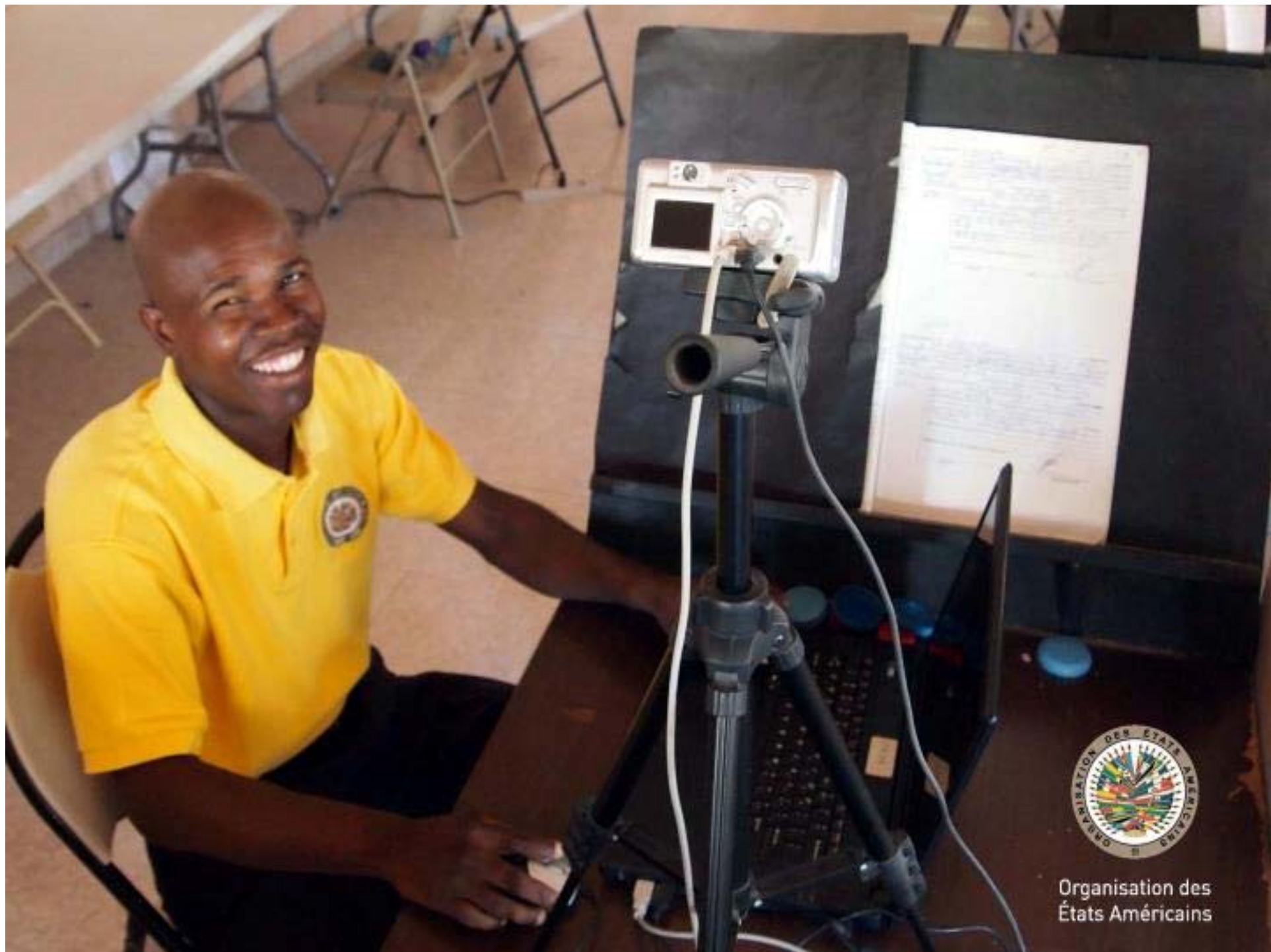# Results of Region Assessments and progress Reports

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Birth registration in the LATAM and The Caribbean

Registered in 2005

● Registered ● Not Registered

According to UNICEF, 1 in 5 children under 5 years old did not recieve a birth certificate

Registered in 2015

● Registered ● Not Registered

In 2015, the number decreased to 8%

The Caribbean

Total registered (%)
Antigua and Barbuda	—
Bahamas	—
Barbados	—
Belize	95
Dominica	—
Guyana	88
Grenada	—
Haiti	80
Jamaica	98
Saint Kitts and Nevis	—
Saint Lucia	92
Trinidad and Tobago	97

The Caribbean

❖ No substantial under-registration index compared to South America

❖ Small amount of statistical data on the region; UNICEF provides information from 7 countries but leaves 7 countries out

The Caribbean

Civil Registry Modernization Project in the Eastern Caribbean

Between 2011 and 2013 the Universal Civil Identity Program in the Americas (PUICA) implemented the **Modernization of the Civil Registries of the Eastern Caribbean States and Belize Project** in Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The overall objective of the project was to strengthen the capacity of beneficiary countries to implement a sustainable and integrated civil registry system, preserving the documentation in the Eastern Caribbean and Belize and storing vital statistic information in searchable databases.

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Civil Registry Modernization Project in the Eastern Caribbean

PUICA purchased equipment, developed software and trained data entry clerks to scan and input information from books containing birth, death, marriage, adoption and legitimization certificates.

PUICA completed its work in Antigua and Barbuda - **100% of the birth** registries and death registry books have been scanned, **87% of the data** entered and **78% verified** for accuracy. (2013)

Grenada - **92% of the birth, deaths, marriages and adoption registry books** scanned, 50% of all the images cropped (2013)

St Kitts and Nevis – **100% of the births registry books scanned**, 66% of the data entered and 61% verified for accuracy. (2013)

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- Saint Lucia - **74% of the birth, 61% of death, 44% of baptism and 82% of marriage registry** books scanned and 30% of all images cropped (Sept 2013)

- St. Vincent and the Grenadines - **100% of the birth, death, marriage and adoption registry** books scanned and 96% of the birth images cropped (2012).

- Dominica - **77% of the birth, 84% of the death and 36% of marriage** registry books scanned. (Oct 2013)

Civil Registry Databases and Interoperability
Workshop
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
October 10 and 11, 2013

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Achievements

1. The progress achieved through the digitalization of vital statistics records into searchable databases

2. The usefulness of these databases to modernize the operations of the civil registries

3. The possibility of interconnecting these databases with other government identities, such as passports offices, electoral institutes social security and vital statistics entities in order to maximize efficiency and assure transparency

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PUICA Initiatives

- ❖ 2.5 million registries of vital statistics were digitalized and catalogued

- ❖ PUICA is conducting a survey to improve the statistics in the region

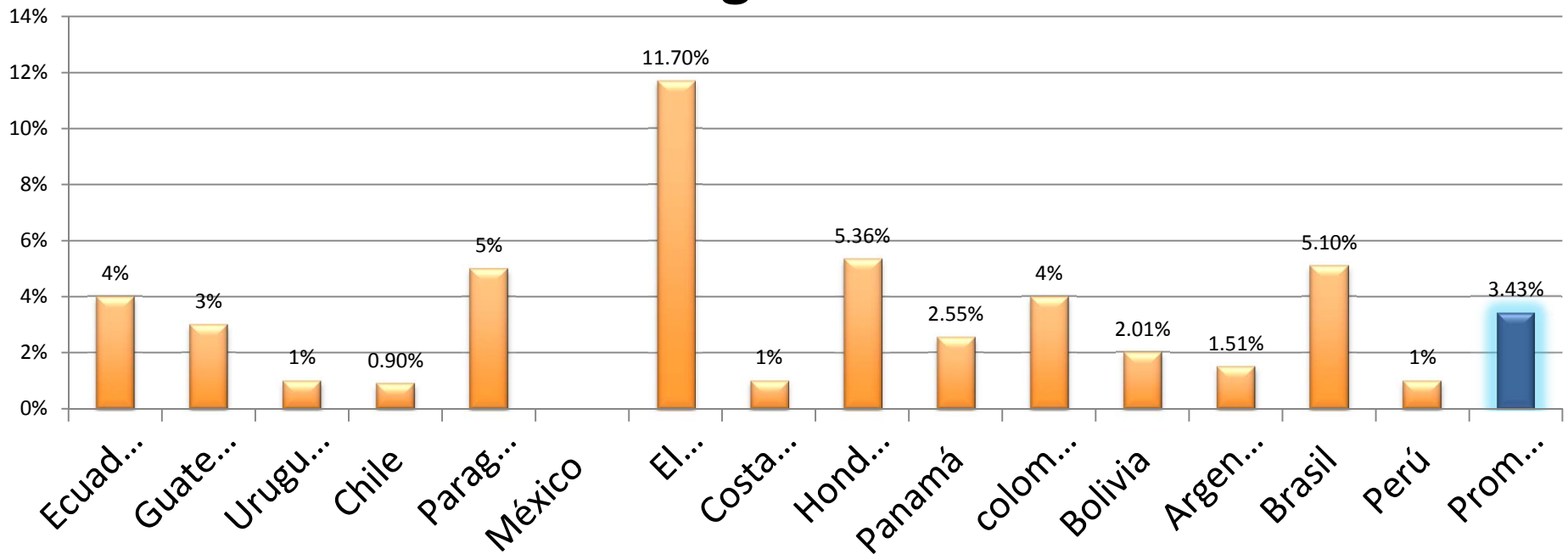 **Thank you for your cooperation!**

OAS Survey

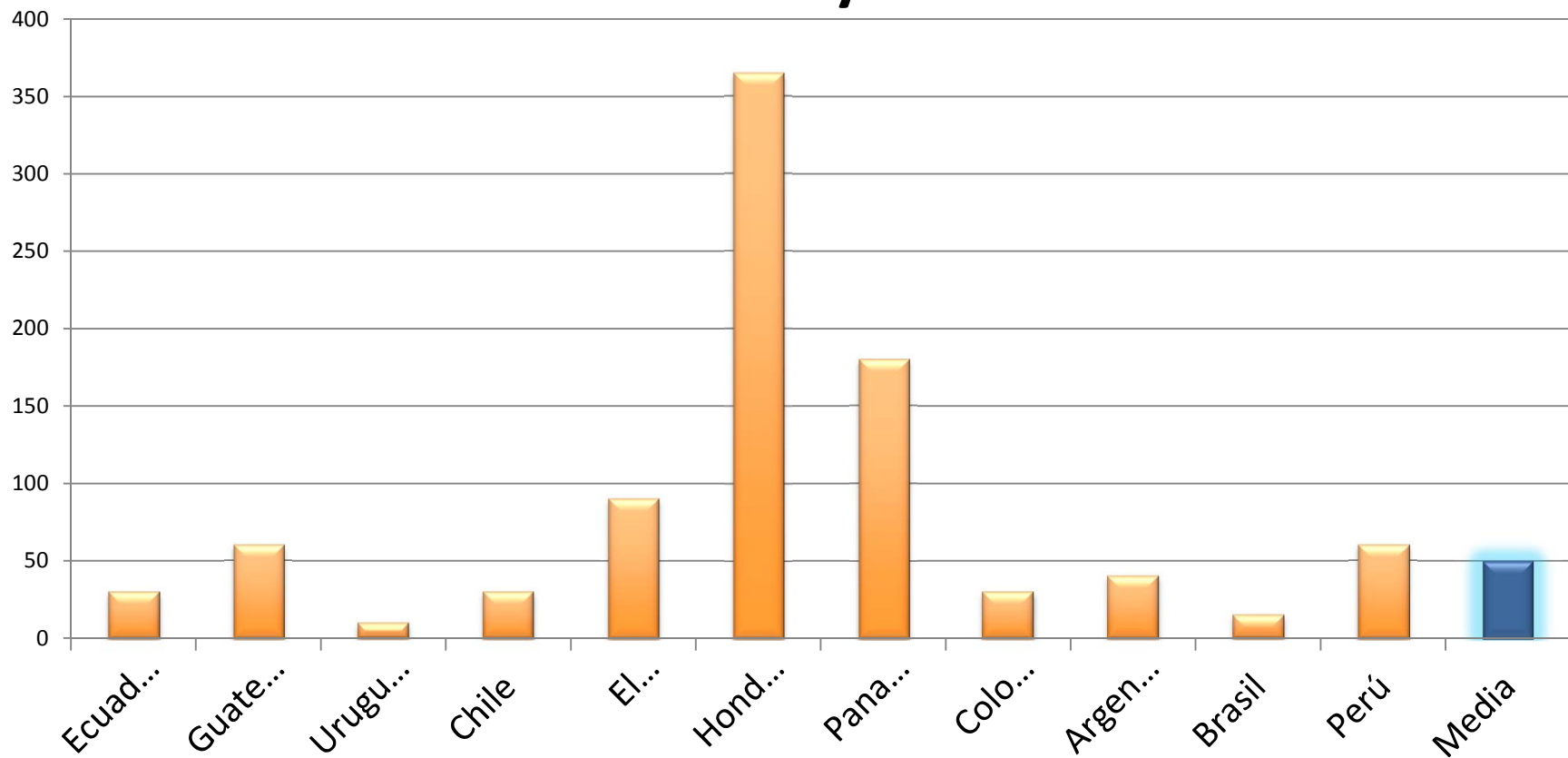|	
1	Ecuador
2	Guatemala
3	Uruguay
4	Chile
5	Paraguay
6	México
7	El Salvador
8	Costa Rica
9	Honduras
10	Panamá
11	Colombia
12	Bolivia
13	Argentina
14	Guyana
15	Venezuela
16	Brasil
17	Perú

Some numbers

Under Registration rate

Some numbers

What is the legal period for birth registration? - Days

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Future Agenda

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The **goal** is dedicated to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels.

Target: by 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration.

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Future Agenda

- ❖ Create methodology standards to measure under-registration
- ❖ Coordination of civil registration and vital statistics
- ❖ Institutional strengthening and horizontal cooperation - CLARCIEV
- ❖ guidelines for best practices
- ❖ standard format for certificates
- ❖ Focus on connectivity and security on vital statistics system
- ❖ Build up reliable statistic in the region

Thank you

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