fill the existing chasm as a change idea for innovative improvement of health care through modern technologies.

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