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Kiribati's experiences in completing questionnaire

Ninth meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

10-12th May 2023

Presented by Kaaro Neeti, Secretary for Ministry of Justice

- Greetings from Kiribati
- Outline of presentation
 - Overview of CRVS in Kiribati
 - CRVS committee members
 - Comprehensive assessment
 - Experience
 - Challenges faced
 - Way forward



Status of Civil Registration & Vital Statistics



- ◆ Big challenge to register all births due to many factors
- ◆ However, CRO is working towards achieving its goal of 100% registration by end of 2024
- ◆ As of now, we can say that we have reached 80% registration

CRVS committee members

- Key stakeholders in CRVS
 - * Health and Medical services (HIU)
 - * Finance and Economic development (National Statistics)
 - * Ministry of Justice (Civil Registration Office)
- Other members
 - * Office of Te Beretitenti,
 - * Island council reps (clerk, ASWO, magistrate, medical assistant and nurses)
 - * Technical assistance from BAG involves UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and SPC etc

Rapid Assessment vs Development Goals



- **The CRVS committee establishment**
 - **The comprehensive assessment (Rapid assessment) was undertaken in 2013-2014 through 2 days workshop**
 - **Mapping the current reporting and registration processes supported by SPC and BAG group**
 - **Develop implementation strategy plan**
- ❑ By 2024 to get 100% full coverage on Births and Deaths registration in Kiribati
 - ❖ Goal 1: Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events -
 - ❖ Goal 2 :All individuals are provided with legal documents to claim their identity and ensuring rights
 - ❖ Goal 3 :To get accurate, complete and timely vital statistics

Experience to fill out questionnaire

- **The guideline tools and steps provided made it quite simple to fill at the first time to attempt and complete question**
- **Members of committee from different technical areas completed the questionnaire**
- **CRO and Health data set were used to clean up duplications to get quality data compare with Census data – requires software to fast-track process**
- **Validate each questionnaire and finalise with members with help of technical advisors from SPC and UNICEF.**
- **Verbal autopsy is not exercised in Kiribati hence not much information available on deaths happening outside hospital**
- **Analysis needs to be done routinely to get quality data**



Challenges

- Barrier of remoteness
 - Lack of awareness
 - No linkages of records
- Lack of knowledge and access to registration services
 - Duplication of data



Way forward

- ◆ To migrate from paper based to digital record to safeguard all register record, document etc
- ◆ Link CRO system to Health system in reporting birth and death notification
- ◆ Software to clean-up duplication of data
- ◆ Household survey to capture unreported births / Mobile registrations to marginalized places to register births
- ◆ Increase public awareness on importance of birth registration
- ◆ Improve data security and confidentiality

