Session 5. Topics and themes to be covered in a vital statistics system
Selection of topics and themes

Global recommendations ↔ National experiences

Topics are included or excluded based on:

- Expected quality of data
- Sensitivity of topic
What is a topic?

Topics are statistical variables describing information on:
- the vital event
- the persons involved in the vital event

Vital events: live births, deaths, foetal deaths, marriages and divorces

Two levels of priority:
- Core topics
- Additional topics

Another distinction:
- Direct topics
- Derived topics
Tabulations are based on topics

**Absolute numbers**

Suriname, 2013: Live births by sex and urban/rural residence

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<td>Total</td>
<td>10,012</td>
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<td>Urban</td>
<td>6,792</td>
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<td>3,220</td>
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**Relative indicators**

Suriname, 2013: total fertility rate by urban/rural residence

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*Source: UNSD Database, 25 November 2015*
Topics and themes for vital statistics from the civil registration system
## Topics and themes for vital statistics from the civil registration system

### Live births

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<th>On the newborn</th>
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<td>- Date of registration</td>
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### Live births

**On the mother**

- Date of birth
  - Age
- Marital status
  - Child born in wedlock
- Educational attainment
- Place of usual residence
  - Locality of residence
  - Urban/rural residence
- Duration of residence at usual place
- Place/country of birth
  - Migrant status

**- Children born alive to mother during her entire lifetime**

- Birth order or parity
- Foetal deaths to mother during her entire lifetime
- Date of last previous live birth

**- Interval since previous live birth**

- Date of marriage
  - Duration of marriage
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Live births

On the father

- Date of birth
  - Age
- Marital status
- Educational attainment
- Place of usual residence
  - Locality of residence
  - Urban/rural residence
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## Deaths

**On the event**

- Date of occurrence
- Date of registration
- Place of occurrence
  - Locality of occurrence
  - Urban/rural
- Place of registration
- Cause of death
- Certifier
  - Type of certification

**On the decedent**

- Date of birth
  - Age
- Sex
- Marital status
- Place of usual residence
- Place of usual residence of the mother (for deaths under 1 year of age)
  - Locality of residence
  - Urban/rural residence

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Foetal deaths

On the event

- Date of occurrence (of foetal delivery)
- Date of registration
- Place of occurrence
  - Locality of occurrence
  - Urban/rural
- Place of registration

On the foetus

- Sex

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**Foetal deaths**

**On the mother**

- **Date of birth**
  - **Age**
- **Children born alive to mother during her entire lifetime**
  - **Birth order or parity**
- **Foetal deaths to mother during her entire lifetime**

- **Date of last previous live birth**
  - **Interval since previous live birth**
- **Date of marriage**
  - **Duration of marriage**
- **Place of usual residence**
  - **Locality of residence**
  - **Urban/rural residence**
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Foetal deaths

On the father

- Date of birth
  Age
- Place of usual residence
  Locality of residence
  Urban/rural residence
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Marriages

On the event
- Date of occurrence
- Date of registration
- Place of occurrence
  Locality of occurrence
  Urban/rural
- Place of registration

On the bride and groom (separately)
- Date of birth
- Age
- Place of usual residence
  Locality of residence
  Urban/rural residence
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Divorces

On the event
- Date of occurrence
- Date of registration
- Place of occurrence
  Local of occurrence
  Urban/rural
- Place of registration

On the divorcees (husband and wife separately)
- Date of birth
  Age
- Date of marriage
  Duration of marriage
- Place of usual residence
  Locality of residence
  Urban/rural residence
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Gracias  Thank You
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Topics and themes for vital statistics from censuses and surveys
There is no substitute for a well-designed and well-maintained civil registration system as a source of data for the production of vital statistics.
Topics and themes for vital statistics from censuses and surveys

For all members of the household

- Relationship to the head
- If mother lives in the same household, identify line number of the questionnaire
- Date of birth
- Survival of parents
- Marital status

For households

- Number of deaths during the previous 12 months
- For each deceased:
  - Name
  - Sex
  - Date of birth
  - Date of death
  - Cause of deaths, whether during pregnancy, childbirth or puerperium
Topics and themes for vital statistics from censuses and surveys

For women aged 15+

- Total number of children ever born alive, by sex
- Total number of children still living, by sex
- Date of birth and sex of last child born alive
- Survival of last child born alive
- Date of death of last child born alive
- Age at first marriage
- Age at first birth
- Duration of marriage