

# ***“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.

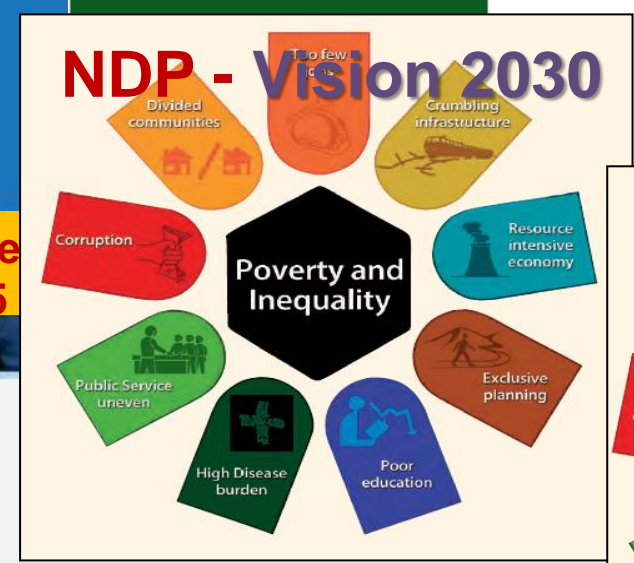


- Aspirations, Goals**
- **High standard of living and, quality of life, sound health and well being**

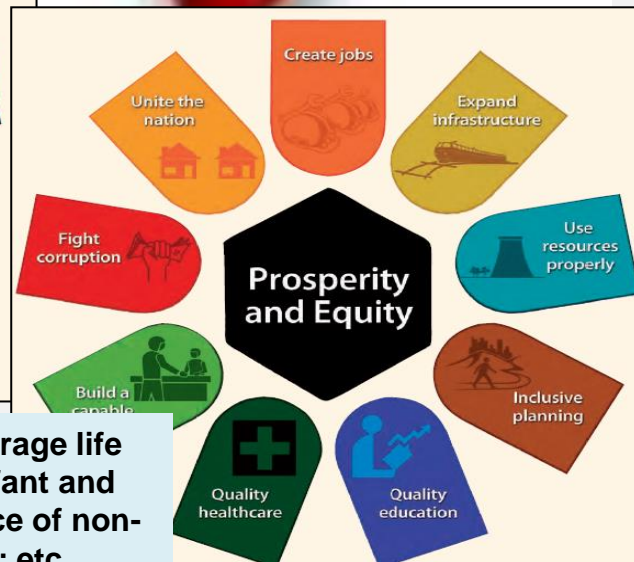


countries must frame their development agenda over the next 15

## THE DIAGNOSTIC



## THE PLAN



**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)

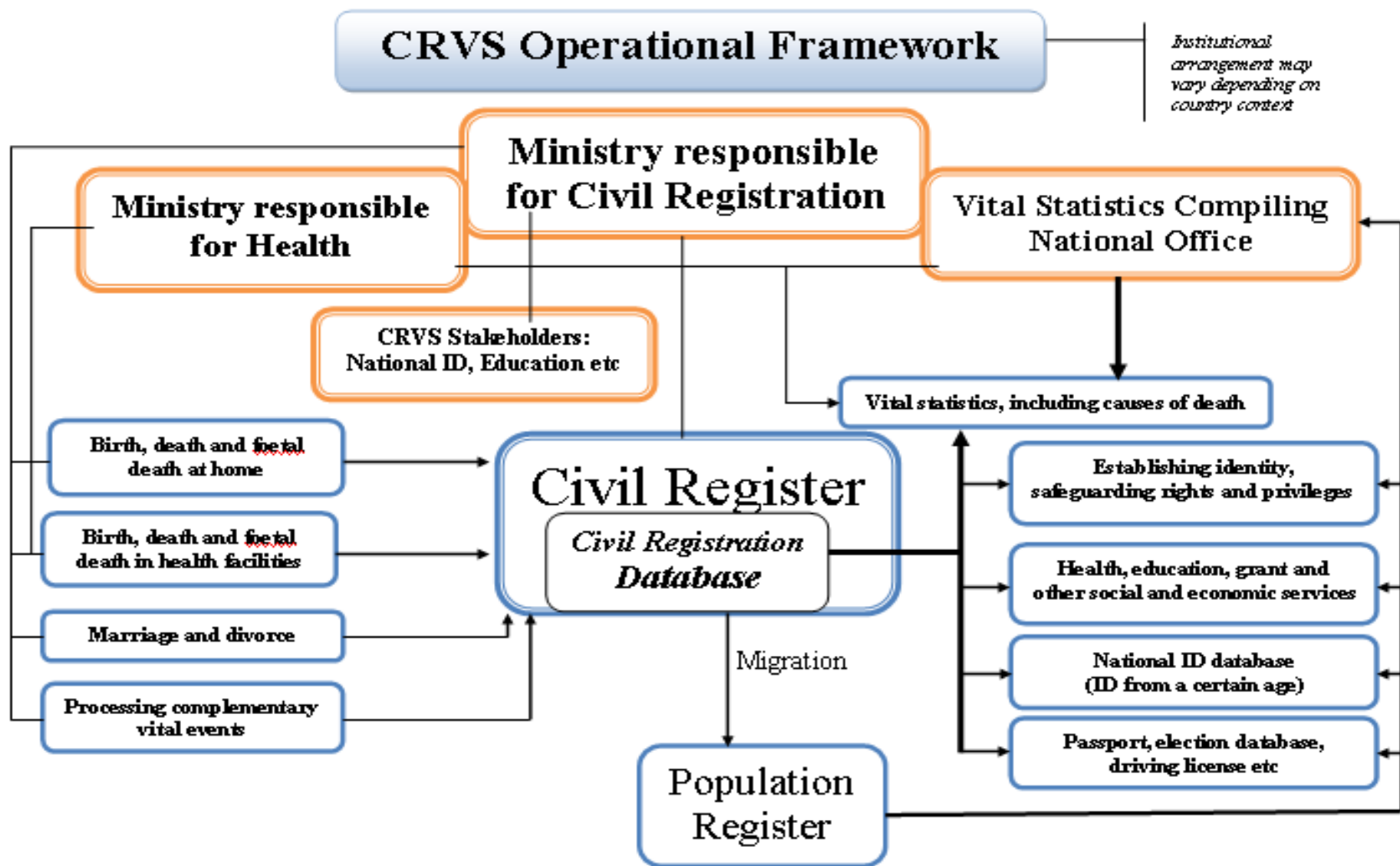
- APAI-CRVS derives policy guidance from Conference of Ministers responsible for Civil Registration, which is now institutionalized as a permanent conference under AUC
- CRVS systems multi-disciplinary in nature and can be improved only through holistic and coordinated approach.

## 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.



## Africa Symposia on Statistical Development

- 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

# Feedback from South Africa



# 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.

# Acquisition of Vital Statistics data from Civil Registration System: how the system works currently...

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**

DHA and SITA

- Data captured at DHA
- Data made available to SITA
- Data extracted from SITA mainframe
- Data extracted from SITA sent via email or collected

Health and Family Welfare Division

- Data editing
- Data analysis and report writing
- Dissemination of statistical releases and unit records of data

**Deaths**

Department of Health

- Certification of death and causes of death

- 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

- 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)**

# 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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