



## **Starting a National Registry and Software Availability**

Although the technology for registering ART procedures is available from many sources, the ability of different organizations/entities and institutions within a country to agree on a standard system of collecting national data has proved to be very difficult. This is especially so in developing countries where registration is not mandatory.

ICMART, through its participating institutions, has been pivotal in facilitating collaboration among already existing national and regional registries and those countries willing to start programs of their own. So far, South Africa has developed its own national registry with the collaboration of the Latin American ART registry (REDLARA), and both Egypt and India are in advanced phases of implementing their national registries in collaboration with and using the software developed by the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART), USA.

ICMART has the capacity to work together with local professional organizations and help them establish national registries. This includes facilitating collaboration among ART centers in order to reach common goals and developing simplified software or adapting already existing software to their specific needs.