Universal Civil Identity Project of the Americas (PUICA)
Under-Registration of Births

1,74%

Global Under-Registration

- South of Asia
- Sub Saharan Africa
- East Asia and The Pacific
- Middle East and North Africa
- Latin America and The Caribbean
- Central and Eastern Europe
Universal Civil Identity Project of the Americas

• PUICA was adopted by OAS member states in 2008 and reaffirmed in 2010, 2012 and 2014

• Mandate: support member states in their efforts to achieve universality and accessibility of civil registration

• PUICA’s goal is to achieve universal birth registration of children 5-years of age and younger by 2015
Strategic lines of action

I. Hospital Birth Registration

II. Mobile Registration and Public Awareness Campaigns

III. Reconstruction of destroyed or lost records

IV. Institutional interoperability and database security

V. Promote international / regional cooperation

VI. Identification and dissemination of Successful Practices
Program Results 2008 -2015

• More than 19 million birth certificates and identity cards issued and delivered

• Activities held in 19 of the 34 OAS Member States

• Executive Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Council for Civil Registration, Identity and Vital Statistics (CLARCIEV)
CLARCIEV

- Created in 2005, formed by 19 member states (Jamaica, Haiti, Belice)

- Broad representation of civil registration authorities from Latin America

- Annual meetings to share experiences and review the regional goal to eradicate under-registration
Vital Statistics

• Clear connection between Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

• Discrepancies in information between Civil Registries and National Statistical Institutes on under-registration percentages
# Under-registration in the Caribbean

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Challenges ahead

• Standard methodology for measuring the registration of births

• Clear and functional mechanisms of information transfer

• Greater interaction between the authorities of vital statistics and civil registration in subregional forums
Thank you!

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