



Subject: Minimum Standards/ Considerations for Health Data Governance Regulation.

Dear [Minister of Health/Relevant Government Official],

Robust health data governance regulation is needed to fully harness the potential of health data for public benefit and improved health outcomes, while also managing risks, protecting individual rights, and ensuring people's data is protected from misuse. This is important to lay the foundation for improved public trust in health data systems.

Given the lack of consensus and guidance around the necessary and optimal components for national regulations and legislation for the effective and equitable governance of health data, we believe that there is value in countries and other stakeholders coming together to identify best practices, gaps, and what is needed.

This would inform **a set of minimum components for health data governance regulations**. Their **endorsement by governments through a World Health Assembly** resolution would establish that consensus, alignment and agreement across countries. A set of minimum components would further serve as a resource and benchmark for governments to strengthen their national approaches, whilst also improving harmonisation across countries, which is important to support cross-border data sharing.

To ensure a set of minimum components for health data governance regulations are developed, endorsed and implemented, we strongly urge **[country name]** to:

1. Support the development of a set of minimum components for health data governance regulations, including engaging in consultations around their development.
2. Prioritise health data governance at the 77th World Health Assembly (27 May to 01 June 2024) and endorse the minimum components for health data governance regulations.
3. Endorse the [health data governance principles](#), as a foundation for the minimum components and stronger regulation, joining more than 150 organisations and governments in demonstrating your leadership on this critical issue.

Your engagement in these matters is vital. By taking these actions, **[country name]** will demonstrate its leadership on this issue and ensure more equitable, transparent, and effective use of health data.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Position]
[Your Organization]

