Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on CRVS and Planning for the Future in Sierra Leone

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Data Comparison for Death Registration

• We have data for up to April 2020

• There is a 61% reduction (variance of 6,643) in Death Registration from 2019 for the same period

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<td>2019</td>
<td>22,577</td>
<td>10,820</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>4,785</td>
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Data Comparison for Birth Registration

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<td>2019</td>
<td>72,928</td>
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<td>66,399</td>
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- We have data for up to April 2020.
- There is 7% increase (variance of 1,705) in registration from 2019 for the period Jan – April 2020.
Data for 2020 not available for comparison, due to COVID-19 restrictions on social gatherings.

For 2019, there were 4,076 marriages in the country (not disaggregated by age, sex and date).
This is possible for all vital events as the registration forms require both date of occurrence and date of registration.

However we only have data for birth and death registration

**2019 (Jan - April)**

**Birth Registration:**
- Current BR (0-90 days)= 24,754
- Late BR (91 days – 12 months)= 341
- Delayed BR (after 12 months) = 476
  (for 2019, 3.2 % of all BR accounted for late and delayed birth registrations)

**Death Registration:**
- Current DR (0-90 days)= 2394
- Late DR (91 days- 12 months)= 1774
- Delayed DR (after 12 months)= 6652
  (77.9 % of deaths were registration after the 90 days)

**2020 (Jan – April)**

**Birth Registration:**
- Current BR = 26,530
- Late BR= 177
- Delayed BR= 569
  (2.7 % of births were registered after 90 days)

**Death registration:**
- Current = 4023
- Late = 109
- Delayed = 45
  (3.7 % of deaths were registered after 90 days)
Current system is paper based. However we have started digitising past records since 1900.

Going forward we will set up electronic infrastructure system for e registration of births and deaths.
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