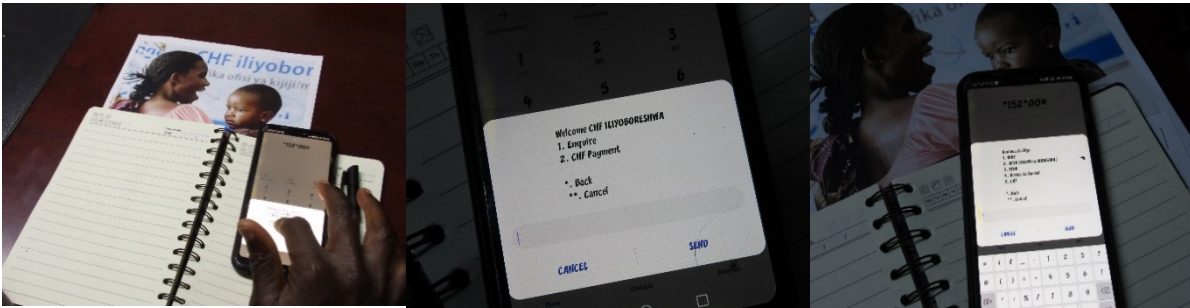


CHF Iliyoboreshwa (improved Community Health Funds) Go Cashless Through Mobile Phones



Payments to CHF Iliyoboreshwa made possible through mobile money

In the pursuit of transparent and efficient management of Community Health Funds (iCHF), the Government of Tanzania in collaboration with Health Promotion and System Strengthening project (HPSS) has introduced an electronic payment solution for collection of members' contributions/premiums. The system allows clients to pay their contributions directly through mobile money transfer. In a unique approach, the CHF-IMIS (Insurance Management Information System) has been integrated with the Governments e-Payment Gateway (GePG), which connects to all telecom providers offering mobile money services in Tanzania, in turn allowing clients to pay their contributions using any mobile service provider of their choice dialling a simple USSD code. Lydia Kwsigabo, CHF Coordinator for Shinyanga region expressed, *"This process has made it much easier for people to join because it has been so transparent for members to request control numbers and directly pay their premium through banking or mobile money transfer. It has made it easier for the public to see that they are not being robbed of their money"*. The solution is now piloted in Shinyanga region whereby all villages in the region have access to this solution. *"In the first 10-days since commencement 250 households already paid their enrolment and renewal contributions through mobile payment. So the solution seems to have good uptake."* said Elizeus Rwezaura, HPSS Project Advisor on Health Financing. After pilot exercise, the solution is expected to be rolled out in all 26 regions of Tanzania Mainland where the implementation of CHF Iliyoboreshwa is ongoing. HPSS is a project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) since 2011 and as part of the health-financing component supports the Government of Tanzania in reform of the Community Health Funds in the country. The project in the final phase (Phase III) is supporting the national roll out of the CHF-IMIS as the IT backbone for schemes across the country.

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Further information:

- [Designing and implementing insurance management information systems](#)
- [openIMIS website](#)
- [Health Promotion and Systems Strengthening project](#)