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REVIEW OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORKS AND HARMONIZATION OF LAWS FOR RIGHTS-BASED AND DIGITAL CRVS ON BIRTH REGISTRATION IN NIGERIA

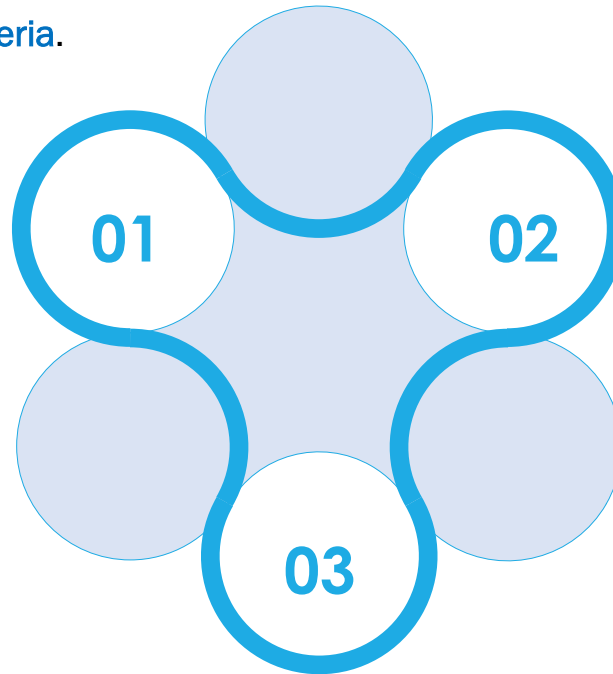


APPROACH, METHODOLOGY, & WORK PRODUCTS

WORKSTREAM 1

- Extensive review of the existing legal and regulatory framework in Nigeria to identify and assess the extent of the gap in extant laws as it relates to birth notification, registration and certification.
- Review also covers extant and proposed legislation on identity management and data protection regulations, in a bid to understand how these laws affect birth notification and registration in Nigeria.

Identifying gaps in existing legal and regulatory framework.

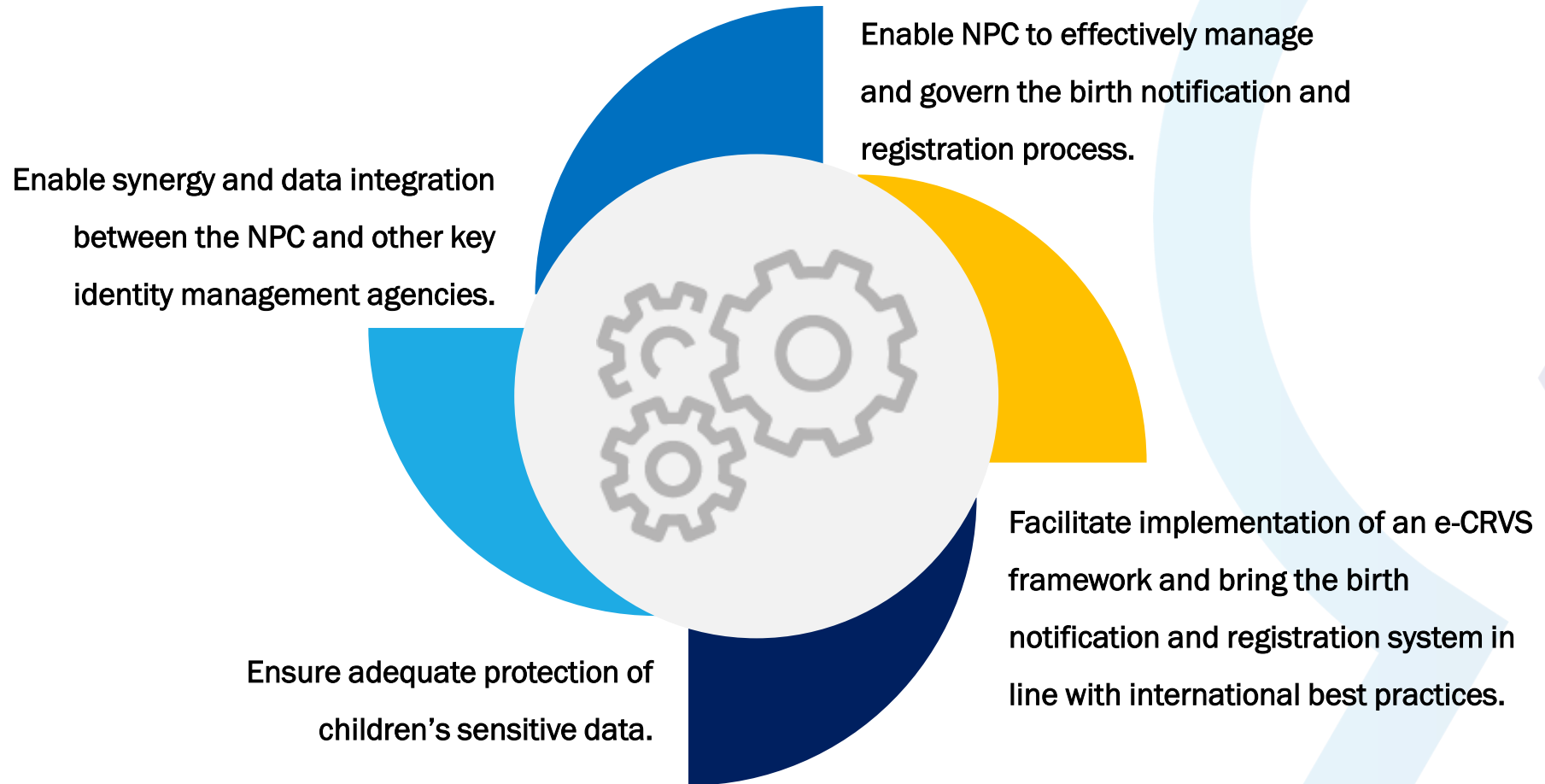


Assessment of existing legal regime, critical to functioning e-CRVS system.

Identification of constitutional or legal impediments to the project.

WORKSTREAM 1 (contd)

Key Drivers Of Review



WORKSTREAM 2

Review and distillation of international best practices with respect to the operation of civil registration of vital events, particularly birth notification and registration, and its intersection with the national identity management system.

Selection Matrix for Jurisdictions

01

Conformity with Best Practice, e.g., the UN Principles on Vital Statistics System; the ECA CRVS Systems Improvement Framework; etc.

02

Presence of a Robust Legislative Framework on Birth Notification & Registration.

03

Digitization of the Birth Notification and Registration Process.

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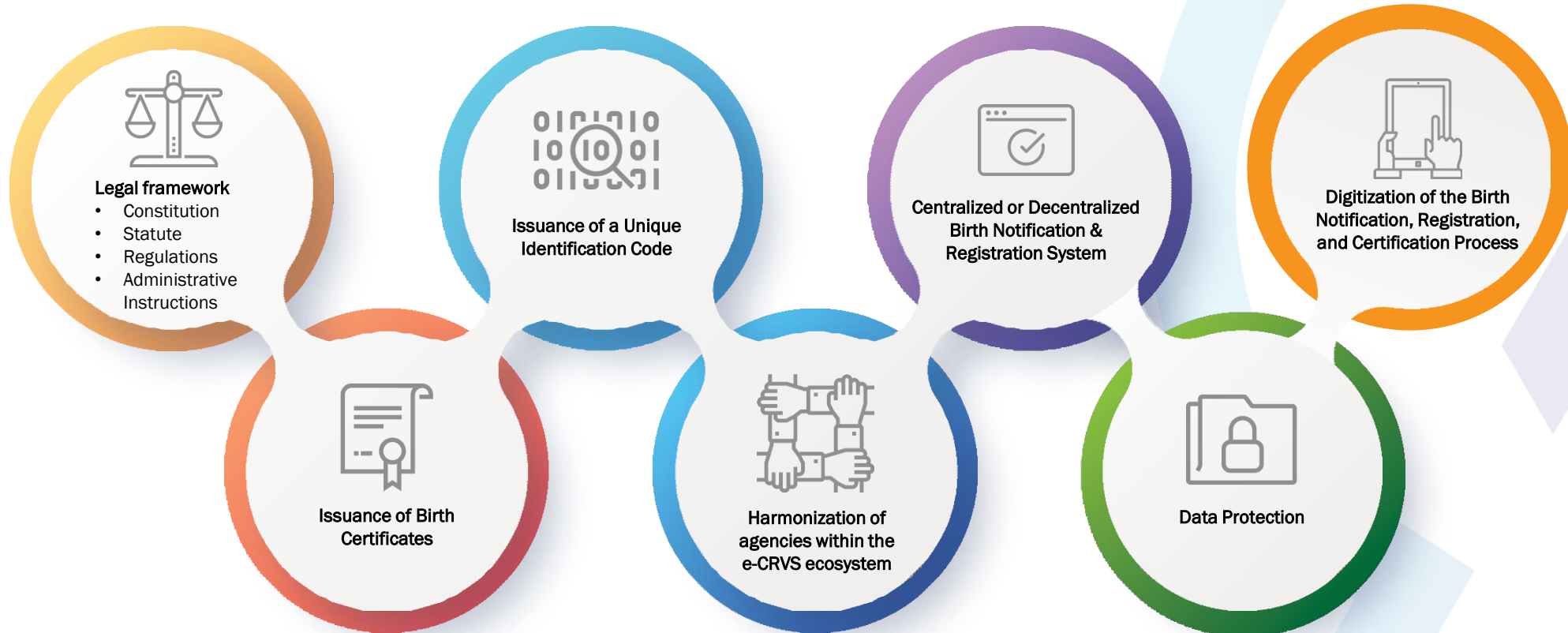
Existence of a Data Protection Framework.

05

Adaptability to the Nigerian Legal System.

WORKSTREAM 2

Initial Review Indices



WORKSTREAM 3

- Upon identifying the gaps in the extant legislation and distilling recommendations of international best practices, Recommendations made for the amendment, and thereafter draft said amendments, to the Births, Deaths, Etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act,
- inclusion of provisions that will update the Act in line with modern technological realities and international best practices, and ensure that it is comprehensive, fit for purpose, and capable of enhancing the birth notification and registration system in Nigeria.

01

Updating the Births, Deaths, Etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act to bring same in line with CRVS Systems best practices.

02

Issuance of Birth Certificate and a National Identification Number (NIN) at the point of birth registration.

03

Harmonization of entities within the e-CRVS ecosystem, including provisions which clearly delineate the functions of each agency/institution involved in the birth notification and registration process.

04

Digitizing by a hybrid system of notification and registration which allows for both electronic and paper-based notification and registration.

05

Introducing Data Protection provisions and/or proposing recommendations to the ongoing review of the Data Protection Act.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DRAFT BIRTHS AND DEATHS BILL, 2022

The core provisions of the Births, deaths Etc (Compulsory Registration) Bill are as follows:



Objectives and Application of the Bill

We expanded the objectives and application provisions to be broad enough to cover the purpose and scope of the Bill to align with best practices.



Institutional architecture (sections 3 and 8)

we amended the provisions to expressly stipulate the duties and functions of officers responsible for the implementation of the Bill.



Establishment of a National Vital Events Database by the National Population Commission

we created an electronic database for the all registration, collection, transmission, storage, and retrieval of vital events as well as the production of vital statistics which entrenches the principle of continuity and permanence



Accountability, Privacy and Confidentiality of Records

we included provisions to bolster the accountability and transparency by registration officers.



Interoperability

We provided a framework enabling the harmonisation and integration of the National vital event database with other government databases.



Cooperation with other authorities and agencies

We inserted provisions to ensure cooperation between the National Population Commission with other relevant organization, that are integral to the attainment of the objectives of the Bill.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DRAFT ELECTRONIC CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS REGULATIONS, 2022

The core provisions of the Electronic Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (e-CRVS) Regulations (the “Regulations”) are:



Objectives and Application of the Regulations

We drafted the objectives and application to be broad enough to cover the purpose and scope for the issuance of the Regulations



Mandatory Use of the e-CRVS System (sections 3 and 8)

We inserted provisions entrenching the mandatory use of the e-CRVS system to be used for all registration, collection, transmission, storage, and retrieval of vital events



Vital Event Registration Procedure

We stipulated the procedures on how the e-CRVS system to be used by officers for vital events registration.



Certification, Proof of Identity

We included provisions for the issuance of registration certificates which will serve as proof of the vital events to which they relate to.



Security, Exchange of Information and Harmonisation and integration with other Government Databases)

government databases: We included provisions for the security and confidentiality of information on the e-CRVS system. Additionally, we included provisions for accountability and transparency of officers in charge of operating the e-CRVS system.

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