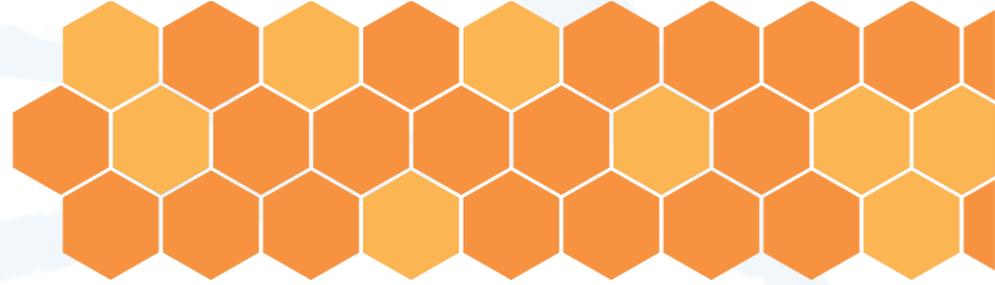




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Importance of death registration

- ◆ Proof of death and provision of legal rights to the family
- ◆ When national ID system linked to civil registration, “exit” door of the ID system
- ◆ Data for the production of vital statistics
- ◆ Improvements slower than for birth registration in the region
- ◆ Occurrence without the involvement of actors from the health sector
- ◆ Lack of incentives for families to register deaths

Regional Action Framework targets on death registration

Goal 1: Universal registration of births, deaths & other vital events

- ◆ 1D: By 2024, at least ... per cent of all deaths that take place in the territory and jurisdiction in the given year are registered.



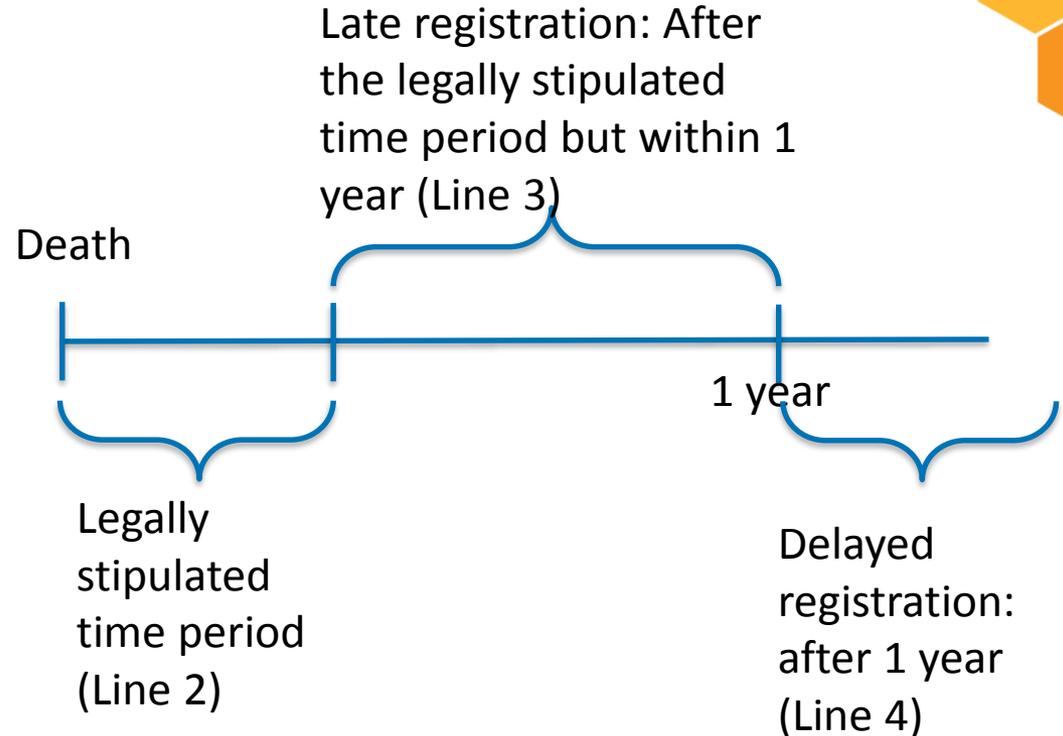
Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights

- ◆ 2B: By 2024, at least ... per cent of all deaths registered in the territory and jurisdiction in the given year are accompanied with the issuance of an official death certificate which includes, as a minimum, the deceased's name, date of death, sex, and age.



Table 3: Death Registration – Civil Registration Records (Lines 1-4)

Line	Variable
Registration Records	
1	Total number of deaths in the given year registered by the civil registration system within one year of occurrence (including late civil registration) (= (2)+(3))
2	Of which: Number of deaths in the given year registered by the civil registration system within the legally stipulated time period
3	Number of deaths in the given year registered by the civil registration system after the legally stipulated time period but within 1 year of occurrence (late civil registration)
4	Number of deaths in the given year registered by the civil registration system after 1 year of occurrence (delayed civil registration)



- ◆ The date of reference for completing the above table is the date of death, not the date of registration.
- ◆ A death which occurred in December 2017 and was registered in January 2018 should be recorded in Line 2 under the year 2017.

Table 3: Death Registration – Civil Registration Records (Lines 5)

- Does not include re-issuance of certificates: there should not be more deaths for which a certificate was issued (line 5) than deaths registered (line 1)
- If the death certificate does not have the minimum information (deceased's name, date of death, sex, and age), enter what is included in Notes and Sources

Line	Variable
Registration Records	
5	Total number of deaths in the given year registered by the civil registration system within one year of occurrence for which a death certificate was issued (A death certificate contains minimum information including deceased's name, date of death, sex, and age)

Table 3: Death Registration – Population Estimates (Lines 6 and 9)

- ◆ To calculate the completeness rates
- ◆ National statistical offices may provide based on national estimates derived from national population censuses, and/or household surveys
- ◆ Prefilled data from Population Division for comparison purpose, but used for calculating completeness rates if no national data available

Population estimates	
6	Total number of deaths in the national territory (based on estimates from the ministry of health, population census data or sample surveys)
Population estimates from the United Nations Population Division	
9	Total number of deaths in the national territory

Table 3 Death Registration -Targets

- Target 1D and 2B:
Preference given to number of deaths registered within the legally stipulated time period

Line	Variable
Targets	
7	1D: Percentage of all deaths that are registered ($=100*(1)/(6)$, if (6) not available use (9))
8	2B: Percentage of deaths registered accompanied with the issuance of an official death certificate with minimum information ($=100*(5)/(1)$)



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