Health innovations are central to reaching the SDGs

Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) remains uneven, and we are not moving fast enough to reach the ambitious targets set for 2030.

We need to leverage technology and innovation to fast-track progress to reach Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and other health-related SDG-targets.

While new solutions for health are emerging in different parts of the world, these do not always get adopted on scale to deliver impact. There is a disconnect between innovators and implementers that needs to be bridged.
Connecting implementers, innovators and investors

The Health Innovation Exchange is a new platform established by UNAIDS with partners to identify challenges faced by implementers and connect them with innovations that have high potential for impact. The platform also links with investors to scale up the efforts and develop sustainable solutions.

The Health Innovation Exchange builds upon and shares the expertise of countries, global health actors, innovators, communities and the private sector.

It is founded on a shared commitment to leave no one behind in our journey to achieve the SDGs.

The Health Innovation Exchange ecosystem

The Innovation Discovery Centre is an interactive exhibition that showcases high-potential innovations in health. The Centre also hosts thematic events based on identified priorities and provides a forum for countries to showcase their innovations and share lessons learned.

Innovation Marketplaces take place around specific themes and events, providing countries with an opportunity to share their latest solutions that have potential to be scaled up and implemented in local contexts.

Country Innovation Exchanges in select countries identify specific health-related challenges and areas where innovation and technology could transform access to health, and bring together a variety of partners to find innovative solutions.

Innovation Connector Events and Hackathons convene key actors to identify and encourage local and community-based solutions to address health challenges.

The Health Innovation Exchange online portal provides a platform for innovators to connect and collaborate with each other as well as to identify potential investors to scale up effective solutions.
HEALTH INNOVATION EXCHANGE

- Identify health innovations and technologies with potential for impact
- Identify gaps and priorities for innovations and investments
- Enable countries to identify and adapt innovations relevant to their settings
- Provide space for countries, communities and innovators to showcase high-impact innovations
- Convene innovators with health leaders and investors for scaling up effective solutions
- Facilitate cross-country and cross-sectoral learning and exchange
- Document and share impact of innovations and technologies for health
- Link innovations to investors

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