

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING CRVS

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Core Topic	Live birth
Date of Occurrence	Yes
Date of registration	Yes
Place of occurrence	Yes
Place of registration	Yes
Type of birth	Yes
Attendant at birth	Yes
Sex of newborn	Yes
Weight of newborn	No
Date of birth of mother	No*
Marital status of mother	No
Educational attainment of mother	No
Place of usual residence	Yes
*age captured no DOB	

Core Topic	Live birth
Duration of residence in usual place	No
Place/country of birth	No
Children born alive to mother in lifetime	Yes
Foetal death to mother in lifetime	Yes
Date of last previous livebirth	No
Date of marriage	No
Date of birth of father	No*
Marital status of father	No
Educational attainment of father	No
Place of usual residence of father	No
Population at risk *age captured no DOB	Mid-year population

Core Topic	Death
Date of Occurrence	Yes
Date of registration	Yes
Place of occurrence	Yes
Place of registration	Yes
Cause of death	Yes
Certifier	Yes
Date of birth	Yes
Sex	Yes
Marital status	No
Place of usual residence	Yes
Place of usual residence of the mother (deaths under 1 year)	Yes
Population at risk	Mid-year population

Core Topic	Foetal death
Date of Occurrence	Yes
Date of registration	Yes
Place of occurrence	Yes
Place of registration	Yes
Sex	Yes
Date of birth of mother	No*
Children born alive to mother in lifetime	Yes
Foetal death to mother in lifetime	Yes
*age captured no DOB	

Core Topic	Foetal death
Date of last previous livebirth	No
Date of marriage	No
Place of usual residence of mother	Yes
Date of birth of father	No
Place of usual residence of father	No
Population at risk	No. of live births

Core Topic	Marriage
Date of Occurrence	Yes
Date of registration	Yes
Place of occurrence	Yes
Place of registration	Yes
DOB of bride and groom	No *
Place of usual residence	Yes
Population at risk	Mid-year population
*age captured no DOB	

Core Topic	Divorce	
	Civil	Muslim
Date of Occurrence	Yes	Yes
Date of registration	Yes	Yes
Place of occurrence	Yes	Yes
Place of registration	Yes	Yes
DOB of bride and groom	No*	No*
Date of marriage	Yes	Yes
Place of usual residence	No	Yes
Population at risk	Mid-year population	
RG provides data for Muslim, judiciary for civil *age captured no DOB		

OBSTACLES

- Civil Registration
 - The existing legislature needs to be repealed and replaced by a proper legal framework to facilitate meaningful vital statistics
 - Outreach. District registrars currently in hospitals and urban communities. Added to the legal timeline of 3 months gives rise to lags and possible opportunities for under coverage, (1 main office , 3 sub offices, 15 e-registration centers.)
- Vital Statistics
 - Late submission of data from RG
 - Inaccurate or incomplete datasets from the RG
 - Queries need to be resolved
 - Harmonization of codes, concepts and definitions
 - Re-establish automated system for coding
 - Lack of staff. Retention also an issue
 - Migration data
 - Training of all stakeholders

ASSESSING QUALITY

- From Aug 2014, all registered deaths have been linked via a PIN number on the birth certificate.
- Introduce consistency and validation checks at the RG when data are being captured
- Comparison of births with census data from 2011 PHC
- CARPHA does validation checks on age, sex, cause of death. Trinidad & Tobago's ill defined deaths within PAHO's acceptable range, about 1.9%
- UNICEF/MOH under 5 Mortality Study done in 2013 to measure child health outcomes.

STRATEGIES

- Development of the NSDS(National Strategy for the Development of Statistics)
- MOU to be signed between RG and CSO
- Establishment of an inter-ministerial committee from MoH, CSO, RG, Judiciary, other civil society organizations to build capacity and strengthen collaboration within the CRVS
- Development and implementation of a policy for continuous training for district registrars, vital statisticians, medical personnel, records personnel, and users of the CRVS
- Public education and awareness
- Monitoring and evaluation. Must be regular and ongoing to conduct data assessments e.g. possible inclusion of deceased name in census questionnaire.

THANK YOU!