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Innovative Approaches to Improve CRVS System in Nigeria







Building and Strengthening the National Digital Civil Registration System: Nigeria's Journey

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Nigeria's Civil Registration Transformation Journey

- Births and Deaths Compulsory Registration Decree 39 of 1979
 - o first universal system of registration of births and deaths in Nigeria

LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR CIVIL REGISTRATION

- Act 69 of 1992 otherwise known as 'Births, Deaths, Etc (Compulsory) Registration' Act
 - gave the authority to the National Population Commission (NPC) to register vital events
- 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
 - further strengthened the mandate of NPC to establish a universal system across Nigeria, including Local Government Area.
 - CRVS in Nigeria is centralized and administered by the National Population Commission from the Headquarters in Abuja to the 36 States and FCT and across the 774 LGAs.

Nigeria CRVS Performance

CRVS Performance Indicator	Value
Completeness of birth registration (under 5) in 2021	57%
Comparisons: • 2018 NDHS 2018 • Sub-Saharan Africa World Bank	43% 44%
Certification rate MICS 2021	30%
Completeness of birth registration (rural) Completeness of birth registration (urban) MICS 2021	78.9% 44.8%
Completeness of birth registration (female) Completeness of birth registration (male)	56.8% 57.8%
Completeness of death registration	10%

NIGERIA eCRVS OPERATIONAL READINESS ASSESSMENT (2021)



- The governance structure and accountability mechanisms do not drive performance improvements
- The CRVS laws do not sufficiently support "active" registration models, digitised processes and a fully rightsbased approach.
- Limited financial resources



- The existing registration processes are predominantly manual and paper-based and not uniform or standardised across the country
- The service delivery models are often passive in nature and where more active (e.g. at health facilities), they are not optimized to attain their full registration potential.
- 3. Demand for registration services is low



- There are major limitations in the functionality of the VitalReg Pro digital solution
- The technical architecture adopted is not fit to be scaled as an IT system to support CRVS across Nigeria.

Key Recommendations

CRVS strengthening recommendations to be implemented within a **strategic digital transformation programme** to ensure they bring about the necessary performance improvements, including universal registration of birth and deaths. **This implies widespread and deep changes to NPC's operating model during the transformation**.



Operational Readiness for high performing Civil Registration System in Nigeria

Operating Model to accelerate CRVS

Service Delivery

Demand

The public takes action to register vital events

Supply

Service delivery excellence maximizes accessibility and customer experience

Enablers

Legal Framework

Harmonised laws for rights-based and digital CRVS

Governance and Accountability

Structures and process to drive effective decision making

People and Performance Management

Engaged teams with the right skills and capabilities

Technology

Automated systems to enable efficient service delivery

Results

- Universal registration and certification of vital events
- Continuous source of high quality vital events data
- **Permanent** storage of historic data
- Cost-effective and sustainable service delivery model



- Protection of legal rights
- Accurate, timely and complete population data for policy making
- Reliable, trusted and unique Foundational
- Revenue generation
- Reduced costs of census and household surveys
- Nigeria known for high performing UBR system







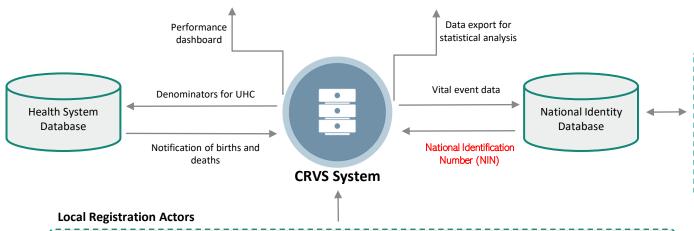




Future state system architecture

Central eCRVS System Users









Registrar

Vital event declarations via eCRVS mobile



Deputy Chief Registrar

Vital event registration and certification via eCRVS web



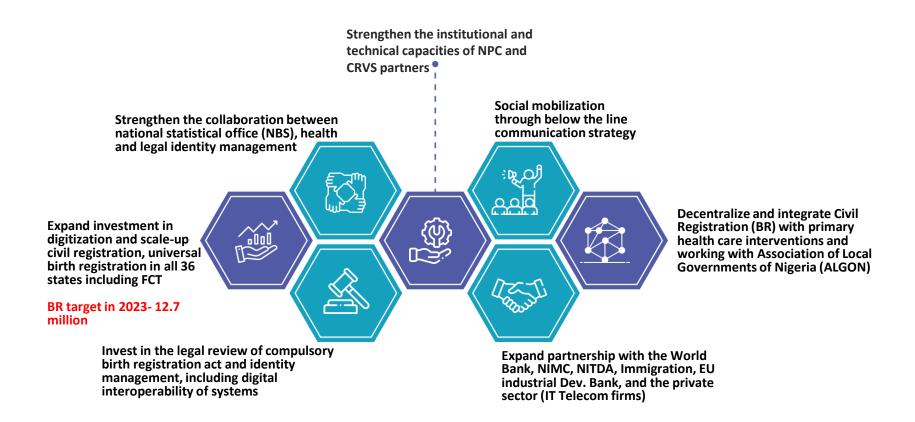
Registration Agent

Additional registration capacity delegated to other actors at the community level

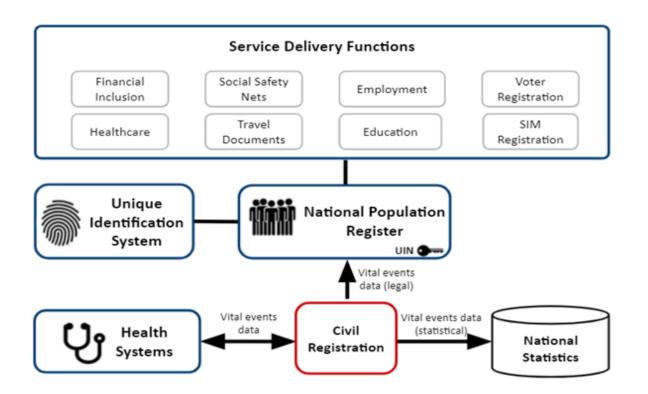
Service Delivery Points / Functional Registries

- Health
- Education
- Banks
- Voter Registry
- Land Registry
- · Passport Services
- Vehicle Registry
- Social Protection

CRVS Focus to strengthen capacities to deliver a decentralized CRVS system



Partnership Arrangements



Lessons and Enablers



Data protection

Cyber security

Digital Signatures

Agile Interoperability

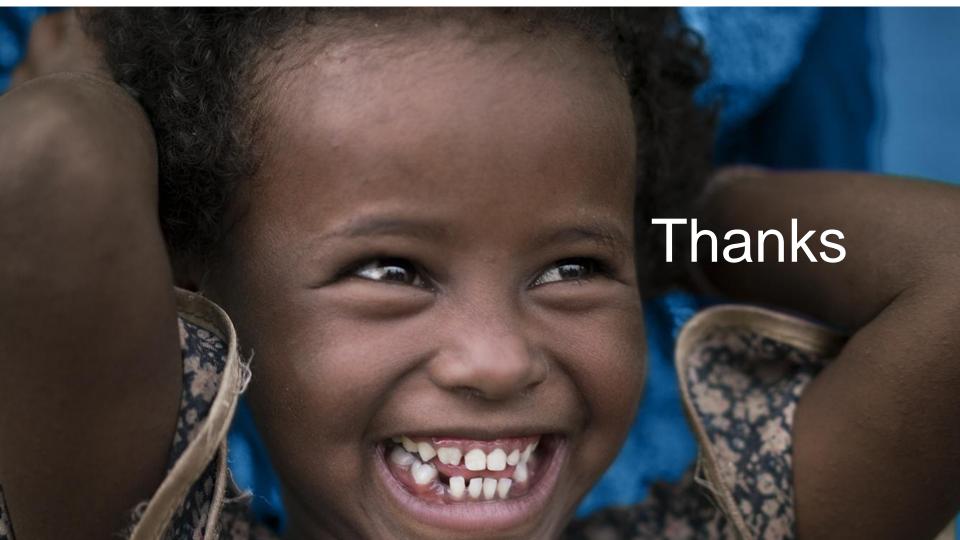
Funding Allocation, Disbursement and Accountability

National Budget

Strong and Committed Leadership

Institutional and Technical Capacity

Workforce Readiness







Systems integration of CRVS with health sector to accelerate service delivery

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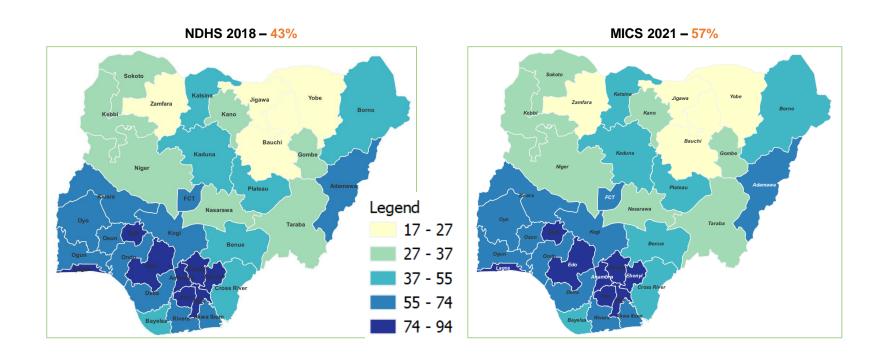
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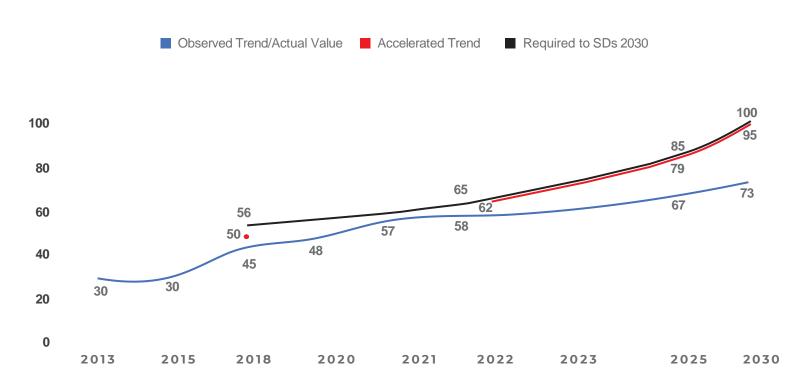
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NDHS 2018 Vs MICs 2021 Birth registration rates

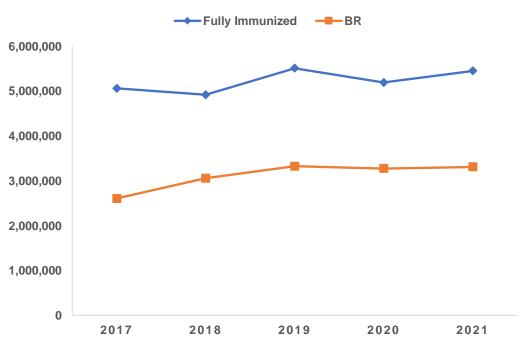


Accelerated trends to reach the SDGs 44 million under 5 to be registered



Birth Registration and Opportunities for Integration with Primary Health Care Interventions

U1 BIRTH REGISTRATION VS FULL IMMUNIZATIONS



Number of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age.



Integration Opportunities

- 57% under-5 children are registered in Nigeria (MICS 2021)
- Interventions in place to increase coverage includes birth registration services with primary health care programmes and activities.
- In April 2022, the National Population Commission (NPC) in collaboration with UNICEF initiated a strategic engagement with the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) to identify opportunities to integrate birth registration with supplemental immunization activities (SIA).

Intervention Outcomes

- As an initial step: Focus was on 2 states (Nasarawa and Kano), four (4) local government areas (LGAs) and 8 wards.
- 400 volunteers deployed mobile applications at the house-to-house level, engaged with 150 health teams
- 18,806 under-five children in 620 households, 612 settlements in 2 states.
- Digitalized technology deployed during integration mutually reinforced the delivery of both packages of services in additional 20 states in 2022.



More benefits for birthregistration systems for NPC in Partnering with the health sector



Health services have broader coverage than civil registration offices since their services include outreach facilities, such as antenatal clinics and community-level primary health care services

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Optimal integration of services at the health facility level such as prenatal care, immunization campaigns and vitamin A supplementation and birth registration

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Management and up-to-date records on births and deaths, as well as on child immunization cards or growth monitoring cards 4

Community-based structures which often include health posts, community health workers and trained traditional birth attendants allow health services to be delivered as close to the population

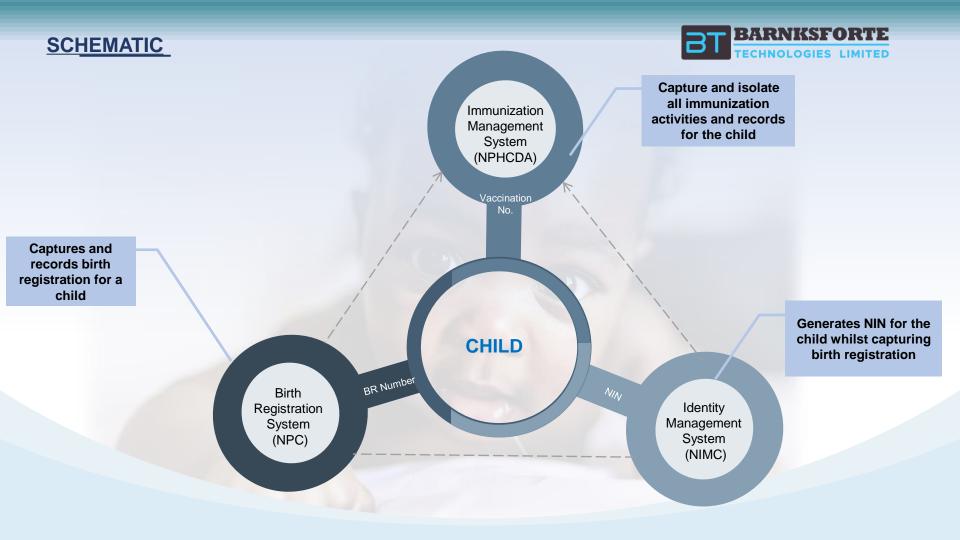
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The use of health facilities and frequent contacts between caregivers of young children and health services will help to reduce parents" and guardians" service costs.

BR-PHC INTEGRATION STEPS



Data Systems Integration







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Total Registrations: 3,915,252

Pending Registrations

992,548

Approved Registrations \otimes

2,922,456

Printed Certificates

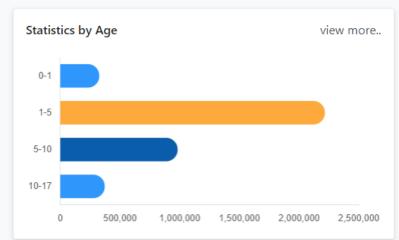


Queried Registrations

22



2,922,682







Particulars of Child Child's Face Capture Particulars of Mother



Abubakar Shuaibu Abdullahi@gmail.com

Surname of Child

Garba

Single

Home Birth Registrations

Death Registrations

Birth Attestations

Marriage Registrations

Divorce Registrations

Modifications

Still Birth Registrations

Adhoc Staffs

Middle Name of Child Bello

Type of Birth

Sex of the Child Male

Locality of Birth

Kaduna Town Urban

Rural

03/11/2022

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Birth Order 1st, 2nd...Child

Babangida

Date of Birth

Place of Occurrence

Particulars of Father Particulars of Informant Supporting Documents

First Name of Child

Hospital State of Birth

Kaduna

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Particulars of Child Surname of Child

GARBA

Single

Type of Birth

Locality of Birth

Particulars of Mother

Place Of Usual Residence

Age Of Mother At Birth Of Child

Particulars of Father

Yola Town

Surname

GARBA

Particulars of Child Child's Face Capture

Birth Registration(Claimed Child)

Particulars of Father

Particulars of Mother

First Name of Child

Birth Order 1st, 2nd...Child

BABANGIDA

State of Birth

Adamawa

Middle Name of Child BELLO

Urban

Sex of the Child

Male

State

Adamawa

Particulars of Informant

Date Of Birth

Hospital

03, September, 2021

Place Of Occurrence

Supporting Documents

Information Review

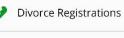
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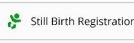


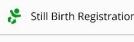




















Still Birth Registrations

Adhoc Staffs



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Literacy Literate



First Name And Middle Names

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Country



Street Address

Padan Sarki Ungwar



LGA

Demsa



State of Origin



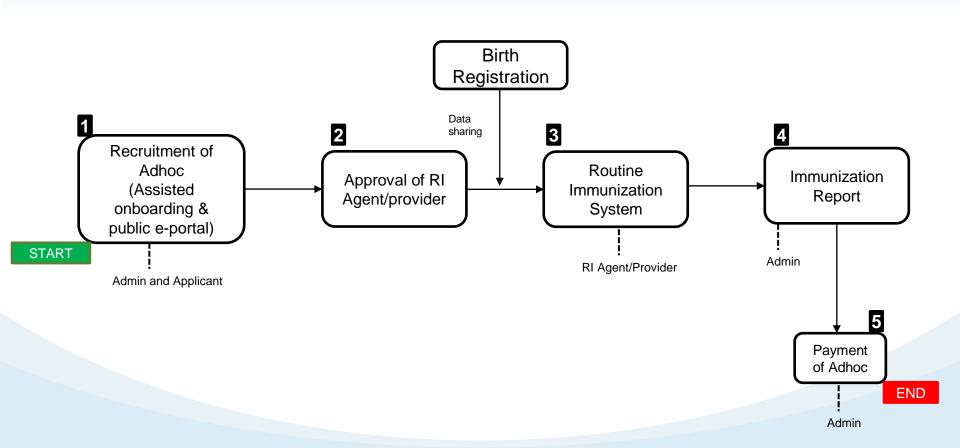






PROCESS FLOW





LESSONS LEARNED

Opportunities to expand delivery of services for children in an integrated manner

 Collaboration between National Population Commission with primary health care teams



Birth registration process as an incentive to caregivers for their children to be immunized and birth registration did not disrupt immunization process

A learning process for improving services delivery at a one stop shop.

Digital technology investment is critical and for near real time reporting of both birth registration and immunization process and data interoperability

