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.

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CRVS

Is universal and inclusive
Leaves no one behind

Is a building block for an identity ecosystem
Helps improve service delivery to all people

Provides legal documents of vital events to each individual
Helps realize and protect human rights

Provides vital statistics/population data at geographical lower level
Enables monitoring of policy effects
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
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.

1. Legal rights and privileges to individuals
2. Trusted statistics
3. Improved governance and public service delivery
4. Institutional excellence at continental and national levels

Strategic outcomes

Civil registration process
Vital statistics process
Stakeholder management and coordination process

Management and governance of APAI-CRVS

Information capital
Human capital
Organisational capital

Innovative Tools and Resources

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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 functionaries – 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
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