

PHARMACCESSGROUP

PharmAccess Overview

Who we are

PharmAccess is an international non-profit organization dedicated to improving access to affordable and quality healthcare in Africa.

What we do

By leveraging public-private partnerships and capitalizing on mobile technology, we support the development of inclusive healthcare markets to provide access to affordable and quality health care for millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa. In doing so, we help build trust and transparency in the entire health system for patients, healthcare providers and payers. Key areas of our work include:

- *Supporting efforts towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC):* We help develop pre-payment structures and mobilize public and private resources to set up risk pools and provide health insurance coverage for vulnerable groups at a community, county, state and national level.
- *Driving improvements in quality of care:* Through our internationally accredited SafeCare program (safe-care.org), we support thousands of primary healthcare facilities to improve their medical and business quality using a stepwise approach, specifically tailored for low-resource settings.
- *Stimulating health sector investments:* Our Medical Credit Fund (MCF) provides loans and technical assistance to healthcare facilities so that they can invest in quality and grow their business while helping to lower investment risks (medicalcreditfund.org). MCF is the only debt fund dedicated to financing health SMEs in Africa, so far dispersing over 82 million US dollars, with a loan repayment rate of 96%.
- *Leveraging mobile and digital technologies:* We have developed a range of digital innovations which allow for more equitable redistribution of services and funds, reduce costs and help end inefficiencies. These technologies also contribute to real-time data sharing, increasing transparency and improving quality of care. One example is our inclusive digital health platform that connects patients, healthcare providers and payers (e.g. health insurers, government, donors), allowing them to easily exchange money and data. Known as 'M-TIBA' in Kenya, the platform empowers over 4 million Kenyan's to save money, access entitlements and pay for health services using their mobile phone. The digital platform is also being rolled out in Nigeria, with potential to scale to other countries.

Where we are

PharmAccess is headquartered Amsterdam, The Netherlands, while our initiatives are implemented through our country offices in Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana and Tanzania.

Expectations from the workshop

"We look forward to an engaging workshop in which diverse and like-minded organizations share experiences, exchange ideas and foster strategic partnerships. COVID-19 has reminded us that no organization, sector or even country can solve complex global health issues alone. Such workshops are essential for breaking down inter and intra-sectorial barriers and reminding us that only by working together can we scale innovations and build resilient health systems that deliver for everyone, including the poorest and most vulnerable individuals."

Website: <https://www.pharmaccess.org/>

Contact: Liam Philipp, Advocacy Officer, l.philipp@pharmaccess.org

Additional Resources

A short overview of what PharmAccess does:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZfK2U76Dv8>

2019 Video about our **Medical Credit Fund** Program (example from Nigeria): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPEagyUNKeY>

2016 Video about our **SafeCare** Program (example from Tanzania): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JZZfFS53Jw&t=20s>

2016 video about **M-TIBA** (mobile health wallet, Kenya): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8LhZnXZJul&t=2s>

2019 video of our **MomCare** program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsCm3t-CdP4>

PharmAccess YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/PharmaccessgroupOrg/videos>