# **Special Issue**

# The Health, Social and Economic Impact of mHealth in Low- and Middle-income Countries

# Message from the Guest Editors

mHealth has been receiving increasing attention in lowand middle-income countries as well as in high-income countries, due to the opportunities for improved access to care and other potential benefits in resource-poor settings. While there has recently been an increasing number of studies on evaluating the impact of mHealth in this setting, a majority have focused on health impact, with a relatively small portion on social issues such as equity, gender, and environment, and few on economic impact. In this light, this Special Issue invites a broad range of contributions that address the abovementioned issues—we especially welcome papers that assess the extended impact of mHealth on diverse areas from different perspectives and that propose methodologies for the more rigorous generation and synthesis of evidence in assessing the impact of mHealth. In addition, we also welcome papers that investigate the challenges in implementing mHealth interventions in low- and middle-income countries or that propose novel types of applications/interventions for vulnerable populations, bridging the digital divide in resource-poor settings.

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