

BUREAU OF STATISTICS (Guyana)

# COUNTRY TEAM PRESENTATION

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# Core Topics -Births

- A significant proportion of the topics listed in the P&R for the compilation of vital statistics can be located on the Registration of Birth form with a few exceptions.
- Characteristic of Events

Topics	Registration of Birth Form	P&R
Type of Birth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Live</li><li>2. Still</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Number of deliveries (single or multiple) whether it's a live birth or foetal death</li></ol>

# Core Topics -Births

- Characteristics of Mother and Father

Topics	Registration of Birth Form	P&R
Mother		
Date of birth	Age at this birth	Date of birth
Duration of residence at usual place	No	Yes
Date of Marriage	No	Yes
Father		
Date of birth	Age at this birth	Date of birth
Martial Status	No	Yes
Place of usual residence	No	Yes

# Core Topics -Deaths

- There are two (2) differences that were observed when comparing the Certificate of Death form to the list of core topics
- Characteristic of the decedent

Topics	Registration of Death Form	P&R
Age	Not listed but can be derived from the DOB	Listed as derived
Place of usual residence of the mother (for deaths under 1 year of age)	Address of the informant is listed	Place the mother was living at the time of the child's death

# Core Topics -FoetalDeaths

- According to the MOPH a notification and registration form is complete for the still birth after the foetus is extract or expell from the mother
- GRO does not issue a Certificate of Death for foetal deaths

# Core Topics -Marriages

- Similar to the registration forms for the births and deaths, marriages have almost all of the core topics with two (2) exceptions
- Characteristics of the event
  1. Place of registration is one of the core topics but it was not listed on the form since all marriages whether at a religious entity or GRO, regardless of the locality all marriages has to be registered at the GRO
- Characteristics of Bride and Groom
  1. Age is list as a core topic in the P&R for both parties however it is not list on the Registration of Marriage form, it can be derived from the core topic DOB

# Core Topics -Divorce

- There is no registration form for divorces but rather a petition for divorce is made to the Family Court, the following core topics can be found on the petition:-
  1. Place of registration
  2. Date of Marriage
  3. Place of usual registration

## Core topics not found:-

1. Date of occurrence
2. Date of registration
3. Place of occurrence
4. DOB
5. Age



# Major Obstacles

- Lack of awareness
  - Parents/guardians not aware or do not appreciate
  - usefulness and importance of the information
- Lack of accessibility to the services
  - Services not in close proximity to many communities in regions 1, 7, 8 and 9 as is illustrated by the MICS findings
  - Cost to access service
  - Amerindian dialect
- Lack of knowledge and importance
  - GRO
  - MOPH





# Quality Assessment of Data

- BOS
  1. Use data collected from MOPH to compare to GRO
- MOPH
  1. Notification form
  2. Collaboration with GRO



# Strategies

- Greater collaboration between the GRO, MOPH and BOS
- Reviewing the necessary legislation to ensure there is no overlapping of authority
- Continuously educating the population on the purpose and usefulness
- Taking the registration services to communities
- Continuous training of personnel responsible personnel both in the three (3) agencies