

APAI CRVS

Translating political commitment into action

Towards Better Information Systems for the 2030 Agenda

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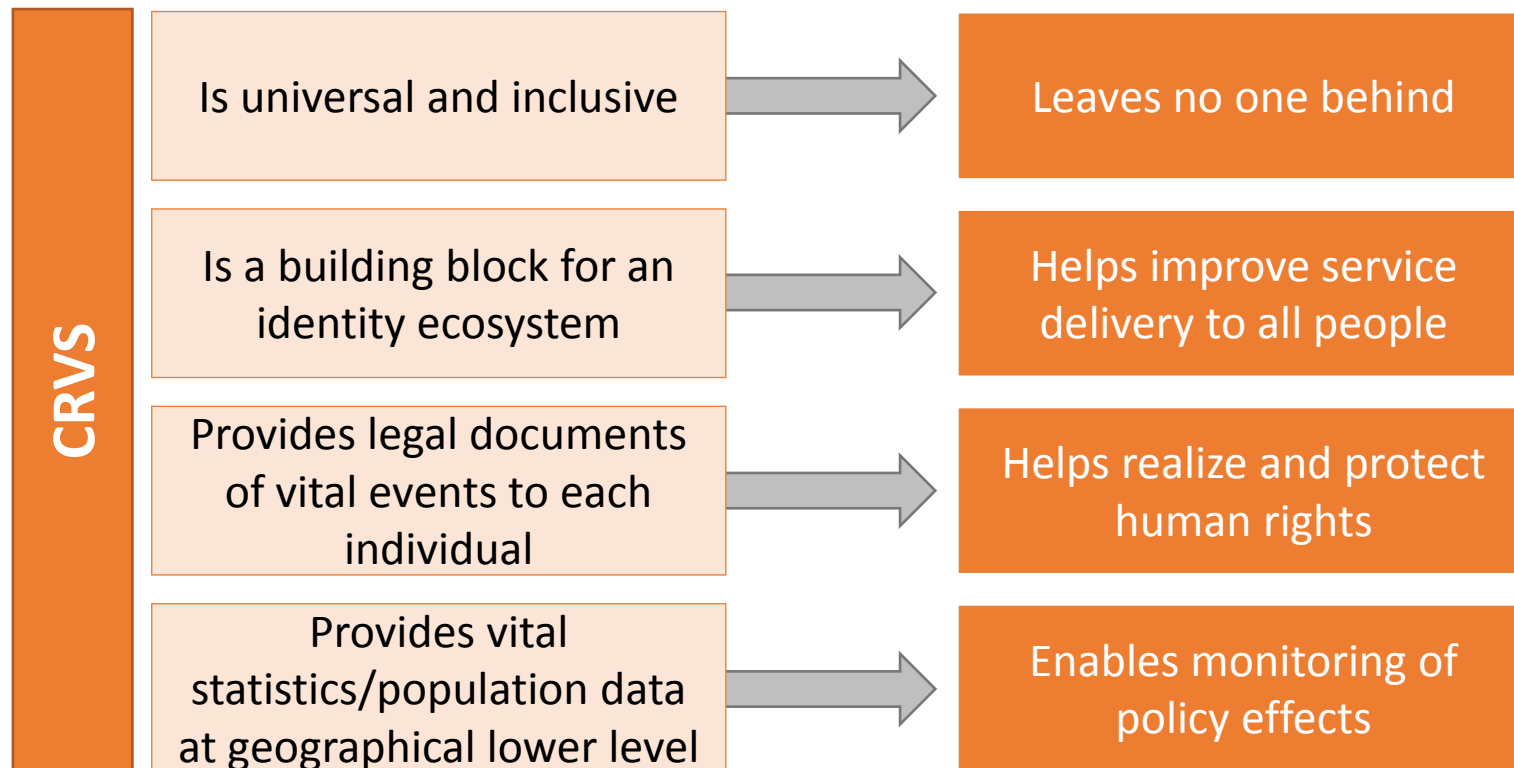
Making Everyone Visible

Africa Program for Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

Agenda 2030 and CRVS

*We resolve, between now and 2030, to end poverty and hunger **everywhere**; to combat **inequalities within and among countries**; to build peaceful, just and **inclusive societies**; to protect **human rights** (...). (...) we pledge that **no one will be left behind**. (...) we wish to see the Goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for **all segments of society**.*

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



CRVS for measuring SDGs



Africa Programme for Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS)

- Guided by policy directives of the **Conference of Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration**
 - 1st Conference in Addis Ababa (2010) – conceptualization and focus on holistic approach
 - 2nd Conference in Durban (2012) – moving action to countries
 - 3rd Conference in Yamoussoukro (2015) – consolidation
- Steered by **Regional Core Group** – ECA (**Secretariat**), AUC, AfDB, ASSD, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, Indepth Network, Paris21, Plan International



Guiding principles of APAI-CRVS

Promoting country ownership and leadership

Promoting phase-based, holistic and systemic approach at country and regional level

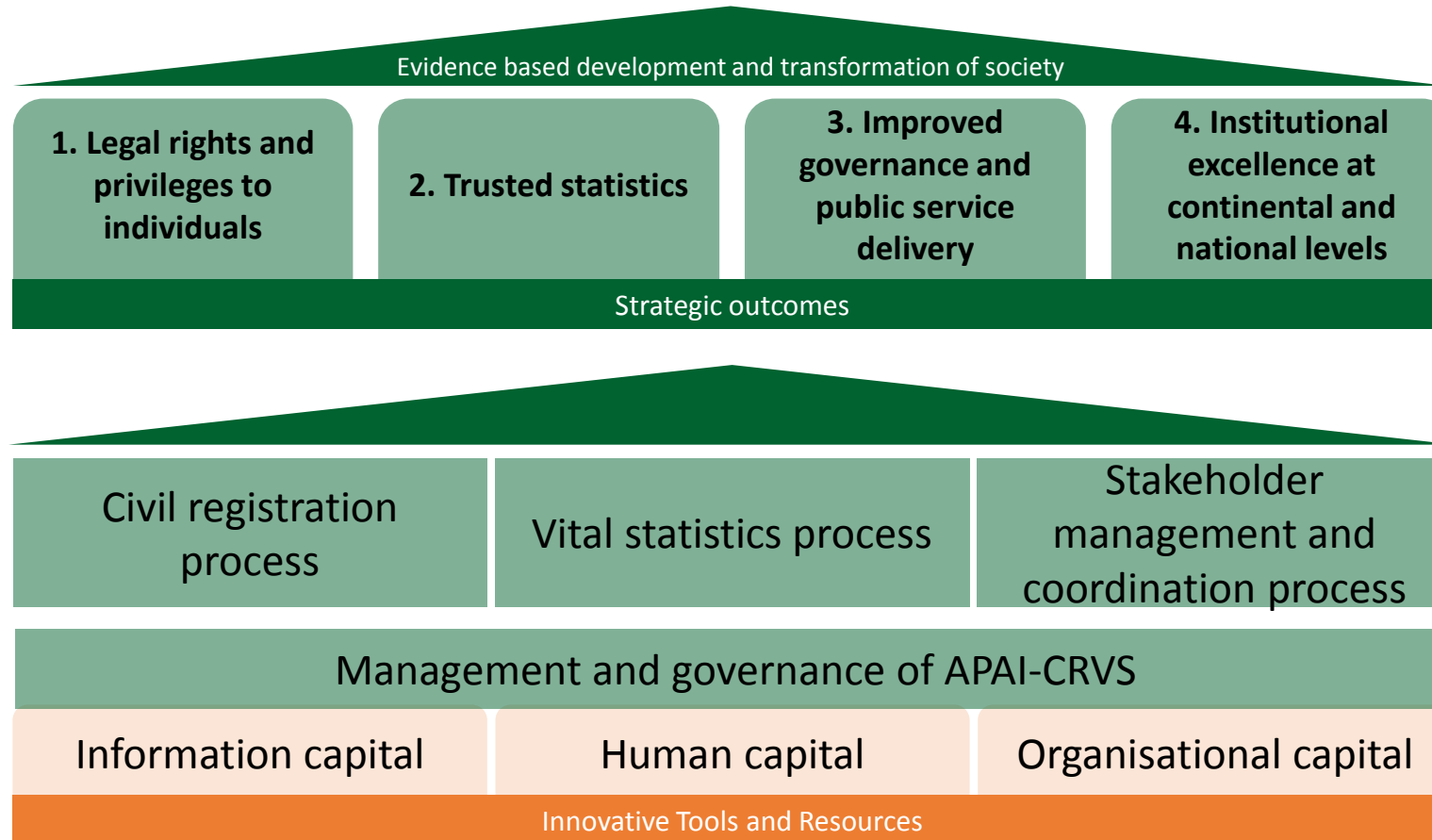
Building capacities of national and regional CRVS institutions

Promoting innovation and knowledge sharing

APAI-CRVS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 – The Strategy Map

Every one in Africa visible!

To register the occurrence and characteristics of all vital events in Africa for improved service delivery and informed evidence-based planning and decisions through an efficient and complete civil registration and vital statistics system



Key achievements of APAI-CRVS

Conference of Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration established as a biennial permanent forum of AUC

Strengthened collaboration between CR and VS institutions through 5 African Symposia on Statistical Development

Significantly improved in-country and regional coordination

Country leadership and ownership firmly established

Provided country assistance in assessment and development of strategic improvement plans

- 25 African countries have conducted their comprehensive assessments and 11 have initiated

Trained over 500 CRVS functionalities – including building a pool of CRVS specialist and country champions

Developed public good documents:

- Guidelines and tools for comprehensive assessment
- Guidelines for strategic planning
- CRVS Digitization Guidebook
- Africa Mortality Statistics Strategy

Put in place a separate implementation strategy for English and French speaking countries

Created a global momentum on CRVS

Major challenges

- A number of countries are yet to conduct an assessment and/or develop a plan –particularly in Western and Central Africa
- Monitoring both within the country and at the regional level are weak
- Coordination with Health continues to a challenge
- Not enough resources available at the regional level on various technical fields to support implementation
 - viz. causes of death, ICT, law, vital statistics
- Donor coordination – parachuting with projects that sometimes are not aligned with the country plans
- Limited resources at the Secretariat

Coming soon from APAI-CRVS...

- Knowledge sharing and monitoring website
 - Operational guidelines on civil registration and vital statistics
 - Step-by-step guide on death registration
 - Guidelines on civil registration in conflict areas
 - Guidelines on advocacy and communications for civil registration
 - Gender in CRVS
 - Vital statistics report template
 - Training materials on compilation of vital statistics from civil registration
 - Establishing training curricula on CRVS in three training institutions in Africa
 - Developing pool of regional experts on digitization of CRVS, causes of death and vital statistics
 - 4th Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration
-and many more

APAI-CRVS

The three most important ways of establishing maintaining an efficient and sustainable CRVS system are:

Coordination

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Building and maintaining a complete and efficient CRVS system is in true sense a **Data Revolution**

Thanks