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## Digital transformation in practice: Challenges and opportunities in Latin America & the Caribbean

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# Digital transformation in practice: Challenges and opportunities in LAC

- Background & Context: IDB and our work in digital health
- Examples of IDB's work related to AI and digital transformation in health and social protection
- Opportunities & Challenges
- Upcoming work & learning agenda

## The Interamerican Development Bank

The IDB is the main source of multilateral financing and expertise for sustainable economic, social and institutional development in Latin America and the Caribbean

The IDB is owned by 48 member states, of which 26 are borrowing members

### Social Protection and Health (SPH) Division: Our Digital Health Projects



[Source: IDB](#)

## Challenge





Describe the future state we want to build



Identify the technologies that help us to build that future



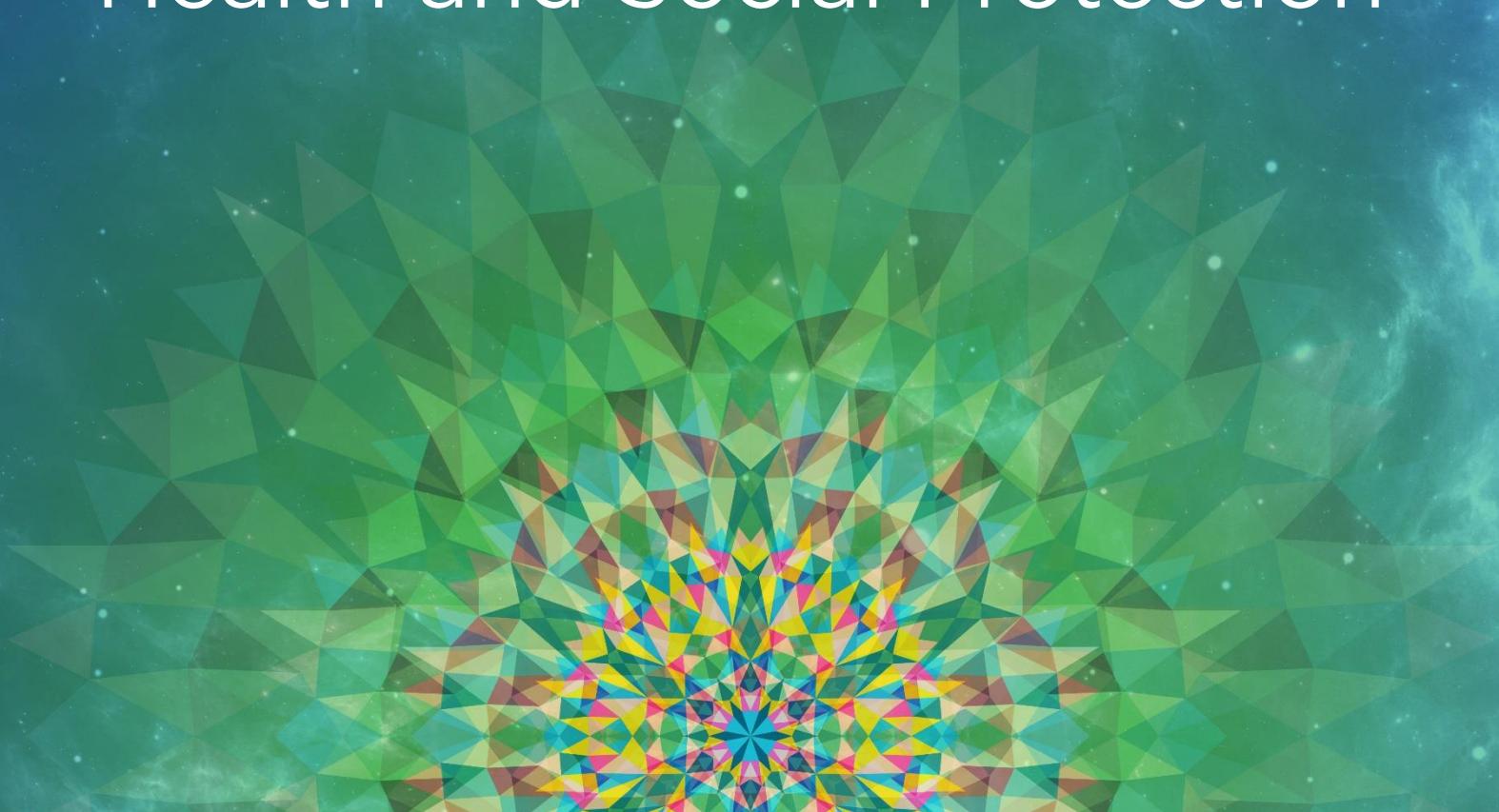
Define and build the digital ecosystem we need to support those technologies



Success requires the mission to be supported with *continuously improving processes, motivated staff who support change and the useful and usable technologies that they would use.*

[Nelson, J., L. Tejerina, G. Cafagna et al. 2019. "Social Protection and Health Division's Approach to Digital Transformation: Guidelines and Recommendations." Washington, DC, United States](#)

# Examples of IDB's work related to AI and digital transformation in Health and Social Protection



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### Tras Sisbén 4 arranca era del registro social: director del DNP

Se trata de la más poderosa base de datos que haya tenido el país para reducir el uso de los recursos de subsidios, focalizándolos a partir de información cruzada.

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Luis Alberto Rodríguez, nuevo director de Planeación Nacional. FOTO: CORTESÍA DNP



C+S+A+SocioDem. [Clear All Filters](#)

[Algorithmic Fairness and Efficiency in Targeting Social Programs at Scale, 2018](#)

**Colombia:** Reduction of 17% in inclusion errors

**Costa Rica:** Reduction of 30% in inclusion errors

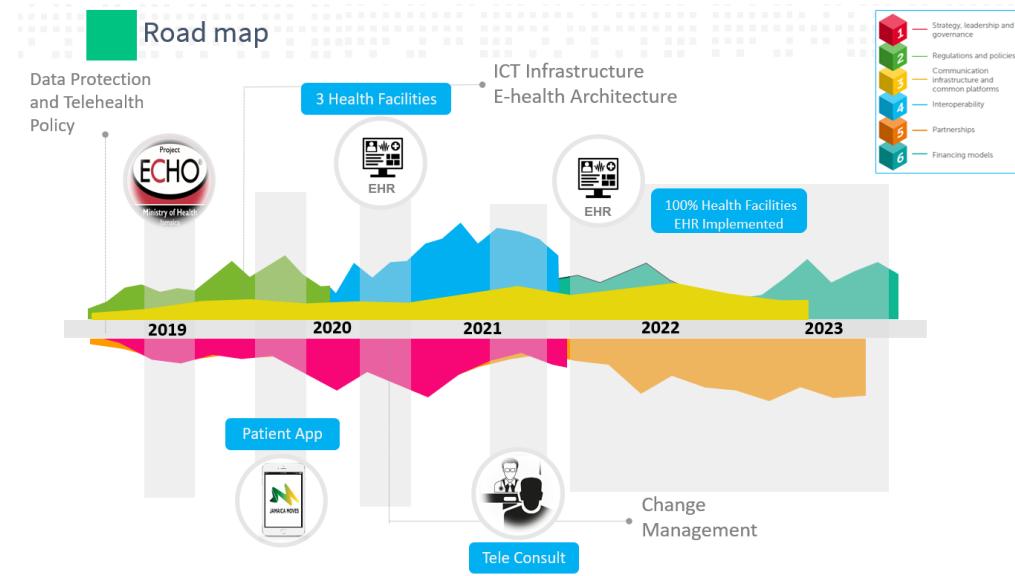
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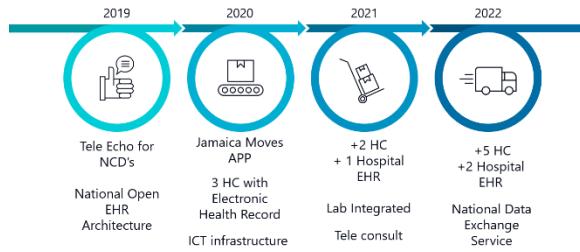


### Governance Outcomes

Data Protection	Interoperability	Digital Health
-Personal Health Information Protection Regulatory Framework	-Interoperability and Standards Policy	-National Digital Health Blueprint
-Secondary Use of Data Policy	-E-prescription Policy	-National IS4H Committee
-Personal Health Information Code of Practice	-Regulation for Health Information Exchange	-Sustainability Model
-Information Security Strategy	-National Health Catalogs	-EHR and Tele-Health Policy



### Digital Health Outcomes



**IS4H Jamaica: One Joint National Plan  
Collaboration between PAHO, IDB, GF, MOH and eGOV**

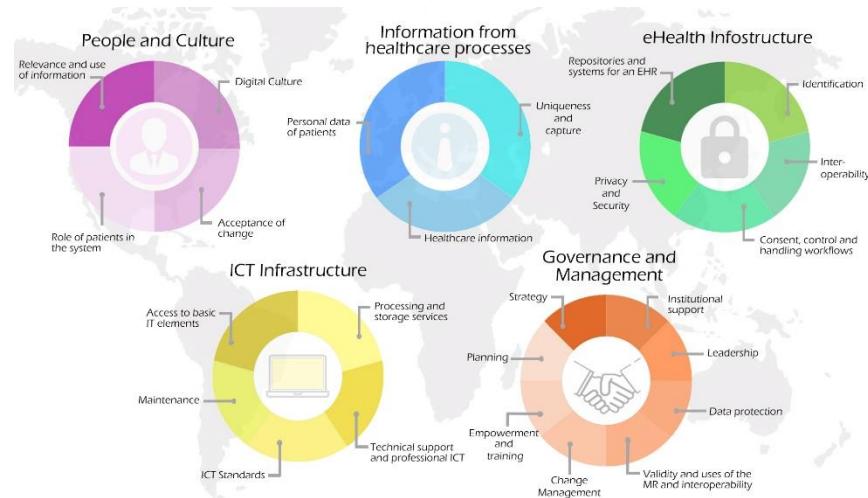
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IDB. (2019) IDB National EHR  
System Maturity Model.  
Forthcoming



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## WHAT IS fAlr LAC?



Led by the IDB, fAlr LAC is **an alliance** between the public sector, the private sector and the civil society working together to ensure a responsible application of AI in LAC.

A platform working to:



Develop guiding standards and tools to put into practice a responsible and reliable use of AI.



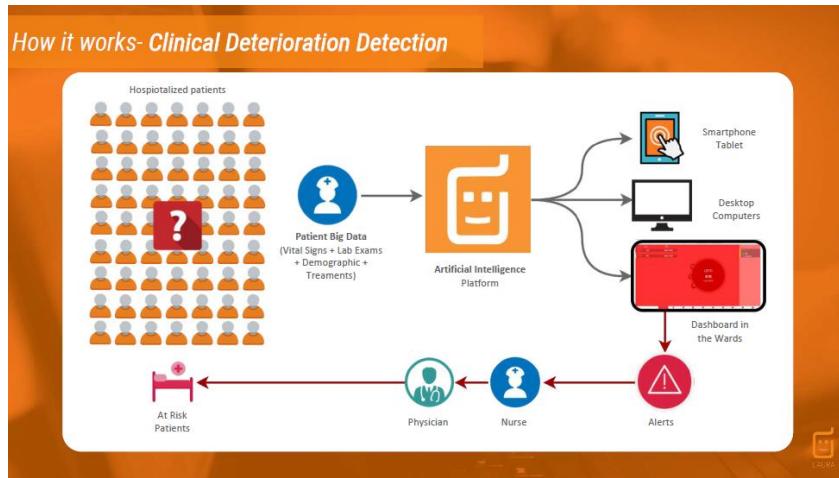
Experiment use cases that will build knowledge on the ethical risks around the use of AI in social services, and how to address them.



Lead the discussion about the responsible use of AI based on diversity, inclusion, and centered around citizens.

[Source: fAlr LAC](#)

## AI Applications in Brazil



[Laura](#)

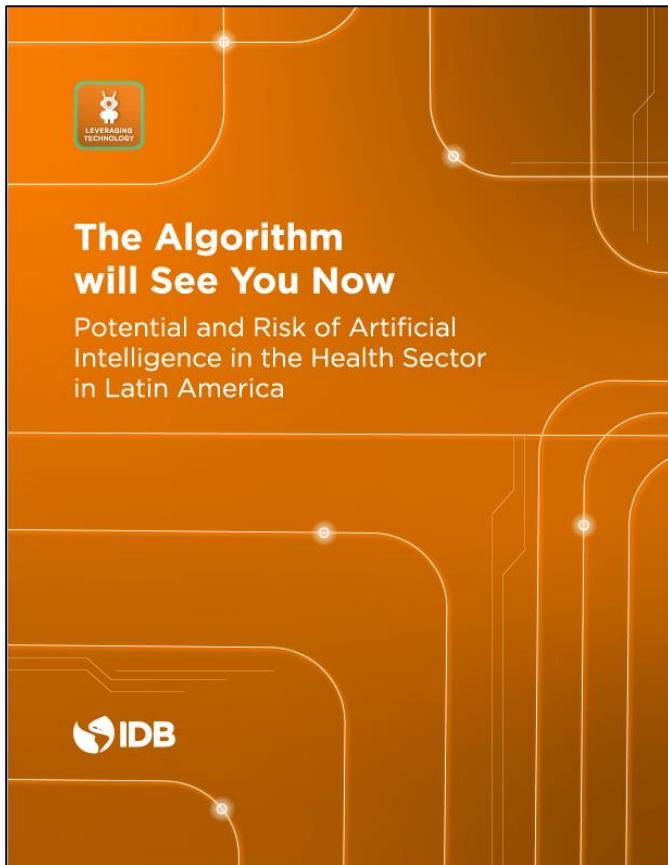
[Portal Telemedicina](#)

## South-to-South Learning: AI to detect Diabetic Retinopathy in Chile and Jalisco, Mexico



TeleDX - Dart

## Coming Soon!



## Framework of all AI Use Cases in Healthcare



*Source: AI in Global Health: Defining a Collective Path Forward, USAID, 2019*

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Data

Partnership.org

## International Consortium for Data Collaboratives

Public-Private Data Partnerships for  
International Development

The International Monetary Fund, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the World Bank are forming an International Consortium for Data Collaboratives. The Consortium fosters efficient and responsible data partnerships for public good.

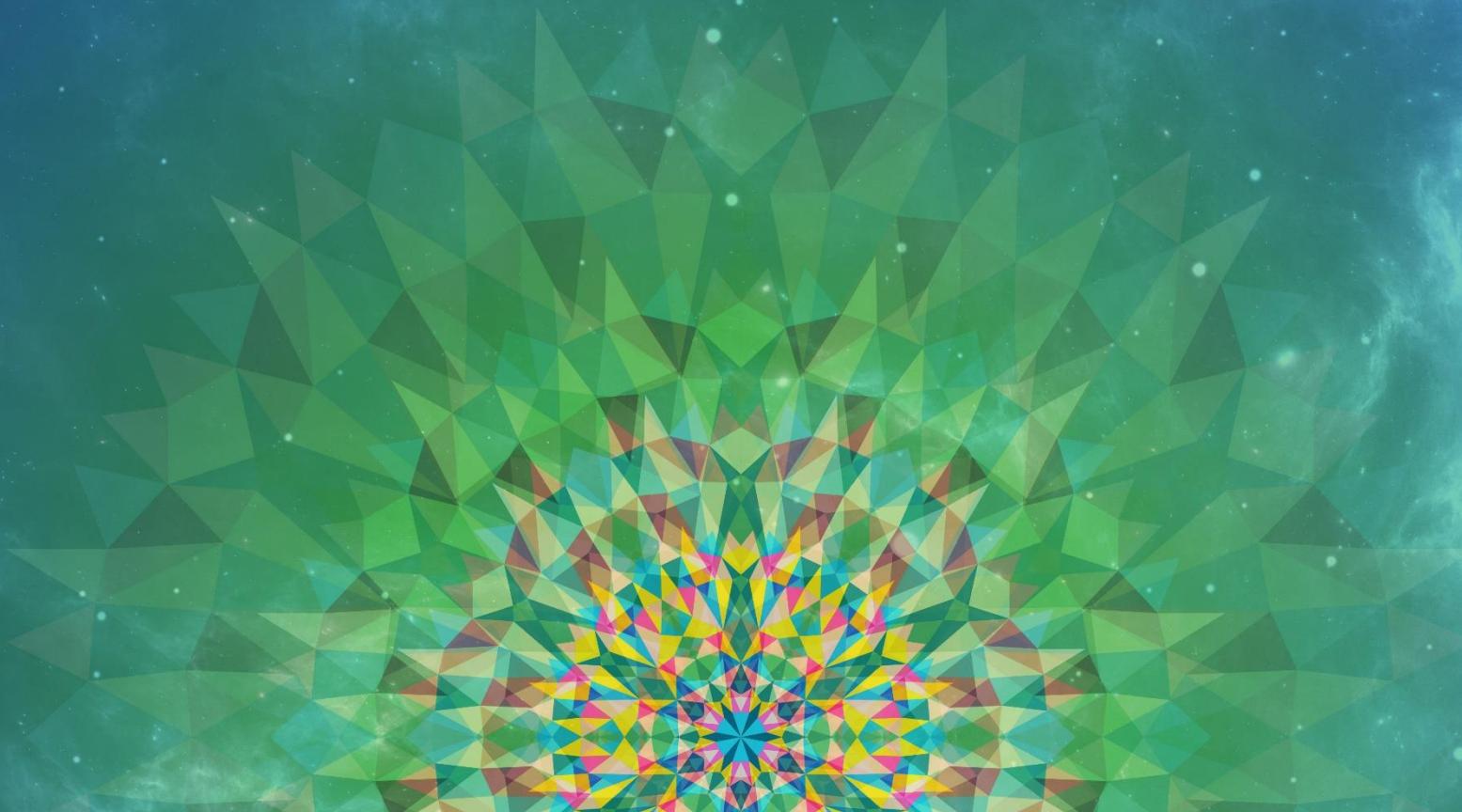
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# Opportunities & Challenges

## Upcoming work & learning agenda



# Opportunities

- Regional Economies of Scale
- Task shifting
- Improved quality and access
- Lack of legacy systems
- Talent
- Regional Priority

## Challenges

- Acquiring timely, quality, standardized data & knowing what to do with the data once we have it
- Governance and regulation in LAC related to AI
- Lack of common understanding among stakeholders of risks and opportunities related to AI
- Training opportunities in Spanish in Biomedical Informatics
- Procurement
- Language barrier to existing resources & standards
- Trust and data ownership
- Culture change & Peopleware

# Related upcoming work and learning agenda

- AI in the Social Sector in LAC: Application, potential and risk
- Results of application of the IDB EHR MM in 7 countries
- Identify non-traditional data sources for public health available in Latin America
- Interoperability of social sector data & standards: health, education, poverty, social protection
- Regional data exchange & telehealth
- Operational Research
  - Costs
  - Implementation
  - Inequality

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