# What is I-LEAD?

# Intergovernmental Learning Exchange to Advance Data-Driven Decision-Making (I-LEAD) is an immersive, problem-solving set of interactive activities that engages participants in generating and sharing knowledge and developing skills needed to facilitate the successful implementation of an effective and sustainable national digital health ecosystem. The I-LEAD workshop facilitates the initial phases of a multistakeholder, multisectoral, and enterprise approach to the ongoing operationalization of effective and sustainable national digital health systems. I-LEAD enhances participants’ capacity to develop strategies and approaches to address essential informatics problems their countries face, related to the following: 1) effective digital health governance and leadership; 2) development of a skilled informatics workforce; and 3) the meaningful design, development, implementation, and evaluation of health information systems. As PEPFAR transitions its programs to host governments, the I-LEAD program provides a template for countries to systematically and collaboratively address complex program ownership and sustainability challenges.

**Goal of I-LEAD: Champion the advancement of digital health capacity and drive digital transformation across the health sector.**

# Why should we do I-LEAD?

# Improving capacity to manage health information systems and the data they produce is critical to sustaining these systems and to supporting effective and timely health system decision making.

# I-LEAD fosters a collaborative and experiential learning environment that focuses on getting diverse stakeholders to work together to:

* Advance the capacity of senior and mid-level managers to design, champion, and lead digital health initiatives,
* Encourage discussion of challenging issues, difficult decisions, and national priorities,
* Stimulate innovative and cross-cutting technical collaborations that enable the modernization of data systems, and
* Focus on developing a shared vision and strategies that can be translated into implementable projects.

# What is in the Adaptable I-LEAD curriculum?

The Adaptable I-LEAD curriculum provides a comprehensive, customizable capacity strengthening package designed to support governments and implementing partners, including national and regional health informatics associations, in adopting and implementing the I-LEAD program independently. This curriculum is designed to support individual countries in convening the right stakeholders and conducting all necessary preparations for a successful and productive workshop. The curriculum empathizes not just the activities that happen during the in-person workshop but also the necessary pre-work for all participants to come prepared to collaborate meaningfully and make key decisions.

Specifically, the curriculum includes the I-LEAD **technical course content**, an **implementation guide** to support the entire process, from initial engagement and **workshop logistics** to **post-course evaluation**, as well as **facilitation guides** aimed at strengthening the capacity of course facilitators. It also includes a **localization toolkit** to guide national adaptation.

**Learn more and access the I-LEAD curriculum: path.org/ilead**