Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in the Philippines

The Importance of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) to Eradicate Poverty in Asia and the Pacific
Side Event in Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
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I. Background

II. CRVS in support of service delivery in the Philippines

III. Efforts to “Get Every One in the Picture”

IV. Importance of improving the CRVS to the 2030 Agenda and achievement of the SDGs
Birth Certificate

1 Name: ASIAN AND PACIFIC CRVS DECADE, 2015-2024

2 Birth Date: Month Day Year 3 Sex: November 28 2014 Every one

3 Place of Birth:
    UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

4 Full Name of Parent(s):
    Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

5 Nationality of Parent(s):
    Asian and Pacific

Signatures of Parents/Notifiers/Attendants/Registrars

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CRVS

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I. Background

The **Philippine Statistics Authority**, the country’s NSO, serves as the **civil registration authority** as stated in the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, mandating the PSA to carry out civil registration functions by the 1931 Act, otherwise known as the Civil Registry Law with the **National Statistician** serving as **Civil Registrar General**.

The **Local Government Code of 1991**, created local civil registration offices and required permanent civil registrars at the municipality/city level.
II. CRVS as support to service delivery
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- Source for vital statistics
  - Health research and epidemiology
  - Identifying important health issues and targeting problem areas
  - Planning and evaluating new types of health services
  - Supporting and passing new legislation
  - Determining incidence of specific deaths
III. Efforts to get everyone in the picture

- PROCLAMATION NO. 682 in 1991 declared February of every year as the Civil Registration Month
- Proclamation No. 1106 issued by former Pres. Benigno Simeon C. Aquino Declaring the years 2015 to 2024 as Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade on 20 August 2015
- Mobile registration in schools, hard-to-reach areas (e.g., IP, persons with disability)
- “Adopt a Barangay Caravan”
III. Efforts to get everyone in the picture

- Advocacy campaigns and information dissemination
  
  a. Facebook fan page “PSA_Civil Registration and Vital Statistics” launched in February 2015
  
  b. PSA Field Offices launched ceremony for CRVS Decade in their areas
  
  c. Sessions with Philippine consular offices (Dubai, Hongkong, Macau, Milan, Rome in 2015)
  
  d. Song for CRVS selected in February 2016
III. Efforts to get everyone in the picture

- Modernizing ICT infrastructure for the CRVS through Public-Private Partnership
  a. Computerization of civil registry operations
  b. Imaging technology for digitizing civil registry documents including specimen signatures of all city and municipal registrars
  c. Civil registry services through various channels
  d. Construction of a new dedicated and permanent civil registry service building
  e. Establishment of additional outlets nationwide
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Source for SDG indicators:
- Maternal mortality rate
- Under five mortality rate
- Neonatal mortality rate
- Death rate due to road traffic injury
- Adolescent birth rate
- Mortality rate due to unintentional poisoning
- Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose birth have been registered with a civil authority
IV. Importance of improving the CRVS to the 2030 Agenda and achievement of the SDGs

Other efforts being done (included in the Philippine Statistical Development Plan 2011-2017 Update):

- Establishment of Philippine Inter-Agency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
- Establishment of partnerships with international organizations
- Capacity building for health professionals on filling-up birth and death registration forms and ICD10
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Challenges:

- Modernizing ICT for local registrars still need more support
- Improving coverage
- Vital statistics publications need to be more timely
- Civil registration still needs to be harnessed to address data disaggregation requirements esp. of SDGs
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