

DoctorSV — El Salvador's National AI Telemedicine Rollout, Launched Amid Opacity and Untested Claims

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · El Salvador

Quality score: 7/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

El Salvador launched DoctorSV nationwide in April 2026, an AI telemedicine app flagging chronic-disease risk and drafting lab orders. Independent reporting found no published results, undisclosed private contracts, and a rollout amid 7,700+ health-worker layoffs.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Ministerio de Salud de El Salvador \(MINSAL\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Global Voices](#) — AI hype narrative reaches the public healthcare system in El Salvador — accessed 2026-08-23

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