



Sri Lanka



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

- ✦ *The Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition has its own Website. This website is updated daily by assigned permanent trained staff (www.health.gov.lk)*
- ✦ *The Web Based Human Resource Management System monitors HR placements and is used to correct distribution*
- ✦ *The database on health infrastructure is used to monitor bed occupancy and utilisation of institutions*
- ✦ *Training calendar*
- ✦ *Management of financial systems (payment of salaries and internal auditing)*
- ✦ *MCH information system*
- ✦ *Epidemiologically information system*
- ✦ *E-recruitment*
- ✦ *E-transfers: This web is used to advertise the vacant positions and to implement transfers*
- ✦ *Internal examinations and results are published on this websites*
- ✦ *Information discrimination of special activities*
- ✦ *Information discrimination of key programmes. e.g: HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria MCH etc*
- ✦ *Internal e-communication*
- ✦ *E-filing system in two project areas sponsored by JAICA.*

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

- ✦ *Difficult to get adequate funds to improve the systems*
- ✦ *No funds to train to health staff.*

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

- ✦ *E-literacy of the staff*
- ✦ *Non-availability of computers in the peripheral institution*
- ✦ *Peripheral not linked with as.*

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

- ✦ *Confidentially of information.*

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

- ✦ *No policy*
- ✦ *ICTA is in the process of drafting an e-communication policy for the government of Sri Lanka.*

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

- ✦ *Now the Ministry has improved its communication internally as well as with donor communities*
- ✦ *Rapid access to Health information*
- ✦ *The system is more transferable*
- ✦ *It has reduced clerical worked.*