Teamwork Turkey

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(Exercise)

(a) Compare core topics recommended by the P&R with topics covered in the country’s registration forms. Explain what are the differences.

(b) Identify the major obstacles for achieving complete coverage of vital events registration.

(c) Have you set national targets in your country? What would be the process for setting national targets? Identify any targets that may prove difficult to set.

(d) Outline five strategies that should be adopted to achieve the targets.
(a)

The main differences for live births ;
• Urban/rural occurrence
• Type of birth
• Attendant at birth
• Weight at birth (newborn)
• Educational attainment (of mother and father)
• Urban/rural residence (of mother and father)
• Duration of residence in usual place (of mother and father)
• Place/country of birth (of mother and father)
• Migrant status (of mother and father)
(a) continued

The main differences for live births;

• Gestational age (of mother)
• Number of prenatal visits (of mother)
• Month of pregnancy prenatal care began (of mother)
• Children born alive to mother during her entire lifetime (of mother)
• Foetal deaths to mother during her entire lifetime (of mother)
• Date of last previous live birth (of mother)
• Interval since last previous live birth (of mother)
The main differences for deaths;

- Urban/rural occurrence
- Cause of death
- Urban/rural resident (of decedent)
- Duration of residence in usual place (of decedent)
- Place of previous residence (of decedent)
- Place of birth (of decedent)
- Migrant status (of decedent)
- Foetal deaths
- Stillbirths
(a) continued

The main differences for marriages;

• Urban/rural occurrence
• Type of marriage
• Marriage order (of bride and groom-separately)
• Economic activity status (of bride and groom-separately)
• Usual occupation (of bride and groom-separately)
• Urban/rural residence (of bride and groom-separately)
• Duration of residence in usual place (of bride and groom-separately)
• Place of previous residence (of bride and groom-separately)
• Place of birth (of bride and groom-separately)
• Migrant status (of bride and groom-separately)
(a) continued

The main differences for divorces;

• Urban/rural occurrence
• Type of marriage being dissolved (husband and wife separately)
• Number of children born alive to the marriage being dissolved (husband and wife separately)
• Marriage order (husband and wife separately)
• Economic activity status (husband and wife separately)
• Usual occupation (husband and wife separately)
• Socioeconomic status (husband and wife separately)
• Urban/rural residence (husband and wife separately)
• Migrant status (husband and wife separately)
The major obstacles:

- The challenges about making new legal arrangements (Population Services Law, 5490)
- The lack of awareness and consciousness of public
- The lowness of educational and cultural level of public, especially of women
- Geographical challenges
- Child marriage etc. similar applications that cannot be registered in a normal procedure.
- Declaration of births by family members, kin of the person etc.
- Late registration and non-qualitative information
- The places have no physicians in rural areas, the missing of infant deaths in registration
(c)

The targets, process and difficulties;

- To set birth notification system
- Declaration of births directly by the health institutions
- Infant (new born) death, birth order, biological mother and other relative information will be covered
- Bureaucratic process and legal arrangements are hard to implement
- Also the involve of private health sector will take time
(d)

The strategies;

1) To make necessary changes in Population Services Law of Turkey

2) To set a birth notification system on electronical base integrated with civil registration system

3) The integration of current death notification system to the civil registration system

4) The improvement of awareness of public and especially the educational attainment of women

5) To produce accurate, complete and timely vital statistics by adapting the data flow according to the national and international statistical infrastructure.
Thank you for your attention

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