



GNU Health Implementation in Africa - Reviving the Dream

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GNU HEALTH VISION

- GNU Health as a social movement: GNU Health is a social project with technology behind. It's about Social Medicine and delivering universal healthcare. It's about social activism. One of the main reasons that led me to create GNU Health were the tremendous inequalities in access to healthcare...

WHO VISION

- Our goal is to ensure that a billion more people have universal health coverage, to protect a billion more people from health emergencies, and provide a further billion people with better health and well-being.

WHO VISION

- For universal health coverage, we focus:
- **on primary health care to improve access to quality essential services work towards sustainable financing and financial protection**
- improve access to essential medicines and health products
- **train the health workforce and advise on labour policies**
- support people's participation in national health policies
- **improve monitoring, data and information.**

**What is Common to both WHO and
GNU SOLIDARIO?**

What is Different?

What is Common to both?

- Same Vision for Universal Health Coverage



What is different

- **WHO – a UN organization**
- 10 000 staff
- a budget above 6 billions USD

- **GNU Solidario**
- An NGO, created by a single visionary man and supported by just a few dedicated volunteers
- I left the first one to join the second one

GNU Solidario Vision for Africa

- To contribute achieving universal health coverage in Africa by promoting the implementation of a country wide unique Person Universal ID and shared person's and patient record



A few Achievements

- Cameroon
 - Bikop – Bafia
 - Nkometou
- Gabon
 - Franceville
- Congo
 - Makelekele
 - Talangai



Challenges

- Funding: Securing sustainable funding for the implementation, training, and maintenance of the system
- Infrastructure: Limited access to reliable internet connectivity, electricity, and hardware
- Resistance to Change: Healthcare professionals resist moving from traditional paper-based systems to digital solutions due to familiarity and trust issue
- Community Engagement: active participation and collaboration among local communities, healthcare workers, and developers.

Strategy for Africa

Transforming GNU Health in an education platform



Strategy for Africa

- **Transforming GNU Health in an education platform** and targeting health professionals and hospital staff worldwide
- **Advocate for Policy Changes:** Engage with stakeholders to advocate for policy changes that support the adoption of open-source healthcare solutions
- **Community Engagement:** active participation and collaboration among local communities, healthcare workers, and developers
- **Open Source Community Collaboration:** Leverage the global GNU Health community for technical support, guidance, and resources.



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