



Report and Key Learnings

Theme: Local Investments for Connected Communities: The Power of Digital Health Networks in Public Health Transformation



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Executive Summary

The **Insights Learning Forum (ILF) 2025**, powered by eHealth Africa (eHA) and partners, convened on 30th July 2025 at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, with simultaneous virtual participation. **Themed “Local Investments for Connected Communities: The Power of Digital Health Networks in Public Health Transformation,”** the forum brought together stakeholders from government, private sector, civil society, academia, and media to advance the conversation on how local investment can sustain and scale digital health systems.

Participation & Reach



(including speakers, government representatives, development partners, media, eHealth Africa, and other stakeholders)



72 peak online participants via Zoom and LinkedIn Live



25+ national and international media features, including: Channels TV, Arise TV, AIT.



News at 10:

Experts advocate investment in [Digital Tools](#) for effective health services



Arise TV:

The World News with the title "[Stakeholders advocate eHealth, Data to Reach Nigerians](#)"



AIT:

Featured on Health Digest - [Health & the Tech Spaces](#) with [E-Health Africa Today](#)

Social media impact: Campaign results from July 1st to August 5th, 2025



77

Total posts



1,066

New followers

3,607

Engagements



80,977

Impressions





Sectors Represented

- National & subnational government health authorities
- Development and donor agencies
- Private sector health innovators
- Academic and research institutions
- Civil society organizations
- Digital health startups
- Media organizations

Key Outcomes & Takeaways

- Consensus on the urgent need for locally driven investments to reduce donor dependency and strengthen sustainability.
- Signals from government representatives to integrate digital health into national and subnational health planning and budgeting.
- Recognition of community ownership and grassroots engagement as foundational to successful digital health transformations.
- Calls for strengthening data systems, interoperability, and cross-sector collaboration to address fragmentation.
- Agreement on fostering inclusive digital health networks that prioritize women, youth, and underserved communities.
- Strategic networking leading to new partnership opportunities between public and private actors.



ILF 2025 concluded with a collective call to action for harmonizing digital health strategies, mobilizing domestic resources, and ensuring equitable access to digital tools as part of Nigeria's journey toward universal health coverage.



Background and Objectives

About the Insights Learning Forum (ILF)

The Insights Learning Forum (ILF) is eHealth Africa (eHA)'s flagship annual event, designed to convene experts, policymakers, innovators, and development partners to explore the role of digital technology in strengthening healthcare systems across Africa. What began as a simple webinar

has evolved into a high-impact, in-person and virtual knowledge-sharing platform where public health challenges are examined, best practices are shared, and actionable solutions are co-created. The 2025 edition built on the momentum of ILF 2024, which focused on "Digital

Transformation in Public Health Practice – Innovations and Impact." This year's theme, "Local Investments for Connected Communities: The Power of Digital Health Networks in Public Health Transformation," reflected the urgency of shifting from donor dependency to sustainable, locally driven models of public health innovation.

ILF 2025 featured:



Inspiring Keynote Presentations from leaders in digital health and public health innovation.



Interactive Panel Discussions exploring investment strategies, equity, and data-driven decision-making.



Innovation Showcases spotlighting scalable digital health solutions.



Targeted Networking Sessions connecting key decision-makers, investors, and innovators.

Sponsors & Collaborators

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In collaboration with: Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), Christian Aid, Anchor Insurance, Hallmark HMO, ACE Strategy & Consult, BellaNaija



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Objectives of ILF 2025

1. **Showcase cutting-edge digital health solutions** and their measurable impact on public health outcomes.
2. **Address challenges and opportunities** in implementing and scaling digital health strategies.
3. **Foster partnerships** that will accelerate the adoption and sustainability of digital health technologies.
4. **Facilitate knowledge sharing** and collaboration among digital health professionals and stakeholders.
5. **Drive advocacy** for domestic investment in digital health systems.

On-site Participants By Category

Category	Total Participants
Speakers	16
Executive Secretaries, State Primary Healthcare Development Agencies/Boards	6
Partners	21
Media Representatives	14
General Attendees	101
eHealth Africa (eHA)	52
EHA Clinics	5
EHA Impact Ventures (EIV)	2
Accompanying Representatives	13
Total On-site	230



ILF 2025 Overview

About the Insights Learning Forum (ILF)

The Insights Learning Forum 2025 convened on July 30, 2025, at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, bringing together over 302 participants (230 in-person and 72 virtual) from the government, private sector, academia, civil society, and development organizations. The hybrid event created a dynamic environment for cross-sector learning, collaboration, and solution design under the theme: “Local Investments for Connected Communities: The Power of Digital Health Networks in Public Health Transformation.”

**Over
302
participants**

Forum Structure

ILF 2025 was designed as a multi-format event to maximize knowledge exchange and engagement:

Opening Plenary: Setting the tone through high-level addresses from government, private sector, and civil society leaders.



Keynote Presentations:

Visionary talks from public health and innovation leaders, offering practical strategies and global perspectives.

Panel Discussions: Multi-sector dialogues on investment, community engagement, gender equity, and data systems.



Innovation Showcases:

Walkthroughs of digital tools and scalable solutions.



Networking Opportunities:

Structured and informal sessions connecting stakeholders.

Closing Reflections:

Summarizing insights and setting post-event priorities.



Highlights from Opening & Closing Ceremonies

Opening Session:



Dr. Muntaqa Umar-Sadiq, National Coordinator of the Nigeria Health Sector Renewal Investment Initiative (NHSRII)/ Sector-Wide Approach (SWAp), presented the government's perspective, underscoring the need for harmonized digital health strategies and sector-wide compacts that unify planning, budgeting, and reporting.

Dr. Muntaqa pointed to progress made in national digital health architecture and standards, adding that the next step is to unify fragmented initiatives and scale what works. "By prioritizing data integration, surveillance, and scale, we are advancing a country-owned, locally led digital health system — one that can deliver on our national goal of dramatically reducing maternal and newborn mortality.



Atef Fawaz, Executive Director, eHealth Africa (eHA), delivered the welcome address, emphasizing that "real transformation in public health begins at the community level—driven by local insights, powered by technology, and sustained through strategic partnerships."

Atef emphasizes working in true partnership with the government, aligning with their vision while bringing implementation expertise. It is not a client-provider dynamic but a collaborative effort, where shared mandates drive solutions and lasting impact for stronger, more resilient health systems.



Ota Akhigbe, Director of Partnerships & Programs, eHealth Africa (eHA), reviewed the ILF theme, reframing "investment" to include not only financial resources but also political will, infrastructure, and grassroots engagement.

She said, ILF is not about owning the narrative but catalyzing it—convening, connecting, and institutionalizing learning, coordination, and accountability in Nigeria's health system. It advances Africa-led development rooted not just in identity, but in impact and efficacy.

Closing Reflections:



Dr. David Akpan, Deputy Director, Partnerships & Programs, eHealth Africa (eHA), provided a synthesis of the day's key messages, urging attendees to "move beyond discussions into sustained, collaborative action."

Key commitments emerged around local resource mobilization, data-driven governance, and inclusive innovation ecosystems.

Notable Quotes

"The government aims to shift from fragmentation to harmonization, and from aid dependency to local ownership."

— DR. MUNTAQA UMAR-SADIQ



"Digital health is not an app, it is a network of people, systems, and trust."

— OTA AKHIGBE



"Transformation begins locally. Don't wait for donors to shape your health future."

— ATEF FAWAZ



Media & Communications Coverage

ILF 2025 achieved unprecedented visibility with:

- **25+ national and international media mentions**
- Featured segments on **Channels TV, Arise TV, AIT Health Digest**
- Coverage by **Premium Times, The Cable, Leadership, Blueprint, Pulse, and Business Day**
- AIT aired a **25-minute feature** on ILF's innovations and discussions.
- Social media campaigns from July 1st to August 5th, 2025, generated **80,977 impressions, 3,142 engagements**, and **1,066 new followers**.



Opening Session

Topic/Theme:

Setting the Stage for Local Investments in Connected Communities

Description:

The opening session established the strategic context for ILF 2025, aligning participants around the theme of local investments as a driver of public health transformation through digital networks. It featured

perspectives from eHealth Africa (eHA) leadership, government representatives, and program directors.

Key Speakers:

- **Dr. Muntaqa Umar-Sadiq** – National Coordinator, NHSRII/SWAp
- **Atef Fawaz** – Executive Director, eHealth Africa (eHA)
- **Ota Akhigbe** – Director of Partnerships & Programs, eHealth Africa (eHA)



Main Takeaways:

- **Dr. Muntaqa Umar-Sadiq** presented the sector-wide approach (SWAp) framework, “One plan, one budget, one report, one conversation”, to unify governance and resource allocation.
- **Atef Fawaz** emphasized that local insights, powered by technology and sustained by partnerships, are the foundation of real transformation in public health.
- **Ota Akhigbe** redefined “investment” to include political will, infrastructure, and grassroots engagement, noting that community ownership is as important as financial capital.

eHA Relevance:

The session reinforced eHealth Africa (eHA)’s strategic focus on building community-rooted digital health networks and aligning innovation with national priorities.

Quotes/Insights:

“One plan, one budget, one report, one conversation, that is how we will unify the health sector.” – Dr. Muntaqa Umar-Sadiq

“Transformation begins locally. Don’t wait for donors to shape your health future.” – Atef Fawaz

“Digital health is not an app, it is a network of people, systems, and trust.” – Ota Akhigbe

Keynote Session 1



Title:

From Local Insight to Global Impact: The Transformative Role of Digital Health Networks in Improving Public Health Outcomes at Scale

Speaker:

Dr. Mories Atoki – Chief Executive Officer, ABC Health

Description:

Dr. Atoki's keynote explored the transformative power of digital health networks, showing how localized innovations can scale globally to improve outcomes. She shared lessons on collaboration, inclusivity, and leveraging public-private partnerships for impact.

Main Takeaways:

- Local digital health solutions can have global relevance when designed for scalability.
- Public-private partnerships are critical for sustainability.
- Strong governance and data accountability frameworks are non-negotiable for trust-building.

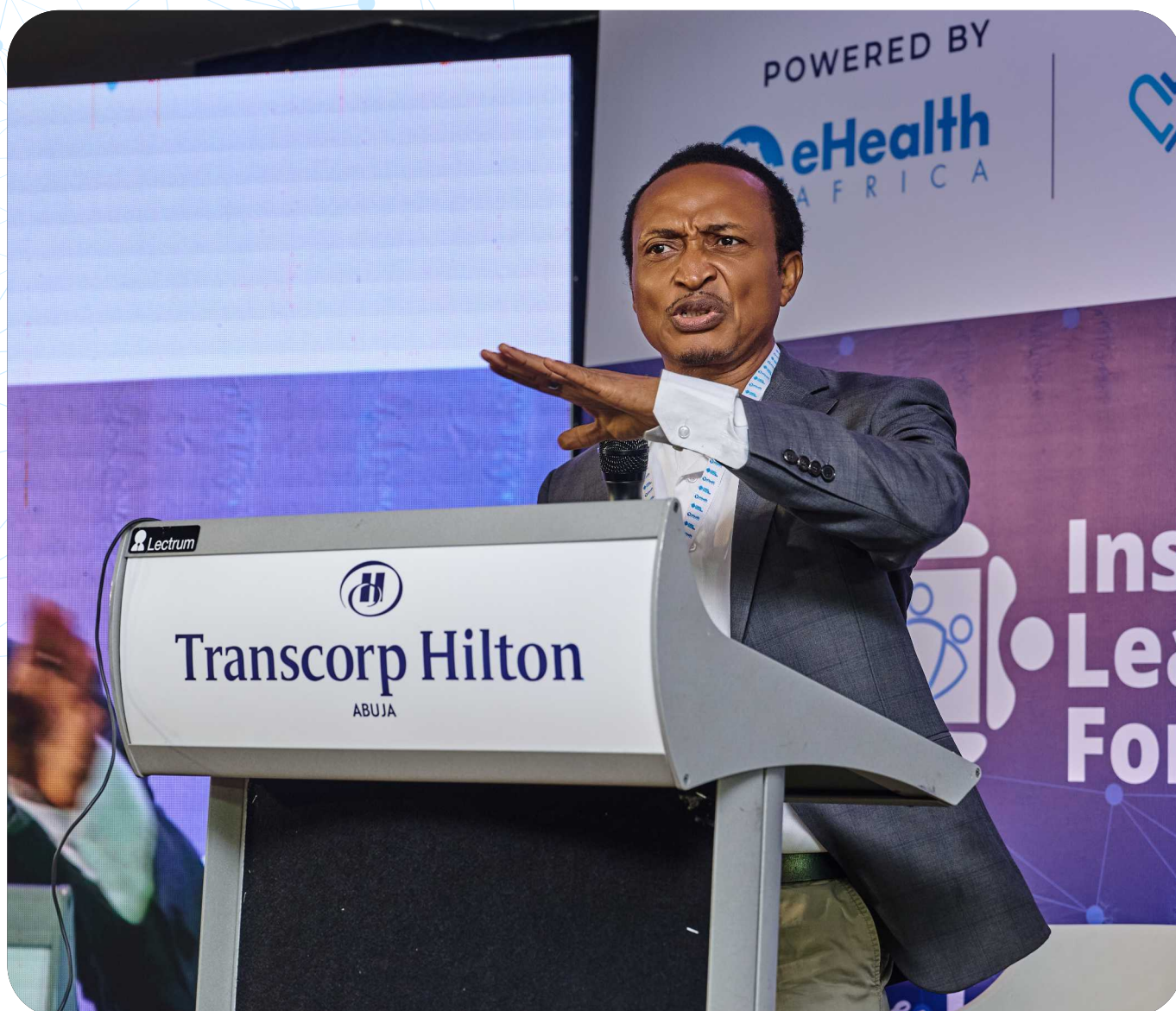
eHA Relevance:

Aligns with eHealth Africa (eHA)'s work in scaling proven health innovations from community pilots to national and regional programs.

Quote:

"If you want impact that lasts, design for the people first, and scale with them—not just for them." – Dr. Mories Atoki

Spotlight Presentation



Title:

Reaching Underserved Populations through Integrated Tech-Enabled Primary Care Delivery

Speaker:

Dr. Francis Ohanyido – Founding Director General, West African Institute of Public Health (WAIPH)

Description:

Dr. Ohanyido presented a case study on delivering primary health services to marginalized populations through integrated, technology-supported models. He demonstrated how tech can bridge service delivery gaps, particularly in maternal and child health.

Main Takeaways:

- Digital tools can significantly reduce inequities in access to primary care.
- Successful models integrate community health workers with digital data capture for real-time monitoring.
- Partnerships with local leaders enhance adoption and trust.

eHA Relevance:

Supports eHealth Africa (eHA)'s emphasis on equity-driven health innovations that leave no community behind.

Panel Discussion 1



Title:

**Investing in Health,
Investing in Communities**

Moderator:

- **David Akpan** – Deputy Director, Programs & Partnership, eHealth Africa (eHA)

Panelists:

- **Ota Akhigbe** – Director, Partnerships and Programs, eHealth Africa (eHA)
- **Lauretta Akin-John** – Vaccines Program, CHAI Nigeria
- **Dr. Amina Mohammed Baloni** – Former Commissioner of Health, Kaduna State
- **Mr. Oluwaleke Jegede** – Principal, Solina Center for International Development and Research (SCIDaR)
- **Dr. Gafar Alawode** – CEO, Development Governance International (DGI Consult)
- **Dr. Kunle Kakanfo** – CEO, Africa Hub for Innovation and Development

Description:

This multi-sector dialogue explored how strategic investment can accelerate the adoption of digital health solutions and improve health outcomes. The panel unpacked both financial and non-financial investments, emphasizing political leadership, infrastructure, and human capital as core enablers.

Main Takeaways:

- **Holistic Investment:** Funding alone is insufficient; investments in governance, capacity building, and infrastructure are equally critical.
- **Government Buy-In:** Political will and policy alignment create an enabling environment for private and community-led innovations.
- **Private Sector Role:** Local businesses can support health systems through infrastructure contributions (e.g., solar power for PHCs, internet connectivity).

- **Equity & Access:** Investments must ensure that marginalized communities, particularly women and rural populations, benefit equally from digital health advancements.
- **Scaling What Works:** Start with pilots that are locally relevant and scale through trusted networks, not just technology replication.

eHA Relevance:

The panel echoed eHealth Africa (eHA)'s approach of building locally-owned, scalable health innovations that integrate with government systems.

Quotes/Insights:

"The most sustainable investments are those made in people, not just in platforms." – Dr. Amina Mohammed Baloni

"If local investors don't lead, external funding will continue to dictate the pace of our health transformation." – Ota Akhigbe

"We must bridge the gap between innovation and the last mile—because that's where lives are saved." – Dr. Gafar Alawode

Video Presentation



Title:

Insights from Women's Advocacy and Awareness Campaign on Adolescent Girls and Young Women's Health co-implemented by eHealth Africa (eHA) and BellaNaija

Presenter:

Mary Edoro – Chief of Staff/Head of Strategy, BellaNaija

Description:

A visual storytelling presentation showcasing BellaNaija's advocacy work in adolescent girls' and young women's health. The video highlighted the intersection of media, community advocacy, and

health outcomes, emphasizing the role of creative industries in influencing public health narratives.

Main Takeaways:

- Creative platforms can amplify public health messages to reach broader audiences.
- Youth-driven media initiatives are effective in shaping health-seeking behaviors.
- Partnerships between media houses and health organizations can expand reach and impact.

eHA Relevance:

Aligns with eHealth Africa (eHA)'s Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) communication strategies for behavior change and public engagement.

Panel Discussion 2



Title:

Advancing SRHR for Girls and Women in Nigeria

Moderator:

Bondi Bilala – Gender Desk Officer, Financial Inclusion Delivery Unit, Central Bank of Nigeria

Panelists:

- **Rhoda Robinson** – Executive Director, HACEY Health Initiative
- **Dr. Jonathan Dangana** – Public Health Lecturer, Babcock University
- **Charles Usie** – CEO, Plan International Nigeria
- **Mrs. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru** – Founder, Women At Risk International Foundation (WARIF)

Description:

This discussion focused on innovations and investment strategies to advance Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for women and girls in Nigeria. The panel addressed barriers such as harmful cultural norms, inadequate funding, and poor integration of services, while proposing digital and community-based solutions.

Main Takeaways:

- SRHR investments must prioritize education, access, and agency for adolescent girls.
- Harmful cultural practices and gender norms remain significant barriers to care.
- Technology (telemedicine, confidential helplines, data platforms) can improve access

to SRHR services, especially in underserved areas.

- Collaboration between the health, education, and finance sectors can create enabling environments for women's health empowerment.

eHA Relevance:

eHealth Africa (eHA)'s work on community-driven health solutions aligns with the call for cross-sectoral approaches and the use of data to advocate for gender-sensitive programming.

Quotes/Insights:

"Empowerment without access is just a slogan; we need to remove the real barriers." – Rhoda Robinson

"Digital tools must also ensure confidentiality to earn women's trust." – Kemi DaSilva-Ibru

Presentation 1



Title:
Bridging the Gap

Presenter:
Dr. Ifunanya Ilodibe – Chief Executive Officer, EHA Clinics

Description:
A case study on reaching underserved populations through integrated primary care and technology platforms. Dr. Ilodibe shared how EHA Clinics combine digital medical records, telemedicine, and community outreach to serve hard-to-reach populations.

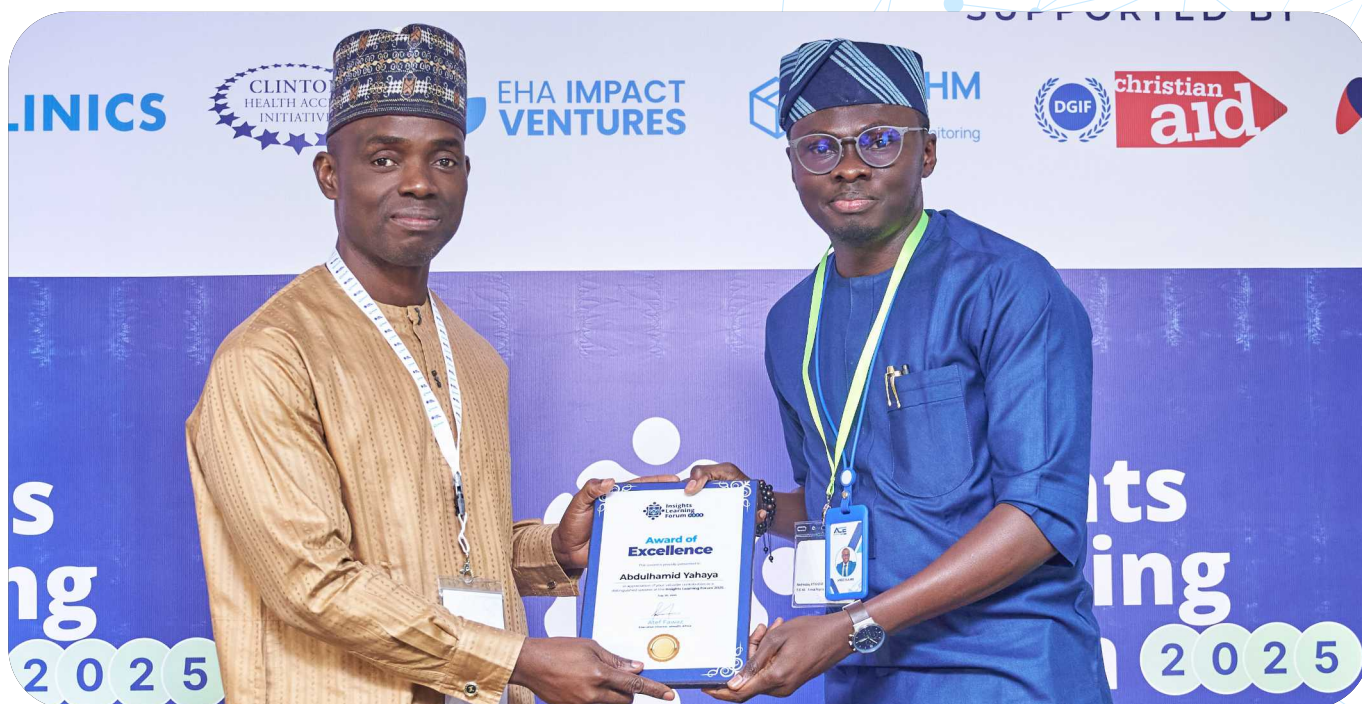
Main Takeaways:

- Integration of digital tools into routine primary care improves efficiency and follow-up.
- Mobile outreach clinics bridge geographical gaps in service delivery.
- Partnerships with local leaders and youth groups enhance trust and uptake.

- Tech-powered primary care expands access – Telemedicine, mobile health, and AI tools are extending quality healthcare to underserved rural communities, reducing inequities in access and outcomes.
- Case studies prove impact at scale – From eDOKTA telemedicine clinics to EHA Care Mobile, digital innovations enhance diagnostics, improve continuity of care, and strengthen community-level health engagement.
- Sustainable transformation requires investment and partnerships – Scaling digital health demands robust infrastructure, trained health workers, and strong collaborations across government, private sector, and communities to ensure long-term resilience.

eHA Relevance:
This is a direct representation of eHA's supply chain and service delivery innovations, demonstrating proof-of-concept for scaling locally relevant solutions.

Presentation 2



Title:

**Data That Delivers I –
by Global Health Informatics (GHI)**

Presenter:

Mr. Abdulhamid Yahaya – Deputy Director, Global Health Informatics, eHealth Africa (eHA)

Description:

An exploration of how health data and intelligence can power timely decision-making and improve health security, showcasing real-world tools like cholera modelling, AI-powered supply chains, and digital surveillance while highlighting Africa's digital edge in building resilient, climate-aware, and inclusive systems

Main Takeaways:

- Data systems must be interoperable and accessible across all levels of the health system.
- Real-time surveillance and analytics can drastically reduce response times to outbreaks.
- Local capacity building in data management ensures sustainability beyond donor-funded projects.
- With more frequent and complex health emergencies, the ability to collect, process, and apply multi-source data quickly is essential for pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPPR).
- Trust, equity, and governance remain critical for ensuring data-driven tools are adopted.
- Intelligent supply chains improve visibility and

prevent stockouts at last-mile facilities.

- Digital contact tracing and global event-based surveillance strengthen rapid response without resorting to broad lockdowns.
- Future health security will be shaped by integrated, AI-driven, and climate-aware systems
- With the world's youngest population, growing civic-tech ecosystems, and investments in digital skills (e.g., Nigeria's 3MTT programme), Africa can leapfrog traditional barriers in health system strengthening.

eHA Relevance:

- Anchored in eHA's predictive modelling and surveillance systems for proactive outbreak prevention and response.
- Strengthened through eHA's intelligent supply chain platforms ensuring last-mile availability of essential health commodities.
- Driven by eHA's inclusive digital innovation and capacity-building initiatives powering resilient, climate-aware health systems.
- Enabled by eHA's data infrastructure and analytics capabilities in public health programming.

Quotes:

"Data that flows securely, intelligently, and inclusively is no longer just an asset—it is the lifeline of global health security, transforming how nations anticipate, respond to, and recover from health threats."

Presentation 3



Title:

Data That Delivers II – by CHAI Nigeria

Presenter:

Mr. Opeoluwa Olajuwon – Vaccines Program, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) Nigeria

Description:

A technical deep dive into enhancing vaccine forecasting in Nigeria through the use of OpenLMIS and DHIS2 for supply chain management.

Main Takeaways:

- Integrating vaccine logistics data into centralized platforms reduces wastage and stockouts.

- Predictive analytics improves vaccine allocation efficiency and readiness for surge demands.
- Collaboration between the government, donors, and private innovators is crucial for sustainability.

eHA Relevance:

Strengthens eHA's advocacy for digital supply chain systems to improve immunization outcomes.

Quote/Insight:

"A vaccine in a warehouse saves no one; data ensures it gets where it's needed, when it's needed." – Opeoluwa Olajuwon



Title:
Scaling What Works

Presenter:
Kazeem Balogun – Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management, eHealth Africa (eHA)

Description:
This presentation highlights how eHealth Africa's acquisition of Parsyl is transforming cold chain management by uniting devices, data, and analytics. It demonstrates the shift from reactive to proactive systems; reducing vaccine waste, safeguarding commodities, and strengthening health security across Africa. Drawing from real-world deployments, it shares practical strategies and lessons for scaling digital health innovations, emphasizing governance, local adaptation, and community ownership as critical enablers of sustainable impact.

Main Takeaways:

- Early stakeholder engagement accelerates adoption.
- Solutions must adapt to local realities — infrastructure gaps, literacy levels, cultural considerations.
- Success at scale requires a repeatable model supported by ongoing monitoring and adaptation.
- Real-time monitoring replaces outdated, paper-based systems, enabling immediate action on cold chain risks.

eHA Relevance:

Directly reflects eHA's operational philosophy of context-driven, scalable innovation.

Quote/Insight:

"Scaling is not duplication; it's translation, from concept to context." – Kazeem Balogun

Moderator's Recap & Reflections



Presenter:

Dr. David Akpan – Deputy Director, Partnerships and Programs, eHealth Africa (eHA)

Description:

This panel brought together diverse perspectives on strategies to attract and mobilize local investment for digital health initiatives. Panellists examined effective partnership models bridging public and private sectors, and discussed mechanisms to strengthen regulatory frameworks and build regulatory capacity. Through practical case studies, the session highlighted how locally driven investments and partnerships can transform health outcomes, while offering concrete recommendations for policymakers, investors, and innovators committed to sustainable digital health ecosystems. A synthesis of key learnings from across ILF 2025, reinforcing the urgency of local investment and multi-sector collaboration.

Main Takeaways:

- The shift from pilot projects to sustainable digital health ecosystems is critical.

- Digital health is not just about tools — it's about trust, equity, and long-term governance.
- Attendees were encouraged to turn insights into action by forming partnerships and aligning with national health priorities.
- Digital health innovations need to be co-created with frontline workers and communities, designed to function within weak infrastructure and fragmented data systems.
- Local investors and innovators will only stay engaged when governments create win-win mechanisms; through subsidies, tax breaks, or integration with insurance schemes that make digital health financially sustainable.
- Strong institutional frameworks and multi-sectoral partnerships are critical for coordinating efforts, avoiding fragmentation, and ensuring that digital solutions solve real problems at the right scale and cost.

Quote/Insight:

"Every conversation here is an investment — let's make sure we see the returns in healthier communities." – Dr. David Akpan



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eHealth Africa (eHA) Involvement

eHealth Africa (eHA) played a central role in conceptualizing, hosting, and leading discussions throughout ILF 2025. The organization's involvement extended beyond event coordination to strategic thought leadership, innovation showcasing, and partnership building.

Leadership Roles

- **Event Host & Organizer:** eHA was the primary convener of ILF 2025, setting the agenda and ensuring alignment with the conference theme — “Local Investments for Connected Communities: The Power of Digital Health Networks in Public Health Transformation.”
- **Opening Remarks:** Delivered by Atef Fawaz, Executive Director, framing the conference in the context of community-driven, technology-enabled health solutions.
- **Thematic Framing:** Ota Akhigbe, Director of Partnerships & Programs, framed the theme by broadening the concept of “investment” beyond financial resources to include political will, infrastructure, and community ownership.
- **Session Moderation:** eHA senior staff moderated key sessions, including:
 - **Panel Discussion 1:** Investing in Health, Investing in Communities – moderated by **David Akpan**.
 - **Fireside Q&A with Keynote Speakers** – moderated by **Audrey Odogu**.

Presentations by eHA Team



“Data That Delivers I” – Abdulhamid Yahaya, Deputy Director, Global Health Informatics, showcased eHA’s work in health data integration, real-time surveillance, and analytics for decision-making and outbreak response.

He affirmed that health security relies on trusted, real-time data transformed into actionable intelligence for prevention and response. From cholera modelling to AI-driven supply chains, impact is proven. The future demands integrated, climate-aware systems, with Africa’s youthful digital momentum offering a strategic advantage for resilient, sovereign health ecosystems.



“Scaling What Works” – Kazeem Balogun, Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management, shared strategies for expanding proven digital health interventions across states and local communities.

His presentation shows how eHealth Africa’s acquisition of Parsyl transforms vaccine supply chains through real-time monitoring, analytics, and integration. Proven results include cutting wastage by up to 50%, reducing spoilage risks, enabling smarter investments, and ensuring resilient, scalable, future-ready cold chain systems across Africa.



Case Study: Bridging the Gap – Dr. Ifunanya Ilodibe, CEO of EHA Clinics, presented on blending primary care with digital platforms to reach underserved populations.

She added that digital health is transforming care by expanding access through telehealth, enabling real-time data for surveillance, and streamlining supply chains. Integrated networks, EHRs, and mobile platforms empower individuals and communities while optimizing management, ensuring timely detection, efficient response, and more equitable health outcomes across Africa.

Innovation Showcase

eHA demonstrated/talked about its:



Real-time Surveillance Dashboards – visualizing disease trends for rapid decision-making.



Digital Supply Chain Tools – for vaccine and commodity tracking.

EHA Clinics Model – illustrating integration of technology with community outreach.



Stakeholder & Partner Engagements

- Engaged with government representatives, including the National Coordinator for NHSRII/ SWAp and Commissioners from Kano State, to discuss integrating eHA solutions into national digital health frameworks.
- Strengthened relationships with international NGOs, development partners, and private sector stakeholders present at ILF 2025.
- Held targeted networking discussions that led to prospective partnership opportunities in the areas of digital supply chain management and data analytics.



Media Visibility for eHA

ILF 2025 generated widespread media coverage, with eHA featured in national and international outlets such as:

- Premium Times – “Experts call for local investment, digital innovation to fix Nigeria’s primary healthcare crisis.”
- The Cable – “Experts push for local investment, digital innovation to boost Nigeria’s health outcomes.”

- Channels TV, AIT, Arise TV – televised coverage of the event’s key sessions.

eHA’s brand visibility was prominently featured across all event media, reinforcing its role as a thought leader in digital health innovation.



Key Learnings

The ILF 2025 discussions and presentations revealed several cross-cutting insights critical to advancing digital health and strengthening public health systems in Nigeria and across Africa. These learnings are organized under thematic areas that reflect the core pillars of the conference.

The Forum highlighted that over-reliance on external funding can weaken both impact and long-term sustainability. Building resilient digital health systems requires strong local commitment; financial, political, and social, firmly embedded in annual plans and public health budgets.

Effective digital health scale-up depends on strong government leadership and cross-sector coordination. The Forum underscored that lasting progress is possible when policy meets practice in multi-stakeholder spaces where government articulates priorities and private innovators collaborate to deliver solutions

Investment in Connected Communities

- Local investment is not limited to financial capital — it includes political will, community ownership, and capacity building.
- Sustainable digital health ecosystems require integration into government budgets and long-term planning frameworks.
- Private sector contributions, such as renewable energy for health facilities, can significantly reduce operational bottlenecks.
- Community-based champions (health workers, youth groups) are pivotal for driving adoption and trust.

Digital Transformation & Health Systems

- Digital health must shift from isolated pilots to integrated systems that connect data, people, and infrastructure.
- Interoperability between health systems is key to reducing duplication and improving efficiency.
- Real-time data enables performance-based financing, targeted interventions, and improved outbreak response.
- Infrastructure — including reliable power, internet connectivity, and device availability — remains a critical enabler.

Gender & Equity

- Women and underserved communities often face systemic barriers to accessing digital health tools.
- Digital platforms should be co-designed with women and marginalized groups to ensure inclusivity.
- Investment in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) is essential for achieving equitable outcomes.
- Community engagement programs must address cultural norms that hinder women's participation in healthcare decision-making.

Community Engagement

- Trust and transparency are vital for digital health adoption.
- Grassroots engagement builds local ownership and ensures solutions address real community needs.
- Programs that engage traditional and religious leaders can help overcome resistance to technology adoption.
- Feedback loops between communities and policymakers increase accountability.

Policy & Advocacy

- The Sector-Wide Approach (SWAp) compact provides a model for aligning digital health priorities across federal, state, and local levels.
- Policy frameworks must incentivize private sector participation while ensuring public interest protections.
- Regulatory capacity-building is essential for overseeing digital health tools and protecting patient data.
- National digital health policies should explicitly address sustainability beyond donor funding.

Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

- PPPs can accelerate innovation adoption by pooling resources, expertise, and networks.
- Clear partnership guidelines and accountability mechanisms are necessary to avoid fragmented efforts.
- Engaging local SMEs and startups ensures solutions are context-specific and adaptable.

Data Intelligence for Health

- Health data systems must transition from reporting tools to decision-support systems.
- Integration of data from TB, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and surveillance programs increases efficiency.
- Predictive analytics can help optimize vaccine distribution and other supply chain processes.
- Data quality, completeness, and timeliness are non-negotiable for effective digital health implementation.



Reflections from ILF 2025:

Advancing Partnerships for Equitable Digital Health - ACE Strategy and Consults Limited

In a room filled with policymakers, innovators, funders, and practitioners at eHealth Africa's Insights Learning Forum (ILF) 2025, where a diverse range of conversations explored local digital health solutions to global problems, lessons and opportunities from current initiatives, and the future of digital health in Africa, it was impossible not to feel a heightened sense of optimism and the limitless possibilities for the future of digital health in Nigeria and across the continent.

Guided by the theme “Local Investments for Connected Communities: The Power of Digital Health Networks in Public Health Transformation”, this year’s ILF was a timely call to action. For ACE Strategy and Consults Limited, this was an event that echoed our own convictions that the future of healthcare in Nigeria will be shaped not only by technology, but by the depth of our partnerships, the strength of our local leadership, and the integrity of our engagement to build trust within our communities.

Our Managing Partner, Afeez Olajire, captured that spirit in his goodwill message. He reminded us that digital health has moved beyond pilots and now forms part of complex ecosystems with the power to transform how communities experience care, and Nigeria has to catch up to this. He emphasized that we can only succeed through local ownership,

catalytic investment, and partnerships rooted in shared vision. In his words “Investing locally is not a backup plan; it is the plan... Let us reflect not only on what we are building, but for whom, and not only on scaling solutions, but on sustaining impact.”

Key Reflections from the Sessions

The theme of local ownership and partnership ran through all the sessions. As Dr. Muntaqa Umar Sadiq, National Coordinator of the SWAp Coordination Office, put it: “Digital health innovations are just as essential as clinics and human resources; we must build smart systems that leave no community behind.” His words clearly showed that digital health is no longer an optional add-on to healthcare delivery but must be integrated into the very fabric of Nigeria’s health infrastructure.

From the keynote sessions, one recurring idea was that local investment is not only about funding, it is about local leadership, agency, and action. ACE resonated strongly with Laretta Akin-John’s insight that, “The tools we are developing should imitate what already exists in the local communities.” This principle mirrors our own commitment to human-centered design that builds on local realities, not in spite of them. Another key idea that emerged was the power of communities of practice (CoPs) and public– private partnerships (PPPs) in scaling and sustaining impact. These are not new concepts, but ILF 2025 made clear that they remain underused in Nigeria’s digital health space. Building and sustaining them could close some knowledge gaps, reduce duplication, and create a culture of ongoing collaboration.

From our perspective at ACE, it is critical that as we engage communities and stakeholders, we must intentionally guard against tokenism, i.e., the practice of inviting one or two representatives from target populations into the room, often after decisions have already been made. True participatory design goes further than that. There are established frameworks and guidelines for co-design and human-centered approaches that ensure the voices of end users are embedded in solutions from the conceptualization phase. If we are serious about building connected communities, we cannot and should not exclude the same communities from the design and implementation of these solutions.

Why Partnerships Matter More Than Ever

ILF 2025 was a reminder that transformation does not happen in isolation. It happens when people and platforms come together to share what is working, to interrogate what is not, and to commit to what is possible. We left the session informed, inspired, and determined to continue building partnerships that move Nigeria’s digital health ecosystem from fragmentation to integration.

Beyond the structured sessions, some of the most valuable moments happened in conversations over coffee and in the corridors between panels. We met innovators building tools for last-mile delivery, funders exploring flexible investment models, and practitioners eager to adapt successful approaches from other contexts. Those exchanges gave us fresh ideas, grounded our thinking in real world challenges, and opened the door to partnerships we hope to nurture in the months ahead. In the real sense, innovation happens from taking simple solutions from a different context and applying it successfully to a separate problem and this forum was a nurturing ground for conversations that spark such innovations. The hope we carry from this forum is not just in the ideas shared, but in the relationships being built and nurtured, and that we find a potential pathway toward stronger, more connected digital health systems.

Looking Ahead

Nigeria’s digital health ecosystem may still be fragmented, but it is held together by a shared determination to improve lives. At ACE, we are building on this momentum, analysing gaps, identifying overlaps, and exploring ways to ensure that digital health solutions work seamlessly. Our commitment is to stand with partners — local and global — in shaping a health system where technology is a bridge, and where every innovation is measured by the lives touched.



Recommendations and Follow-Up Actions

The following recommendations represent public-facing commitments and resolutions emerging from ILF 2025, aligned with the conference theme “Local Investments for Connected Communities: The Power of Digital Health Networks in Public Health Transformation.”

They reflect both key learnings and agreed actions by stakeholders, with responsible organizations identified where possible.

Public-Facing Recommendations & Resolutions

Recommendation / Resolution	Responsible Organization(s)	Timeline
Integrate Digital Health into National & State Health Budgets to ensure sustainable funding beyond donor support.	Federal Ministry of Health & Social Welfare, State Ministries of Health, NHSRII/SWAp Secretariat	Within 12 months
Expand Local Investment Frameworks that include financial capital, political will, and infrastructure commitments from both public and private sectors.	Government (Federal & State), Private Sector Alliances, eHA	Ongoing
Scale Proven Digital Health Solutions through coordinated public-private partnerships, prioritizing solutions with measurable community impact.	eHA, CHAI, Development Partners, Private Sector Innovators	6–18 months
Enhance Gender Equity in Digital Health by ensuring tools and services are co-designed with women and underserved communities.	NGOs, Women's Advocacy Groups, Ministry of Women's Affairs	Ongoing
Strengthen Interoperability of Health Systems to unify surveillance, disease control, and primary health care data for better decision-making.	NHSRII/SWAp Secretariat, eHA, GHI, State Ministries of Health	12–24 months
Leverage Digital Tools for PHC Facility Upgrades as part of the BHCPF revitalization plan, enabling better maternal, newborn, and disease surveillance services.	Federal & State Governments, Development Partners	Ongoing
Invest in Youth-Led Innovation in Health Tech to expand the pool of context-specific solutions addressing local health challenges.	ACE Group, EHA, Innovation Hubs, Private Sector, NGOs focused on Youth and Digital solutions	Ongoing
Promote Data-Driven Health Policy by using real-time data dashboards for state performance dialogues and national health strategy reviews.	NHSRII/SWAp Secretariat, eHA, Partners, Min. of Health	Within 12 months
Build Community Trust in Digital Health through local champions, grassroots engagement, and public awareness campaigns.	Community-Based Organizations, Civil Society, eHA	Ongoing



Conclusion

The Insights Learning Forum (ILF) 2025 reaffirmed its place as a leading platform for convening stakeholders committed to transforming public health through innovation, collaboration, and local ownership. Under the theme “Local Investments for Connected Communities: The Power of Digital Health Networks in Public Health Transformation,” the Forum brought together an unprecedented mix of voices from government, private sector, development partners, academia, civil society, and the media—each contributing unique perspectives to a shared vision for Nigeria’s health future.

Across keynote addresses, panel discussions, technical presentations, and informal networking, one message was clear: the sustainability of digital

health in Nigeria rests on the strength of local investment, financial, political, and human capital. The conversations went beyond technology, centering on the need for governance reforms, community trust, gender equity, and inclusive systems that leave no one behind.

The success of ILF 2025 was not only in the ideas exchanged but also in the concrete commitments made. Stakeholders agreed on the urgency of integrating digital health into national and subnational health budgets, harmonizing fragmented systems, scaling proven innovations, and fostering cross-sector partnerships that empower local actors. The Forum also underscored the critical role of data intelligence in shaping

responsive health policies and accelerating progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The energy and consensus built at ILF 2025 must now translate into action. With the follow-up activities and partnerships identified, eHealth Africa (eHA) and its partners are positioned to lead the charge in ensuring that digital health networks are not just technological tools, but powerful, community-rooted systems that transform health outcomes for millions.

As the Forum closes this chapter, it opens the next with a renewed call to invest locally, collaborate boldly, and innovate inclusively, because the future of public health in Nigeria, and across Africa, depends on it.



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Annex – Acronym Key

Acronym	Full Meaning
ACE	ACE Strategy & Consult
AIT	Africa Independent Television
BHCPF	Basic Health Care Provision Fund
BEmONC	Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
CEmONC	Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
CHAI	Clinton Health Access Initiative
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
DGI	Development Governance International
DHIS2	District Health Information System 2
eHA	eHealth Africa
EIV	EHA Impact Ventures
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ILF	Insights Learning Forum
LGAs	Local Government Areas
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NHSRII	National Health Sector Reform Investment Initiative
PHC	Primary Health Care
PPP	Public-Private Partnership
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
SWAp	Sector-Wide Approach
TB	Tuberculosis
TV	Television
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
WAIPH	West African Institute of Public Health
WARIF	Women At Risk International Foundation

Annex – Key Speakers & Roles

Speaker	Role/Designation	Session/Contribution
Dr. Muntaqa Umar-Sadiq	National Coordinator, NHSRII/SWAp	Government perspective on national priorities for digital health investment.
Atef Fawaz	Executive Director, eHealth Africa (eHA)	Delivered Opening Remarks, framing the strategic direction of ILF 2025.
Hon. Dr. Yusuf Ibrahim Kofarmata	Commissioner for Science, Technology & Innovation, Kano State	Goodwill message, insights on state-level digital health strategy.
Ota Akhigbe	Director of Partnerships & Programs, eHealth Africa (eHA)	ILF Theme Review & Keynote on local investment and community ownership.
Dr. Mories Atoki	CEO, African Business Coalition (ABC) Health	Keynote: “From Local Insight to Global Impact” – scaling digital health networks.
Dr. Francis Ohanyido	Founding Director General, WAIPH / President Emeritus, Academy of Public Health	Spotlight Case Study on integrated tech-enabled primary care.
Audrey Odogu	Senior Business Development Manager, eHealth Africa (eHA)	Moderator of Fireside Q&A with keynote speakers.
Dr. David Akpan	Deputy Director, Partnerships & Programs, eHealth Africa (eHA)	Moderator, Panel Discussion 1: Investing in Health, Investing in Communities.
Ms. Lauretta Akin-John	Vaccines Program, CHAI Nigeria	Panelist: Community-appropriate tool development in health innovation.

Speaker	Role/Designation	Session/Contribution
Dr. Amina Mohammed Baloni	Former Commissioner of Health, Kaduna State	Panelist: Public sector insights on sustainable digital health.
Mr. Oluwaleke Jegede	Principal, SCIDaR	Panelist: Strategic partnerships for digital health growth.
Dr. Gafar Alawode	CEO, DGI Consult	Panelist: Multi-sectoral approach and digital optimization for health systems.
Dr. Kunle Kakanfo	CEO, Africa Hub for Innovation and Development	Panelist: Acceptability and community of practice in solution design.
Bondi Bilala	Gender Desk Officer, Financial Inclusion Delivery Unit, CBN	Moderator, Panel Discussion 2: Advancing SRHR for Girls and Women in Nigeria.
Ms. Rhoda Robinson	Executive Director, HACEY	Panelist: Gender-responsive digital health solutions.
Dr. Jonathan Dangana	Public Health Lecturer, Babcock University	Panelist: Youth engagement in SRHR discourse.
Mr. Charles Usie	CEO, Plan International Nigeria	Panelist: Navigating cultural and religious sensitivities in SRHR.
Dr. Kemi DaSilva-Ibru	Founder, WARIF	Panelist: Digital strategies to combat gender-based violence.
Dr. Ifunanya Ilodibe	CEO, EHA Clinics	Presentation: “Bridging the Gap” – integrated primary care and tech.
Mr. Abdulhamid Yahaya	Deputy Director, Global Health Informatics, eHealth Africa (eHA)	Presentation: “Data That Delivers I” – data-driven decision-making for health security.
Mr. Opeoluwa Olajuwon	Vaccines Program, CHAI Nigeria	Presentation: “Data That Delivers II” – leveraging OpenLMIS and DHIS2 for supply chain management.
Mr. Kazeem Balogun	Deputy Director, Supply Chain Management, eHealth Africa (eHA)	Presentation: “Scaling What Works” – lessons from scaling health innovations.



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eHealth Africa (eHA) empowers vulnerable and underserved communities to achieve healthier, more prosperous lives by strengthening health systems through innovative, data-driven digital solutions and person-centered care.



Our Vision

A world where everyone lives healthy and more prosperous lives.



Our Core Values

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