Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief. This week, we provide project highlights from our partners, and share exciting opportunities for our teams.

In a recent AI4PEP meeting, Dr. Katharina Lauer from Arfinity was introduced by Prof Kong. Arfinity specializes in analyzing data to forecast infectious diseases globally, utilizing various sources such as wastewater, social media, and hospitalization patterns. Currently, they monitor 160 diseases, aiding pandemic preparedness and vaccine decisions.

During the meeting, Team India reported progress in creating a data sharing agreement with IDRC. Team Indonesia focused on preparations for their launch and submitted an ethical clearance application. Team Malaysia partners awaited a clearance letter and planned their website. Team Philippines reported that they received the Philippine government's endorsement which positioned the project as a potential model for telehealth in the region, and at national level. They also declared that Prof. Riveria (Team Philippines), Gender Expert, was available to be featured in the AI, Gender, and Health Speaker series.

Prof. Kong shared UN opportunities: a call for a long-term consultancy and a Call for papers on Data Governance. He encouraged participation in the proposed colloquium series, emphasizing the importance of communication and documentation for project success. Partners were urged to consider collaborations aligning with their goals and public policy initiatives.