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Significant part of ITU is not in direct system's operation, but rather foundational – such as development of international standards, frequency allocations, satellite orbit coordination, etc. Hence, several of the questions of operational nature cannot be addressed.

The use of geotagged information is particularly relevant for applications involved with outbreak detections. This is also applicable to other applications, such as contact tracing.

ITU has established a Focus Group jointly with WHO on Artificial Intelligence for Health (FG-AI4H, <https://www.itu.int/go/fgai4h>). It is worth noting that participation in this group is open to all interested experts. This group is developing a framework for benchmarking AI-based health solutions for assessing quality and clinical relevance of solutions. As part of this initiative, currently 21 health areas are being explored (listed on our website), one of which being outbreak detections. Another activity this group has put into place in response to the COVID-19 emergency, is an [ad hoc group on digital health for the COVID-19 health emergency](#) that is in the process of collecting best practices covering the use of AI and other digital technologies for the entire epidemic emergency cycle. This AHG has a view to build up[on the experiences gained for preparedness towards future emergencies. In the context of infectious diseases, the use of digital technologies for contact tracing is one of the areas of key interest.