“Sustainable Data for Sustainable Development”

“CRVS improving the system through coordination, collaboration, integration and standardization”
Feedback from South Africa

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Global, Regional, National Frameworks gives relevance and sets the direction

- **Goal 3** – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
  - **Target 3.1** – by 2030, reduce global maternal mortality
    - Maternal mortality ratio; etc.
  - **Target 3.2** – by 2030, end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5
    - Under 5 mortality per 1,000 live births; etc.

**Aspirations, Goals**

- **High standard of living and, quality of life, sound health and well being**

**Sustainable Development Goals**

- **The Diagnostic**
  - Poverty and Inequality
    - Divided communities
    - Corroborative infrastructure
    - Public Service ungiven
    - Low Disease burden
    - Poor education

- **The Plan**
  - Prosperity and Equity
    - Quality healthcare
    - Quality education

**NDP - Vision 2030**

- **Alignment and integration important**

- **Health care for all** – increase average life expectancy; reduce maternal, infant and child mortality; reduce prevalence of non-communicable chronic diseases; etc.
The African programme
Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS)

- APAI-CRVS derives policy guidance from Conference of Ministers responsible for Civil Registration, which is now institutionalized as a permanent conference under AUC

- CRVS systems multi-disciplinary in nature and can be improved only through holistic and coordinated approach.

Requires

- Strong legislative provisions, appropriate organization structure, efficient management and operations backed by suitable monitoring and evaluation mechanisms

- Political commitment is required to improve CRVS systems
CRVS System and Multi-sectoral Linkages
An ideal model
APAI-CRVS: Guiding principles

• Promoting country ownership and leadership;
• Promoting coordination between Civil Registration Offices, National Statistics Offices, Health Ministry and other stakeholders at country levels;
• Promoting phased-based, holistic and integrated approach;
• Establishing strong partnerships and coordination at regional and country levels;
• Building capacities of national CRVS institutions;
• Promoting innovations and knowledge sharing.
• Forum created to address concerns of statistics by African statisticians

• Hold annual meetings addressing quinquennial themes
  – 2006-2010: Population Censuses
  – 2011-2015: CRVS

  – Chaired by South Africa, with the Secretariat hosted by Statistics South Africa
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Joint responsibility of 4 Departments

Department of Home Affairs
• Maintains National Population Register (births, deaths, marriages, etc.)
• Governed by various Acts.

Department of Health
• Certification of the occurrence of birth and death, including causes of death.

Department of Justice and Correctional Services
• Maintains a Register of Divorces (divorces and annulment of marriages).

Statistics South Africa
• Mandated to produce official vital statistics.
Registration of vital events:
(a) Department of Home Affairs (DHA) – births, deaths and marriages
(b) Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJ&CD) – divorces

**Births and marriages**
- Data captured at DHA
- Data made available on mainframe
- Data extracted by SITA and sent via email to Stats SA or collected

**Deaths**
- Department of Health
  - Certification of death and causes of death
  - Data processing: sorting, pasting, coding
  - Data editing
  - Data analysis and report writing
  - Dissemination of statistical releases and unit records of data

**Divorces**
- DoJ&CD
  - Courts send divorce forms to Stats SA through the post office

**DHA and SITA**
- Data captured at DHA
- Data made available on mainframe
- Data extracted by SITA and sent via email to Stats SA or collected

**Health and Vital Stats Division**
- Data verification
- Data analysis and report writing
- Dissemination of statistical releases and unit records of data

- Established a high-level national coordinating committee (Steering Committee, Technical Working Groups and Task teams).
- Undertaking a comprehensive Assessment Project to assess current situation and develop a strategic plan for further improvements (detail assessment of all operations at national, provincial & local levels).

- Acquisition of Vital Statistics data from Civil Registration System: how the system works currently…
General improvements in CRVS system:

- Demand of registration documents to access social services;
- Mobilisation of the nation to adhere to civil registration laws through national campaigns and outreach programmes;
- Increase in civil registration service delivery points (e.g. hospitals, mobile units);
- Training of medical practitioners in cause-of-death certification.
Other areas of improvements:

• Strengthening hospital mortality data collection; collection of community mortality data; adhere to international classifications for diseases;

• Completeness of child mortality links with child’s birth registration, Generally improve the links between both;

• Linking of systems – rather than an individual going from one Department to another, linking of processes - through business process management;

• Use of WHO electronic tools for data quality (ANACoD, CoDEdit);

• Use of IRIS to improve quality, comparability and timeliness of information on causes of death;

• Location information for geo-statistical analysis – place of residence, place of death occurrence, place of birth of the deceased;

• Analyze the National Population Register.

Where we want to be:

• **Responsive-real-time** Vital Register
  • Responding to our health, social & economic policies needs
  • Well-being for all.
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