

PRODUCING VITAL STATISTICS BASED ON CIVIL REGISTRATION

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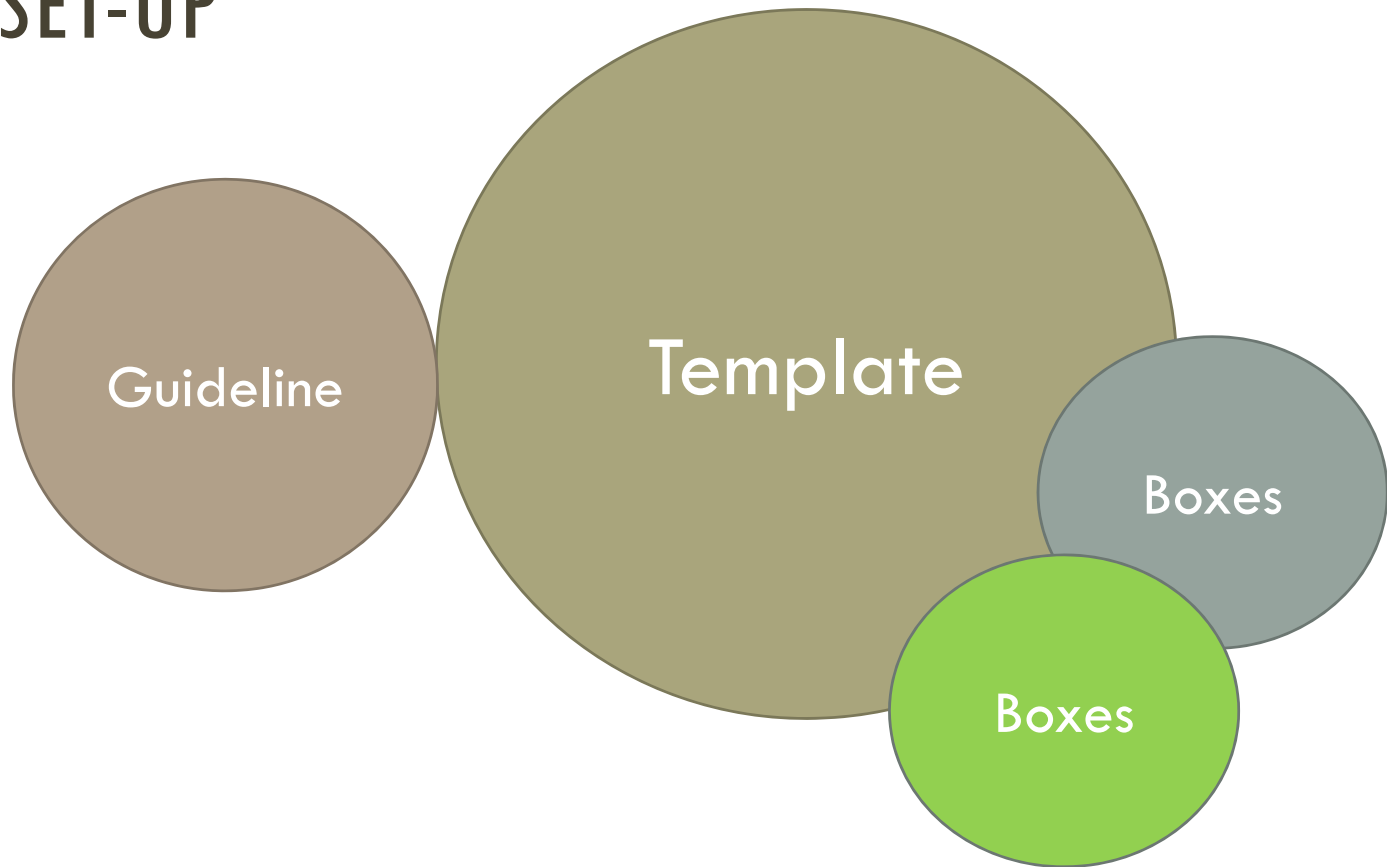
PURPOSE

To serve as a practical guidance tool for producing vital statistics reports (VSR) based on data from civil registration systems.

<http://getinthepicture.org/resource/guidelines-and-template-developing-vital-statistics-report>



REPORT SET-UP



REGIONAL TRAININGS

Goal: Develop and publish national vital statistics reports. Where possible based on CR records.

Who: National experts from

- CR
- NSO
- MoH/MoJ etc

Partners include: ESCAP, ECA, UNSD, UNFPA, Plan International, Bloomberg D4H and Statistics Norway



REGIONAL TRAININGS

Set up:

- National teams selected
- Two workshops
- Requires:
 - Cleaned data ahead of workshop
 - Establishment of inter-agency working group
 - Continuous work with focal points
 - Published report



GEORGIA: CRVS INITIATIVE

- Geostat participated in the first round of VSR project organized by UN ESCAP

- The primary goals for Geostat were:
 - i. to learn how to prepare the Vital Statistics Report on the spot – with experts and colleagues from other countries present;
 - ii. to have another floor to engage in discussions on vital statistics issues with main stakeholders in the country;
 - iii. to follow up on other CRVS initiatives with ESCAP and in-country stakeholders

GEORGIA: VSR PROJECT STRENGTHS

The main concept was well thought over:

- A very concrete deliverable – production of the VSR itself
- Two workshops helped to plan and follow up on the progress with VSR
- Review of the VSR by international experts was ensured between and after the two meetings
- As a result, the first VSR in Georgia was produced:
http://geostat.ge/cms/site_images/files/english/population/VS%20report_En_g.pdf

The project also ensures sustainability: as the initial efforts require the largest amount of time, once prepared it is relatively easy to produce VSR in the following years

GEORGIA: CALCULATING COMPLETENESS

Table 3: Number of live births according to different sources and completeness rate

	1990-1994	1995-1999	2000-2004	2005-2009	2010-2014
Geostat (1)	373,442	265,562	238,760	263,536	296,143
UN (2)	408,134	311,866	274,525	303,076	282,324
Completeness rate	91.5	85.2	87.0	87.0	104.9

Another data quality challenge is related to the definition of births. Georgia used the Soviet definition of live births and stillbirths until 1996, which did not correspond to the WHO recommendations.

GEORGIA - VSR: LESSONS LEARNT

- A clear idea makes a project successful
- Without involvement of key stakeholders it is extremely difficult to progress; on the other hand – joint work promotes discussions and further interaction in relation to other issues
- Coordination of the work by the UN agency served as additional leverage in making work effective
- Production of the VSR helps identifying weaknesses and data gaps, thus inducing further improvements

RESULTS AND FURTHER PLANS

- Final template and guideline very soon available on ECA and ESCAP homepages
- Most of the participating countries in Asia have finalized and published reports
- Countries in Africa are currently preparing drafts

More trainings

- For new countries in the ESCAP and ECA regions
- Additional and more focusd training on disseminating for different user groups
- Involvement of more stakeholders
- Workshop in Mediterrenean region planned for March in collaboration with UNSD and WHO-EMRO



Thank you!

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