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### Some key questions and conversation

**Question 1:** *I'm keen to learn more about how the Hub will support on the policy and governance side, given that this is deeply technical and requires working beyond MoHs to include other departments but also legislators. What support will the Hub provide for this specific aspect, in order to help close gaps at the national level on the governance of data and digital technologies? Thanks, **Tabitha Ha from STOPAIDS (UK)***

**Answer 1:** Thanks Tabitha, you raise a very pertinent issue on policy and governance. Perhaps we can have a more detailed conversation on this in the coming weeks. We look at approaching this from different perspectives including landscape analysis to understand the gaps (this also includes digital readiness assessments that we can potentially support). Leveraging our role as convener of DPG Alliance we look to advocate with governments on promoting open-technologies, where we can also seek relevant technical experts to join our roster and be deployed accordingly - the work is of course, led by our country offices. We can also convene partners and governments for discussions and advocacy in this area – **Manish Pant (Policy Specialist Digital Health, HIV and Health Group, UNDP)**

**Question 2 (originally in Spanish):** *How to make effective governance in digitization so as not to enter into an explosion of initiatives from NGOs, initiatives from cooperators and from the state... among others? **Liliana Castillo***

**Answer 2 (originally in Spanish):** I think it's important to start by acknowledging the challenges and risks that exist in digitization. As Meg [**Sara (Meg) Davis, Professor, Digital Health and Rights, University of Warwick**] said, we must have conversations about these issues and move forward in proposing a governance that makes it possible to ensure that these spaces are kept safe, but that there is also an order or structure that allows ensuring better access to information for everyone, and it is important that governments have policies that contribute to this - **Veronica Siman (Deputy Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNFPA)**