

Annex I. Complete proposed outline for the revised principles and recommendations

PART ONE. THE VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM

Chapter 1. Definition, concepts and use of vital statistics

- A. Definition of vital statistics
- B. Recommended definitions of each vital event for statistical purposes
- C. Uses of vital statistics (in general, more specific uses are elaborated under core topics)

Chapter 2. The vital statistics system

- A. Definition of vital statistics system and sources of data
- B. Priority in data collection
- C. Principles for the collection and compilation of vital statistics
 - Universal coverage
 - Continuity
 - Confidentiality
 - Regular dissemination
 - Quality control
- D. Designation of responsibilities, organizational structures of a national vital statistics system
- E. Integration and coordination in the vital statistics system
- F. Core topics to be collected in a vital statistics system – output oriented approach. Definitions, classifications, uses of and sources that can be used to collecting such data.
- G. Operational principles for compiling and processing of vital statistics
- H. Presentation of results and data dissemination (including the recommended tabulations presented in the annex)

PART TWO. SOURCES OF VITAL STATISTICS

Chapter 1. Sources of vital statistics – a mapping chapter that links the required core data versus data sources

Chapter 2. Civil registration system

- A. Definition of civil registration
- B. Role of civil registration
- C. Characteristics of civil registration
 - Compulsory nature
 - Universal coverage
 - Continuity and permanence
 - Confidentiality
- D. The civil registration process
- E. Limitations of civil registration

Chapter 3. Population registers

- A. Definition
- B. Links to the civil registration system
- C. Advantages and limitations

Chapter 4. Health services records

- A. Definition and concepts
- B. Advantages and limitations
- C. Compilation of cause of deaths statistics

Chapter 5. Other administrative records

- A. Concepts and definitions
- B. Court records
- C. Religious establishment records

Chapter 6. Population censuses and surveys

- A. Population censuses – core topics
- B. Household sample surveys

PART THREE. KEY ELEMENTS OF THE VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM

Chapter 1. Computerization

Chapter 2. Evaluating the quality of vital statistics

Chapter 3. Strategies for improving vital statistics systems

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