



Strategies to Improve the Coverage and Accuracy of the Civil Registration & Vital Statistics System in Bermuda

UN Statistics Division Workshop on the *Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Revision 3*, for Central American and Caribbean Countries

Core Topics – Births

- Birth Forms – information collected
 - Date of occurrence
 - Locality of occurrence
 - Name of child
 - Sex of child
 - Racial color of child
 - Live/still born
 - Attendee at birth (doctor/midwife)
 - Born in wedlock
 - Mother/father (name, address, nationality)
 - Father's occupation





Core Topics – Births (cont'd)

- Birth Forms – information not collected
 - Urban/rural occurrences
 - Place of registration
 - Type of birth (single, twin, etc.)
 - Type of place (hospital, home, etc.)
 - Weight at birth
 - Marital status (mother/father)
 - Educational attainment (mother/father)



Core Topics – Deaths

- Death Forms – information collected
 - Date, place and locality of occurrence
 - Date/place of registration (derived)
 - Date of birth and age at death
 - Sex of deceased
 - Cause of death
 - Residence of deceased
 - Marital status
 - Racial Origin and nationality
 - Profession/occupation of deceased
 - Names of spouse and parents of deceased
 - Place of burial
 - Certifier

Core Topics – Deaths (cont'd)

- Death Forms – information not collected
 - Urban/rural occurrences
 - Educational attainment





Core Topics - Marriages

- Marriage Forms – information collected
 - Date, place and locality of occurrence
 - Date/place of registration (derived)
 - Names, ages, marital status of both parties
 - Profession/occupation
 - Residence
 - Father's name of both parties
 - Names of marriage officer and witnesses

Core Topics – Marriages (cont'd)

- Marriage Forms – information not collected
 - Race
 - Nationality
 - Date of birth
 - Number of previous marriages
 - Educational attainment
 - Urban/rural occurrences
 - Duration of residence
 - Place of birth





Obstacles Preventing Complete Coverage

- Births:
 - When registration forms are not submitted within the statutory time frame (2 months)
 - When registration forms are not submitted at all
 - Incomplete/incorrect data
- Deaths:
 - Ongoing coroners' investigations
 - Incomplete/incorrect data
- Marriages:
 - When registration forms are not submitted within the statutory time frame (14 days)
 - Incomplete/incorrect data



Quality Assessment

- The Registry General's Dept. audits all information for accuracy and completeness.
- The Dept. of Statistics assesses information with respect to vital statistics for accuracy and completeness.
- The Dept. of Internal Audit conducts periodical risk base assessments of the process for recording vital events.



Strategies to Achieve Completeness

- Training on compilation and improvement of vital statistics
- Development and implementation of streamlining processes for improvement
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Departments of The Registry General and Statistics
- Interface between two computer systems