Improving registration through infrastructure improvements and legal review

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Solomon Islands background

- 660,722 (projected population 2016)
- Birth & Death Registration Act.
- Civil Registry – MHA
- 80-85% rural base population
- Health Facilities are data collectors.
Overview of Civil Registration In the Solomon Islands

- Birth Registration is estimated to be: 42% complete – within 1 year of birth
- 28% of the total population is estimated to have had their birth registered
- Birth certificates are provided for all new births except the National Referral Hospital births in Honiara as parents are encouraged to collect their child’s certificate at the CR office.
- Death Registration is estimated to be: 12% complete – within 1 year of death
- Cause of death (from a medical certificate) is provided for 50% of all deaths
Improving registration through infrastructure improvements

- Establishment of Civil Registration Office & provincial health registration points have;
  - Have Improved access to registry services through decentralization of registry services to the provinces.
  - Have Improved coverage through better links with, and strengthening of the health information system.
  - Increase of birth registered
  - Have review and define establishment and organizational structures of CRO, HIS, NSO to identify future human resource needs.
  - Improvement of archiving of records and documents in CRO
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- Establishment of Civil Registration Office & provincial registration points have;
- Improved system for collection of payment and focal collection points.
- Standardize the notification of birth form and have provide training in all provinces
Improving registration through legal review

We have currently review our legislation.

- To be able to decentralized our services to the provinces – to have registration points in each provincial office or hospital

- To have a clear collection system; structure and functions

- A compulsory system to register all birth and deaths.
Improving registration through legal review

- Our law should also clearly define a process for late registration of births, including standards of evidence that is achievable.

- Legislation includes provisions for ensuring sustainable funding of the national CRVS system through the national budget.
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