I. ABSTRACT

WHO has created the Indicator and Metadata Registry (IMR) in response to a need to manage, harmonize, and distribute global indicator definitions and improve interoperability in country monitoring systems. The SDMX-HD (Health Domain), based on the SDMX standard, was created to support these needs. Additionally, it utilizes features of the SDMX standard to support organization-specific views of an indicator using common and custom metadata attributes and streamlined data flow from countries, including integration of legacy systems.

Thus, the IMR provides analysts a facility to harmonize indicator definitions and developers complete and computer-readable indicator definitions. The combination of IMR and SDMX-HD provides a means to build a global monitoring system from the clinical facility to district, national, and international levels. More information on SHMX-HD and the IMR are available at www.sdmx-hd.org.