

# METS WATCH

## Advancing health information security, privacy and confidentiality



The National Commission on addressing vulnerabilities of the Health Information Security, Privacy and Confidentiality workshop in Kampala

The Government of Uganda through the MHI is committed to utilizing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to transform health service delivery. This is reflected by the inclusion of eHealth as one of the priorities in the Health Sector Development Plan. This has been expounded in the health information and digital health strategy whose goal is: "to strengthen the health information system and leverage digital health to optimize health service delivery by 2030".

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University School of Public Health (M&UPH), METS Program and other partners, the MHI has developed the national Health Information Exchange (HIE) and Interoperability guidelines that will guide the implementation of HIE initiatives within the health sector.

Additionally, there is an ongoing development of the Health Information Security, Privacy and Confidentiality guidelines that shall guide national efforts on patient identification, health data protection, privacy and confidentiality concerning data

collection, processing, storage, and use.

The two guidelines are already in the final documentation stages and are awaiting MHI approval. METS will continue to collaborate with MHI to ensure these documents are disseminated for use.

Going forward, METS Program will work with MHI Uganda to develop Electronic Medical Records (EMR) guidelines and standards to guide the implementation of EMR systems within the health sector.