Kiribati’s experiences in completing questionnaire

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