Health Systems Trust (HST) is a sub-grantee to Health Information Systems (HISP) for the continuation of the Health Patient Registration System (HPRS) support function to the National Department of Health (NDoH) from 1 March 2022 to 30 September 2023. This multi-year project commenced in June 2015 and has been implemented in 46 districts across eight provinces in collaboration with the NDoH.

This work has entailed support for implementation of the required eHealth software solutions for South Africa’s National Health Insurance (NHI) initiative by a team of National Health Insurance Information Systems (NHI-IS) Technicians.

Over the past seven years, the HIT team has implemented HPRS in 3 205 public health facilities in eight provinces and 46 districts (with the exception of the Western Cape).

Specific activities have involved:

- implementation of HPRS in health establishments i.e. in identified hospitals and Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities;
- set-up of the NHLS link at PHC clinics and hospitals;
- capacity development through training and mentoring on health information systems for staff at health facilities and district establishments where needed; and
- providing technical assistance for staff at HPRS-implemented health facilities.

The team has been commended for its participation and assistance in implementing the HPRS in collaboration with the NHI-IS Programme Office. A consistently high standard of project delivery has ensured that HST’s implementation skills are in demand for the continuation of support services to the NDoH.