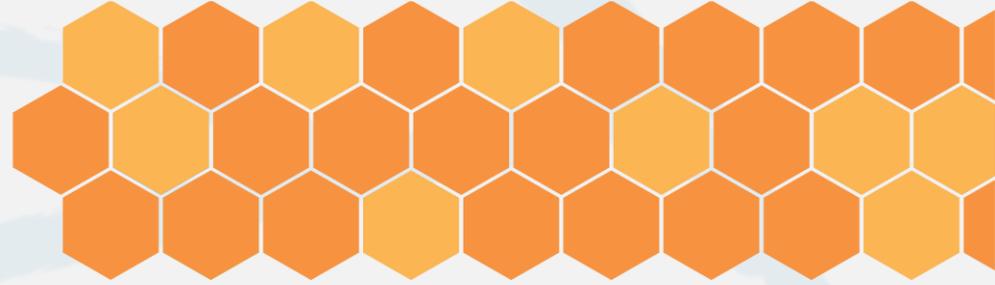




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Establishing political support for CRVS improvements -experiences from Fiji

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Establishing CRVS commitment in Fiji

- How was commitment for establishing the CRVS coordination mechanism ensured?
 - I. Strengthened relationship between stakeholders (MoHMS, RG, BOS, ITC) through data sharing.
 - II. Country led and owned process of identifying areas of improvement and document progress.
 - III. Developed prioritized recommendations and action plan with estimated cost implications
 - IV. Involvement of the MoHMS Minister in the CRVS regional steering group in her capacity as the chair.
 - V. Integration with other key datasets such as Social Welfare, Education, iTaukei Affairs, Elections Office, Fiji National Provident Fund, Fiji Islands Revenue and Customs, even Civil Society Organisations through dialogue and close collaboration.



Establishing CRVS commitment in Fiji

- Which actions can be taken to support this in a country?
 - ✓ **Commitment and dedication.**
 - ✓ Identify a **champion** (s) – driver of change
 - ✓ Establish a **CRVS Committee** – dynamic and strong chairperson
 - ✓ **Political** support from the government of the day.
 - ✓ **Leadership and Governance**
 - ✓ Get **technical support** and assistance from experts



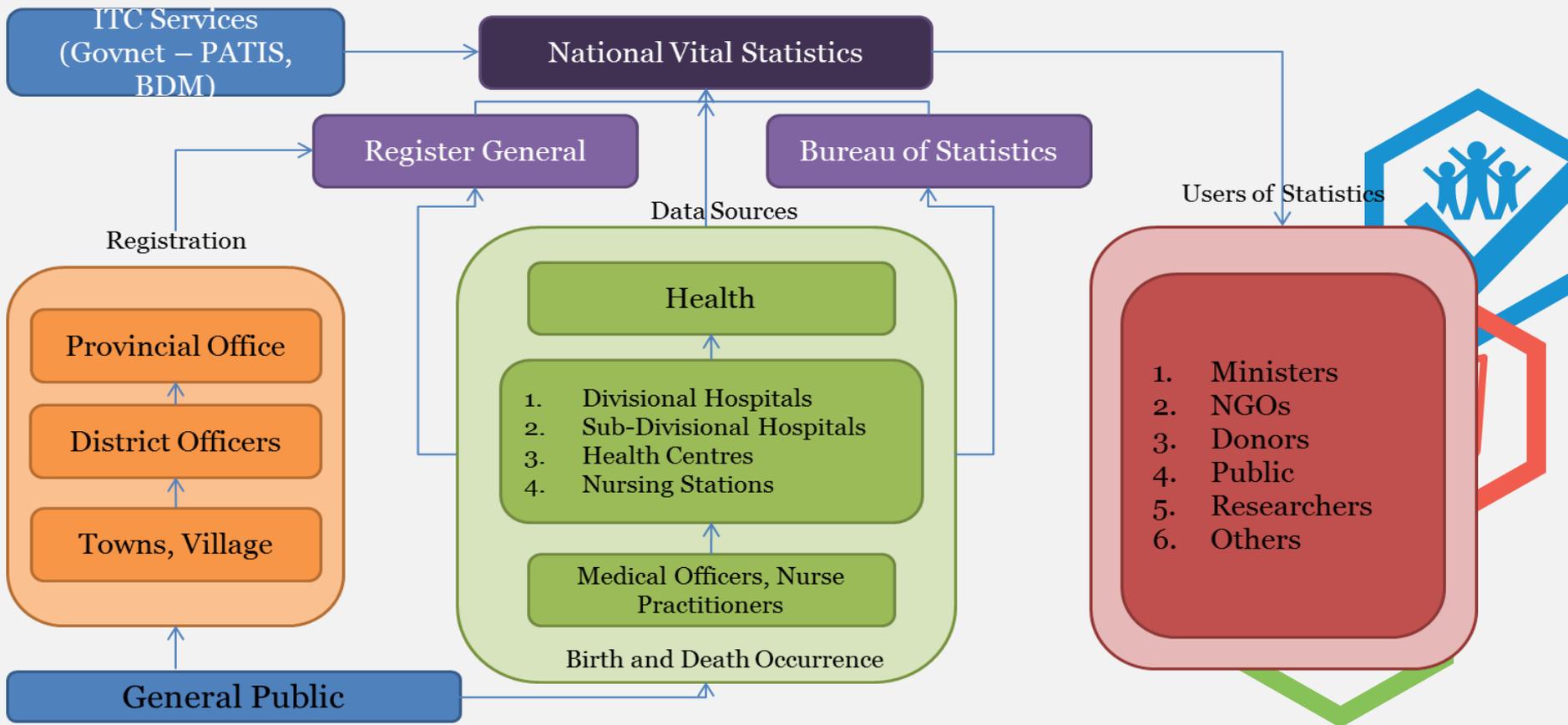
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- ◆ How was stakeholders included and their commitment ensured?
 - Health (Data Source)-Birth and Death Occurrence
 - Register General (Registration)-Central venue for Birth and Death Registrations.
 - ITC - Highest and best security level in protecting electronic Birth Death and Marriages (BDM) Data
 - Bureau of Statistics (User of Statistics)- National Information Custodian.



Establishing CRVS commitment in Fiji

- How was stakeholders included and their commitment ensured?



How has CRVS been linked to national development plans?

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- ✦ Who lead this process and how was commitment ensured?
- Each sectors contribution to the NDP
 - For Health- The Minister's leadership and guidance.
 - Passionate and dedicated senior officials from each sector (RG's, DHIRA, FIBOS & ITC) advocating for CRVS.

How has CRVS been linked to national development plans?

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- ✦ How has CRVS been linked with the SDG discussions in Fiji?
 - ✓ CRVS data as denominators for population-based targets.
 - ✓ Use of CRVS information to implement targeted interventions that contributes to national targets for each of the SDG goals.

Further information

 Fiji Health Status Report 2016

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