



## Malawi



**Describe a successful or challenging e-health initiative your country has taken.**

*The ministry embarked on the installation of a broadband wireless network connection to link its satellite offices, which are located at a furthest distance of six kilometres from the headquarters. In total there were four sites that had Local Area Networks (LANs) installed eventually connecting to the broadband wireless network. This project was undertaken to improve communication via email and internet for quick management decision-making.*

**What were the financial challenges and costs associated with the implementation of this programme?**

*The installation and commissioning financial cost was approximately US\$55,700.*

**What have been the technological challenges to implementing e-health in your country?**

*The main technological challenges have been lack of adequate skills to sustain the infrastructure and telecommunication infrastructure, which is prone to frequent breakdowns.*

**Have any ethical issues been raised during the design and implementation of e-health programmes?**

*No ethical issues were raised.*

**Has the implementation of e-health programmes required and legal or regulatory changes?**

*No legal or regulatory issues were required to implement.*

**What have been the outcomes of your e-health initiatives?**

*As a newly launched initiative, it is anticipated that there will be remarkable improvement in the exchange of information between the various offices, which will in turn speed up decision making by management.*