

## **United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)**

UNSD's main role in the area of health data governance refers to the standards regarding the safeguarding of the privacy and confidentiality of individual information in the context of collecting data for statistical purposes.

The main and overarching standard are the [Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics](#), endorsed by the UN General Assembly on 29 January 2014 in resolution [68/261](#). Principle #6 states "Individual data collected by statistical agencies for statistical compilation, whether they refer to natural or legal persons, are to be strictly confidential and used exclusively for statistical purposes."

UNSD is also, together with UNICEF and UNDP, spearheading the work on the implementation of the [UN Legal Identity Agenda](#), a holistic approach to universal registration of all vital events, translated into the production of reliable, regular and accurate vital statistics and ensuring legal identity for all from birth to death – and the interoperability of health information systems with the civil registration and vital statistics systems is at the core of this Agenda.