Governance
- 34 Members recruited from Webinar and our Mailing List

Leadership
- 2 Co-Chairs
  - Vina HuLamm(USA)
  - Stefan Buttigieg(Malta)
Global Health Equity and Digital Technologies Working Group

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Objectives:
- Develop evidence-based policy statements
- Advocate for WFPHA policies to create political will for change and adoption
- Provide a global forum for members and partners interested in health equity and digital tech
- Advance knowledge and research

2018 – Past Activities
- Submitted a WFPHA position statement at the 71st World Health Assembly addressing digital health
- Strengthened communications – email, website, social media
- Participation in several events around the world
  - 71st World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland
  - American Public Health Association’s 2018 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA
  - European Public Health Association’s Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Convened a conference call with participants
- Outreach to members and partners to join the working group (34 have signed up - diverse representation)
Recommendations from WFPHA paper, “Harnessing the Power of DTs”

- Recognize the wide range of experience levels with DT use by PHAs
  - Examining the impact – Effectiveness? Areas for improvement?
  - Ways to use tools to better serve the needs of organizations, members and the public
- Incorporate DTs into strategic and business plans
  - (Re)allocation of resources
  - Assess the impact on PHAs’ mandate and health equity
- Mentorship/Twinning program to strengthen DT capacity
- Development of a DT evaluation framework based on inputs from WFPHA members

2019 – Current/Future Plans

- Submitted feedback during the WHO’s public consultation on the draft Global Digital Health Strategy
- Attendance
  - WHO Europe - Future of Digital Health Systems Conference – Copenhagen, Denmark
- Continue to strengthen –
  - Communications strategy and engagement (i.e. webinar, social media, publications, skill building workshops, conferences)
  - Outreach to member associations, regional networks, other WFPHA working groups & external partners
  - Structure and develop terms of reference for working group members.
- Encourage and support PHA members to host meetings and/or events around digital technology
- Organize a series of webinars addressing technical and skill-building topics for WFPHA members.
- Plans to submit a proposal for the World Leadership Dialogues at the upcoming 2020 World Congress on Public Health in Rome
- Seek funding opportunities to support activities.