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ANGUILLA

COUNTRY PRESENTATION

Workshop on the Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Rev. 3 for Central America and the Caribbean

Overview of Anguilla

Anguilla is a **British overseas** territory in the Caribbean. It is one of the most northerly of the Leeward Islands in the Lesser Antilles, lying east of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and directly north of Saint Martin.



GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA
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Assignment

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• Compare core topics recommendations by the P&R with topics covered in your countries registration forms. Explain what the differences are.

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 Identify the major obstacles for achieving complete coverage of vital events registration and for compiling VS based on CR data.

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Efforts conducted for assessing quality.

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• Outline 5 strategies that should be adopted to achieve completeness and improve data quality.

Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
EVENT			
Date of occurrence	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date of registration	Yes	No	Yes
Place of occurrence	No	No	No
Locality	No	Yes	No
Urban/Rural	Not required	No	No
Place of registration	No	No	Yes
Type of birth	No	No	No
Attendant at birth	No	Yes	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEWBORN			
Sex	Yes	Yes	
Weight	Yes	Yes	
CHARACTERISTICS OF MOTHER			
Date of birth	No	No	Yes
Age	No	No	Yes
Marital Status	No	Yes	Yes
Educational Attainment	No	No	No
Literacy Status	No	No	No
Ethnic Group	No	No	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF MOTHER Cont'd			
Citizenship	No	No	No
Economic Status	No	No	
Usual Occupation	No	Yes	Yes
Socio Economic Status	No	No	No
Place of Usual Residence	No	Yes	No
Duration of Residence at Usual Place	No	No	No
Place/Country of Birth	No	No	Yes

Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF MOTHER Cont'd			
Migrant Status	No	No	No
Date of last menstrual period of the mother	No	No	No
Gestational Age	No	No	No
No. of Prenatal Visits	No	No	No
Month of pregnancy prenatal visits began	No	No	No
Children born alive to mother during her entire lifetime	No	No	No
Birth order/parity	No	No	No

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Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF MOTHER Cont'd			
Children born to mother and still living	No	No	No
Foetal deaths to mother	No	No	No
Date of previous live birth	No	No	No
Interval since last live birth	No	No	No
Date of marriage	No	No	Yes
Duration of marriage	No	No	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF FATHER			
Date of birth	No	No	No
Age	No	No	Yes
Marital Status	No	No	Yes (if legitimate) derived
Educational Attainment	No	No	No
Ethnic Group	No	No	No
Citizenship			
Economic Activity Status	No	No	No
Usual occupation	Yes	No	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF FATHER			
Place of Usual Residence	No	No	No
Locality of Residence	No	No	Yes
Urban/Rural	No	No	No
Duration of residence in usual (present) place	No	No	No
Place of previous residence	No	No	No
Place/country of birth	No	No	Yes
Migrant status	No	No	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Death Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARCTERISTICS OF OCCURENCE			
Date of occurrence	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date of registration	Yes	No	Yes
Place of occurrence	Yes	Yes	Yes
Locality of occurrence	No	Yes	No
Urban/rural	No	No	No
Place of registration	Yes	No	Yes
Cause of death	Yes	Yes	Yes
Manner of death	No	No	No
Whether autopsy was used to inform cause of death	No	Yes	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Death Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARCTERISTICS OF OCCURENCE			
Death occurring during pregnancy etc.	No	Yes	No
Certifier	No	Yes	Yes
Type of certification		Yes	No
Attendance at birth (death < 1)	No	No	No
Place of occurrence	No	No	Yes
CHARACTERISTICS OF DECEDENTS			
Date of birth	Yes	Yes	Yes
Age	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sex	Yes	Yes	Yes

Principles and Recommendations	On Death Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF DECEDENTS			
Educational attainment	No	No	No
Literacy status	No	No	No
Ethnic group	No	No	
Citizenship	No	No	No
Economic activity status	No	No	No
Usual occupation	No	No	No
Whether birth was registered – death < 1	No	No	No
Born in wedlock – death < 1	No	No	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Death Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF DECEDENTS			
Place of usual residence	No	No	No
Duration of residence in usual place	No	No	No
Place of previous residence	No	No	No
Place of birth	No	No	No
Migrant status	No	No	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Marriage Certificate	Application Form	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF EVENT			
Date of occurrence	Yes	No	Yes
Date of registration	No	No	No
Place of occurrence	No	No	Yes
Locality	No	No	Yes
Urban/Rural	No	No	No
Place of registration	No	No	Yes
Type of marriage	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Principles and Recommendations	On Marriage Certificate	Application Form	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF BRIDE			
Date of birth	No	Yes	No
Age	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marital status	No	Yes	Yes
Number of previous marriages	No	No	No
Educational Attainment	No	No	No
Literacy Status	No	No	No
Economic activity status	No	No	No
Usual occupation	Yes	Yes	Yes

Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF BRIDE			
Ethnic group	No	No	No
Citizenship	No	Yes	No
Place of usual residence	No	No	Yes
Locality of residence	No	No	No
Urban/rural	No	No	No
Duration of residence in usual	No	No	No
Place of previous residence	No	No	No
Place of birth	No	Yes	No
Migrant status	No	No	No

Principles and Recommendations	On Marriage Certificate	Application Form	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF GROOM			
Date of birth	No	Yes	No
Age	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marital status	No	Yes	Yes
Number of previous marriages	No	No	No
Educational attainment	No	No	No
Literacy status	No	No	No
Economic activity status	No	No	No
Usual occupation	Yes	Yes	Yes

Principles and Recommendations	On Birth Certificate	On Notice (Health)	Required by Registrar
CHARACTERISTICS OF GROOM			
Ethnic group	No	No	No
Citizenship	No	Yes	No
Place of usual residence	No	No	Yes
Locality of residence	No	No	No
Urban/rural	No	No	No
Duration of residence in usual	No	No	No
Place of previous residence	No	No	No
Place of birth	No	Yes	No
Migrant status	No	No	No

В

 Identify the major obstacles for achieving complete coverage of vital events registration and for compiling VS based on CR data.

Some obstacles that inhibit the use of VS being compiled from the CR data are:

- There seems to be no standard, systematic checks and balance or documented processes in the 'system' between the relevant authorities. It is believed that all births, deaths and marriages are registered.
- There is an absence of many of the required variables as recommended by the P&R for the production of VS.
- The focus of many of the CR registry seems to be mainly on their core duties.
- There is not the will power of all involved to derive maximum benefit from the part of the various part of the government wide system to the benefit of all.

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Efforts conducted for assessing quality.

Some efforts conducted to assess the quality of VS being compiled from the CR are:

- Casually liaise with Health and Registrar to ensure that the variables taken to produce VS were similarly defined.
- Compare data coming out of various Departmental reports to ensure consistency.
- On occasion when there is inconsistent data between Health and Registry we investigate to determine the variance.
- Commenced a project to digitize the registry process.

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 Outline 5 strategies that should be adopted to achieve completeness and improve data quality.

Strategies that could be used to achieve completeness and improve data quality

- 1. Interact (build a rapport) with the management of the registry and health to align the requirements for VS are included in the laws and attempt to ensure that the laws are followed by all in the process. Encourage the use of international statistical standards, classification systems, procedures and methods. Highlight best practices.
- 2. Advocate and encourage the political directorate and high level technocrats on the importance of using quality data and statistics in the development of policy, programme design and decision making.
- Attempt to improve and foster closer collaboration and coordination among stakeholders (data users and producers) with the view to outlining the benefits for all. Improve efficiencies in the system.
- 4. Continued communication, education and training of all stakeholders in the process.
- 5. Agitate for adequate staffing in the ASD in an effort to build capacity throughout gov. to assist in planning and designing statistical activities with respect to this area of statistics.

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Muchas Gracias Thank You



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