

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

# DTH-Lab Fellowship Programme 2024

## Youth-Centered Digital First Health Systems (India)

### Introduction

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The DTH-Lab is a global consortium of partners working to drive implementation of the Lancet and Financial Times Commission on Governing Health Futures 2030's recommendations for value-based and youth-centered digital transformations of health at global and country levels.

The DTH-Lab has established a fellowship programme offering students and early career professionals from low and middle-income countries opportunities to support a specific area of the Lab's research or analysis. An important aim of the fellowship programme is to contribute to building the capacity of future health leaders to shape policy and governance issues related to the digital transformations of health.

### Youth-centered digital first health systems

The Governing Health Futures 2030 Commission found that young people have limited opportunities to co-design digital first health systems that respond to their health priorities. The DTH-Lab is therefore collaborating with young people from across the world to develop a blueprint for youth-centered digital first health systems. The aim of this blueprint will be to set out young people's vision for youth-centered digital first health systems and guide various different stakeholders—from technology companies to policy makers—on the steps required to realize this vision.

To complement the series of global, regional and national consultations currently being conducted to capture young people's ideas and priorities for digital first health systems, the DTH-Lab is looking to undertake in depth research on the status of youth-centered digital first health systems in India.

### About the fellowship

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The duration of this fellowship will be from **May to August 2024**. Fellows will receive a stipend in the amount of **up to 1,800 CHF** for an engagement of up to **30 days of work** and the completed deliverables. This research will be exclusively desk-based, with virtual interviews, therefore not requiring any additional costs. The stipend will be released in three installments after approved completion of each milestone.

Fellows will work remotely according to their preferred schedule and location. Fellows will be supervised by the DTH-Lab's Policy and Research Coordinator. Available support from the DTH-Lab team includes:

- An induction and regular virtual meetings with the Fellow.
- Provision of background materials and contacts for interviews, etc.
- Regular input and feedback on their work.
- Opportunities for the Fellow to discuss his/her research with experienced DTH-Lab partners and build their professional networks.
- Opportunities for Fellows to promote and present their work following publication.

## Research objectives

1. To conduct a landscape analysis of India's journey towards a digital first health system based on a literature review and key informant interviews.
2. To conduct a detailed mapping of digital health solutions available to young people in India.
3. To assess the strengths and weaknesses of India's current health system and digital health solutions from the perspective of priorities expressed by young people.

## Proposed timeline and deliverables

Work phase	Deliverable	Approx number of days
1. Induction: getting to know the DTH-Lab and existing work on youth-centered digital first health systems	N/A	2
2. Landscape analysis	Interim report on the status of India's journey towards a digital first health system  May 2024 [Milestone 1 of 3]	7
3. Mapping of existing digital health solutions	Interim report on digital health solutions available to young people in India  June 2024	7
4. Assessment of digital health solutions	Interim report on the strengths and weaknesses of existing digital health solutions  June- July 2024 [Milestone 2 of 3]	5
5. Final report on the status of India youth-centred digital	Publication submitted (format to be confirmed) based on the findings from	7

first health system	the three interim reports  First draft - July 2024 Final draft - August 2024 [Milestone 3 of 3]	
Other - additional time to participate in relevant DTH-Lab activities	N/A	2
	<i>Total days</i>	30

## How to apply

The ideal research fellow candidate must possess the following:

1. Educational background: The candidate must be affiliated with an academic or research institution, either as a student or researcher. A degree in the field of study is an advantage.
2. Research skills: They possess strong research skills, including the ability to design research assignments, collect and analyze data, and draw conclusions from their findings. They may have expertise in specific research methodologies, techniques, or tools relevant to their field.
3. Publication record: A track record of collaborations on scholarly publications, including peer-reviewed journal articles, conference presentations, or book chapters is an advantage.
4. Communication skills: The candidate must show effective communication skills, as they need to communicate their research findings through written publications, presentations, and discussions with colleagues. They should be able to convey complex ideas in a clear and accessible manner to diverse audiences.

## To apply

Interested candidates can request further background information on the DTH-Lab and its existing work on this topic by writing to [team@dthlab.org](mailto:team@dthlab.org).

To apply for a position, send an email to [team@dthlab.org](mailto:team@dthlab.org) with the subject line 'APPLICATION: RESEARCH FELLOW - DFHS INDIA' by 23:59 CET on Sunday **31 March 2024**. Applications will only be considered if they include the following material:

- Curriculum Vitae / Resume
- Two references
- A maximum of 2 pages outlining your relevant skills and experience and a summary of how you would approach this work.

The Lab welcomes applications from individuals of all backgrounds. Due to the expected volume of submissions, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.