DHIS2 LEVEL-IN

A Cross-Country Gateway into Health Information Systems

I. General Training Information

1. Context

Across Africa, Ministries of Health, UN agencies, NGOs, INGOs, and implementing partners increasingly rely on Digital Health Information Systems to manage health data, monitor program performance, track indicators, and support evidence-based decision-making.

At the center of many of these systems is DHIS2 (District Health Information Software 2), one of the world's most widely used Health Information Management Platforms. DHIS2 is currently used by national health systems across Africa to support routine health reporting, disease surveillance, immunization monitoring, HIV and Tuberculosis programmes, maternal and child health services, nutrition programmes, and community health initiatives.

As digital health systems continue to expand, DHIS2 competency has become a highly valued skill for professionals seeking opportunities in:

- Ministries of Health
- UN Agencies
- International NGOs (INGOs)
- National NGOs
- Public Health Programmes
- Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)
- Health Information Management
- Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance
- Digital Health and Health Systems Strengthening

However, many aspiring professionals face a common challenge:

They understand public health concepts but have never been exposed to DHIS2.

Others may have heard of DHIS2 in job descriptions or interviews but lack practical understanding of how the system works, how health information flows through national systems, and how DHIS2 is used in different country contexts.

At the same time, professionals transitioning into public health, health data, and M&E roles often need a structured introduction to Health Information Systems before they can confidently engage with DHIS2-related responsibilities.

DHIS2 LEVEL-IN was designed to address this gap.

Rather than focusing on advanced operational use of country systems, the programme provides participants with a practical gateway into Health Information Systems through hands-on exposure to DHIS2, cross-country learning experiences, and professional positioning guidance.

This programme is designed to:

- Introduce participants to Health Information Systems and digital health ecosystems;
- Build practical foundational skills in DHIS2;
- Expose participants to how DHIS2 is implemented across different African countries;
- Strengthen understanding of public health reporting workflows and indicator management;
- Prepare participants to confidently discuss DHIS2 in professional and academic settings;
- Support professionals seeking to enter or transition into public health, health information, and M&E careers.

In an increasingly digital public health landscape, understanding Health Information Systems is no longer a specialized skill—it is becoming a foundational competency for the next generation of public health professionals.

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2. Training Details

A one-week online, hands-on training programme designed to provide practical exposure to DHIS2 and Health Information Systems across African contexts.

Level

Foundational – No prior DHIS2 experience required.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- Explain the role of Health Information Systems in public health programmes;
- Understand how health data flows from community level to national reporting systems;
- Navigate the DHIS2 environment confidently and understand its core architecture;
- Perform basic data entry, reporting, and analysis tasks within a DHIS2 environment;
- Understand key DHIS2 concepts including organisation units, data elements, indicators, datasets, dashboards, and reports;
- Generate and interpret basic reports and visualizations;
- Understand how DHIS2 supports routine health reporting and programme monitoring;
- Compare how DHIS2 is implemented across different African country contexts;
- Identify similarities and differences between national DHIS2 implementations;
- Apply foundational data quality principles within DHIS2;

- Understand the relationship between DHIS2 and public health programmes including HIV, Tuberculosis, Immunization, Nutrition, RMNCAH, Disease Surveillance, and Community Health;
- Confidently present their DHIS2 knowledge in professional, academic, and interview settings.

Training Components

Module 1: Foundations of Health Information Systems

Participants will explore:

- Health Information Systems fundamentals
- Digital health ecosystems
- Public health reporting structures
- Health data flows and reporting hierarchies
- Roles and responsibilities within health information systems

Module 2: Practical DHIS2 Foundations

Participants will receive hands-on training on the DHIS2 environment covering:

- System navigation
- Core architecture
- Data entry workflows
- Indicators and reporting concepts
- Basic analytics and dashboards
- Data quality fundamentals

Module 3: Country Spotlight Sessions

Participants will engage with DHIS2 experts who will demonstrate how DHIS2 is used within selected African countries.

These sessions will provide practical insights into:

- National health reporting structures
- Priority health programmes
- Indicator frameworks
- Country-specific implementation approaches
- Real-world use cases

Countries represented will vary by cohort and participant composition.

Module 4: Cross-Country Learning Experience

Following the Country Spotlight Sessions, participants will reconvene for a guided cross-country comparative exercise.

This component is designed to help participants:

- Identify common principles across Health Information Systems;
- Understand variations in national implementations;
- Develop adaptability across different country contexts;
- Strengthen regional public health perspectives.

Module 5: Professional Positioning & Career Readiness

Participants will learn how to:

- Present DHIS2 skills on a CV;
- Position DHIS2 competencies on LinkedIn;
- Discuss DHIS2 experience professionally and ethically;
- Prepare for DHIS2-related interview questions;
- Demonstrate readiness for public health, M&E, and health information roles.

Key Training Details

Dates: 14th to 18th of December 2026

Schedule: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (West/Central Africa Time)

Delivery Mode: Live online virtual classroom with recorded session replays

Can't attend a session?

Don't worry, the live recording will be made available to you

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3. Training Certificate

Participants who successfully complete this programme will receive a:

Certificate of Practical Foundations in DHIS2 and Health Information Systems

issued by Relief Lab.

This certificate is awarded to participants who:

- Attend the required training sessions;
- Complete the practical exercises;
- Successfully participate in the cross-country learning activities;
- Demonstrate foundational competency in DHIS2 concepts and workflows.

4. Target Audience

🎯 Who Should Attend?

This programme is designed for individuals seeking foundational exposure to DHIS2 and Health Information Systems.

It is particularly relevant for:

Public Health and Health Systems Professionals

- Public Health Professionals
- Epidemiologists
- Disease Surveillance Officers
- Health Programme Staff
- Health Systems Professionals
- Community Health Professionals

Data and M&E Professionals

- Monitoring & Evaluation Officers
- Data Officers
- Information Management Professionals
- MEAL Professionals
- Research Assistants
- Health Data Professionals

Career Transitioners

Professionals from other sectors seeking to transition into:

- Public Health
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Health Information Management
- Digital Health
- Health Data Analytics

Students and Early Career Professionals

- Final-year students
- Fresh graduates
- Young professionals seeking public health careers

Government and NGO Personnel

- Ministry of Health staff new to DHIS2
- NGO personnel transitioning into health programmes
- Development professionals seeking exposure to Health Information Systems

🌍 Geographic Focus

This programme is designed for participants across Africa and incorporates cross-country perspectives from multiple national health systems.

✅ Participant Profile

Participants should:

- Have an interest in public health, health information systems, or digital health;
- Be comfortable using a computer and the internet;
- Be willing to participate in practical exercises and group discussions;
- Have access to a laptop and stable internet connection.

❌ Not Ideal For

This programme is not designed for:

- Active advanced DHIS2 users;
- DHIS2 developers;
- System administrators;
- Metadata and configuration specialists;
- Professionals seeking advanced system customization training.

II. Pricing & Refund Policy

✍ Individual Participation Fee: USD 200 per participant

After completing the registration form, participants will receive a confirmation email containing payment instructions.

Please note that seats are only confirmed upon full payment of the training fee.

What the Fee Includes

- Full access to all training modules;
- Live online training sessions;
- Recorded session replays;
- Practical exercises and guided activities;
- Access to Country Spotlight Sessions;
- Certificate of Practical Foundations in DHIS2 and Health Information Systems;
- Access to the cohort WhatsApp community during the programme and for four (4) weeks after completion;
- Access to the cohort LinkedIn community during the programme and for four (4) weeks after completion.

Refund Policy

⚠ In the unlikely event that the training is cancelled by the organizer, the participation fee will be fully refunded.

For more information, please consult the official Refund and Cancellation Policy.

✅ Included in the Package

☐ Live virtual training sessions
☐ Recorded session replays
☐ Practical exercises and activities
☐ Certificate
☐ Access to learning communities
☐ Training resources

⛔ Not Included

☐ Internet costs
☐ Computer equipment
☐ Accommodation
☐ Transport

✅ Each Participant Should Have

☐ Laptop computer
☐ Stable internet connection
☐ Webcam (recommended)
☐ Audio device (headset recommended)

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