

Community Report to OpenMRS Inc.

Second Quarter 2017

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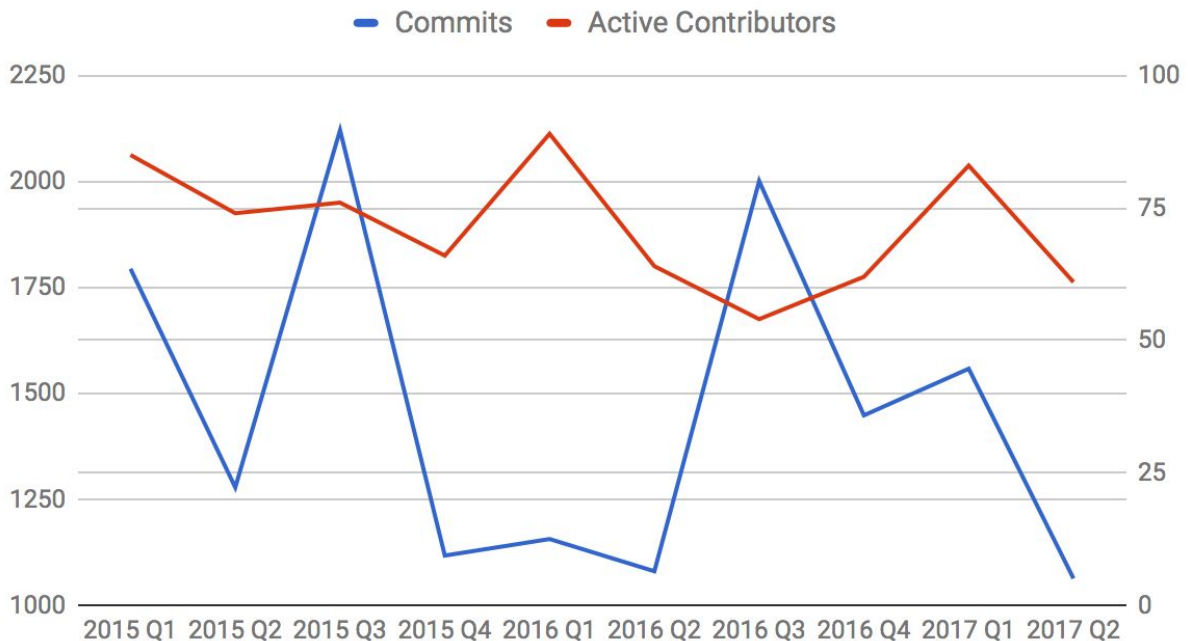
As part of our operational plan objectives, the OpenMRS Community committed to developing and providing a community report to the OpenMRS Inc. Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. These communications are designed to improve knowledge and information about the OpenMRS community status and concerns.

This is our CY 2017 second quarter submission to the OpenMRS Inc. Board of Directors.

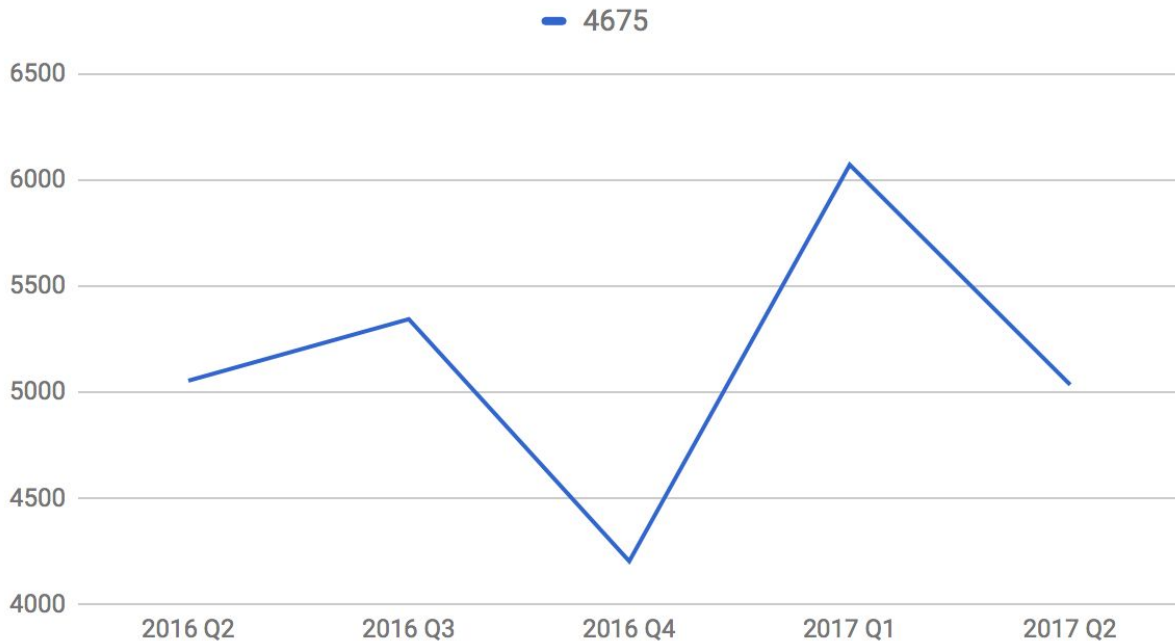
Community Status

The OpenMRS Community has continued to have active participation and forward movement. Our community continues to engage with our work and mission through OpenMRS Talk, our communication hub, as well as ongoing technical volunteer contributions. OpenMRS has been downloaded by over [11,719 users](#), [11% being from the U.S.](#), [and we've had 1,063 commits by 61 committers, as well as 689 Talk posts](#) this quarter. We will be doing some additional evaluation of this data to see if there is a reason for the seemingly periodic changes in the graph.

Commits and Active Contributors



Talk Posts



The external OpenMRS Advisory Team, established in the new governance model, was established in May 2016 and has been continuing to meet, helping guide us on internal concerns. More information is available here: <https://wiki.openmrs.org/display/RES/OpenMRS+Advisory+Council>
Notes are here <https://talk.openmrs.org/c/community/adco>

Bahmni

A Bahmni Coalition is being formed to steward the Bahmni distribution going forward. As part of that, OpenMRS has been asked to participate in the coalition as the fiscal sponsor of any legal and financial agreements, and as the holding entity of the Bahmni IP and assets. This level of agreement requires the Inc and BoD participation. As we continue our discussion and strategy moving forward, the community has been asked to weigh-in and express their concerns. The outcome of the discussion was that all members agreed that the direction was beneficial to the OpenMRS mission and we would continue to pursue this role. The BoD's responsibility is to review and decide upon that formal agreement between OpenMRS and the new Bahmni Coalition.

Fiscal Status

We have finished our 5 year grant from the Rockefeller Foundation and are in the process of working on identifying additional sources of funding. Our annual profit/loss statement (from 7/1/15 - 6/30/16) has been submitted to the IRS to meet our reporting requirements. Our 2017 profit/loss will be shared as soon as that is available.

[Our most recent profit/loss statement is available here.](#)

The OpenMRS [operational plan](#) is predicated upon our ability to raise fiscal resources to do essential platform work, as well as build implementer support and improve operational efficiencies. This continued lack of core funding continues to put the OpenMRS community and its products at risk.

The Leadership Team has been working to develop fundraising models as well as partnership models. We have begun addressing what is needed to ensure that we have a comprehensive fundraising plan. The SOP, included [here](#) and the Email Fundraising Campaign Strategy, included [here](#), are two ways that we are addressing our need for fiscal solvency.

Annual Report

Our 2016 [annual report](#), published in March 2017, helped us share our achievements with a much larger community, and endured that we met one of our operational plan goals. We have not done interim reports other than our operational plan updates (included below)

Operational Plan

The second quarter report of our 2017 [operational plan](#) addresses some significant challenges within the community. Our current [project plan](#) includes an update from the second quarter. Our evaluation of our 2016 annual operational plan accompanied the publication of our CY 2017 operational plan. We routinely update our operational plan and review the status on a regular basis during our Leadership Team meetings.

Publications & Press

We have developed a [communication plan](#) that outlines goals as well as details standard operating procedures to follow. To facilitate the awareness of OpenMRS, we have fostered valuable relationships with online news publications that regularly feature our [major updates](#) as well as [events](#). We have developed [additional case studies](#) that have been published and are available for community use as well as for fundraising (these cases focus on [eSaúde](#), the [ebola](#) tablet development and [Partners In Health work in Haiti](#)).

Our social media presence and activity has been steadily increasing, with our Facebook page achieving 12,149 organic post impressions engaging 702 people, and averaging 6,630 page 'likes.'

External Contacts into the Community

As mentioned in our previous updates during 2016, organizations continue to reach out to the OpenMRS community. Ongoing Leadership Team contacts include hospitals in LMIC as well as organizations interested in global clinical informatics training. SolDevelo, ThoughtWorks and other partners continue to play a large role in software development as well as other work including support for our website needs.

Board of Directors Membership:

As you know, the term of the OpenMRS Community Member at Large seat ended 12/16. Jan Flowers was elected to be the community member and she started her term on the BoD in January 2017. for this member seat. She was introduced to the BoD at the February meeting. Nominations for other BoD members are pending at this time. Jan recently posted her report of the recent BoD call to OpenMRS Talk. <https://talk.openmrs.org/t/board-of-directors-meeting-summary-july-2017/12470>. There is still one open BoD seat. The current members of the BoD are reviewing potential BoD members to fill this one seat in the near future.

Conclusion

There continue to be many outstanding important issues that need to be resolved for OpenMRS Inc including funding and operational support concerns. Our inability to secure base operational funding is of ongoing and increasing concern.

The Leadership Team encourages increased interaction of the OpenMRS Inc. Board with the OpenMRS Community. The current communication between the OpenMRS BoD and the Leadership Team includes:

- Participation at one of our upcoming Town Halls by a BoD member- tentatively scheduled for July
- Have the BoD community member write up and publish to Talk their comments about the BoD meeting
- Consider developing a semi-annual Board report to the community

We wish to thank the BoD for their service and their consideration of our request. We are hopeful that both our regular reports, as well as regular reports from the Board, will continue to improve the communication and provide the transparency needed to support our growth and future.