

TEAM WORK – GRENADA'S PRESENTATION

- DIFFERENCES IN GRENADA REGISTRATION FORM AS COMPARED TO THE CORE TOPICS IN THE UNITED NATIONS PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS .
- IDENTIFY THE MAJOR OBSTACLES FOR COMPILING VITAL STATISTICS BASED ON CIVIL REGISTRATION DATA
- **EFFORTS CARRIED OUT FOR ASSESSING QUALITY**
- OUTLINE FIVE STRATEGIES THAT SHOULD BE ADOPTED TO ACHIEVE COMPLETENESS AND IMPROVE QUALITY

DIFFERENCES IN THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS VARIABLES

- **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MOTHER:-**

- 1- Marital Status

- 2- Educational Attainment

- 3- Duration of residence in usual place

- 4- Foetal deaths to mother during her entire lifetime

- 5- Date of last previous live birth

- 6- Date of Marriage

DIFFERENCES CON'T

- **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FATHER:-**
 - 1- Marital Status
 - 2- Educational Attainment

DIFFERENCES IN THE REGISTRATION OF DEATHS VARIABLES

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DECEDENT:-

- Marital Status

- **FOETAL DEATHS**

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MOTHER:-

1. Foetal deaths to mother during her entire lifetime
2. Date of last previous live births
3. Date of marriages

OBSTACLES THAT HAMPERS THE EFFICIENCY OF COMPILING VITAL STATISTICS BASED ON CIVIL REGISTRATION DATA

- **FUNDING** – Due to financial constraints bedside registration is not done over the weekends
- **STAFF AND TRAINING- 1.** Lack of sufficient staff is a major issues as it relates to the coding of deaths, presently there is only one coder for deaths
- **2.** Lack of continuous training for the medical Doctors in the correct way of writing the death certificates

OBSTACLES CON'T

- **LACK OF APPRECIATION AMONG HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS** – The lack of awareness of the utility of vital records and statistics for the implementation of public health and other social and economic programmes

OBSTACLES CON'T

- **THE PUBLIC** – The cooperation of the public in making known the occurrence of a vital event is the keystone to success of the system. **LACK OF MOTIVATION TO REGISTER A BIRTH IN THE SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE**

OBSTACLES CON'T

- **FAILURE OF THE AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE REGISTRATION**
 - The lack of publicity and promotional campaigns, including audio-visual training activities on the importance of registration, has left the public ignorant of the legal, administrative and statistical importance of registration. At present the majority of the public does not have the statistical consciousness required to recognize the need for vital statistics in development planning. Without effective educational efforts by the authorities the public will not be in a position to cooperate in the system.

STRATEGIES TO BE ADOPTED

1. **Review the functionality of the Current System-** Grenada has made significant improvements in our laws to enhance and improve our Vital Registration system. However **a comprehensive review of the Vital Registration Legislation** should be carried out with a view to revising and updating it in the interest of achieving the desired improvements especially as it relates to the new recommendations and guidelines.

SECOND STRATEGY

- **Ensure that monitoring and evaluation of the system is effective** by establishing transparent monitoring and evaluation procedures and guidelines. Included in this strategy is the scientific assessment of quality by the Direct or Indirect Method.
- Having independent validation done to ensure the credibility of the evaluation.

THIRD STRATEGY

- **ESTABLISHMENT OF A CRVS COMMITTEE – ODOPTING A BEST PRACTICE AS RECOMMENDED BY JAMAICA.**
- The establishment of National Coordination Structure comprising relevant agencies and stakeholders including the Minister of Health working together to contribute to a well functioning CRVS System. With a committee in place inconsistencies and inefficiencies in the production of vital event statistics can be minimised because they would ensure that there is sufficient support, both budgetary and administrative.

FOURTH STRATEGY

- **SEEKING POLITICAL SUPPORT:** It is of outmost importance to have a strong political commitment at the highest level as well as an advocacy framework that demonstrates benefits of registration of vital events.

FIFTH STRATEGY

- **IMPROVEMENT IN TECHNICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES:** - A well-functioning CRVS system should be aided and supported with adequate institutional and technical capacity which includes skilled and well trained human resources, office supplies and equipment. A training program that is well rounded should be developed with the appropriate training material to ensure sound training for all the relevant staff in the system.

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