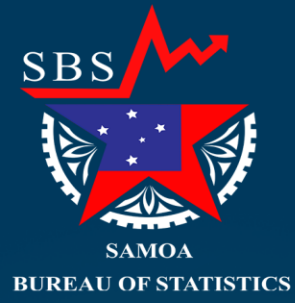# Ninth meeting of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

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Bangkok, Thailand

Designing the inequality assessment and which groups to identify

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Development of needs assessment

- Roughly two-third of children under age 5 have their birth registered (2019-2020 Samoa MICS)
- Death registration completeness could not be obtained
- Incomplete data source
  - Completeness and usability of data must be available
  - Which variable and data could be used
- IT challenges (BDM Life data syatem)
  - What can be extracted from the system and in what format
- Unclear data sharing
  - Data mapping exercise to determine what data to be used for analysis
- Samoa request for capacity building in vital statistics analysis for inequality assessment

CRVS stakeholders and steering committee

- Ministry of Health (MOH)
- Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development (MWCSD)
- Ministry of Judge and Courts Administration (MJCA)
- Council of Churches and Church ministers
- Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture (MESC)
- Funeral parlors
- Ministry of Finance (MOF)
- Ministry of Police and Prisons(MPP)

Sequence of events

- Inception workshop (04th APRIL 2023)
- First capacity building workshop (June)
- Second capacity building workshop (TBC)
- Closing workshop (TBC)

Discussed topics and questions
(Inception workshop)

- What are some different populations that should be assessed? Are there any that you think are more likely to be left behind?

- Are there any other data sources for registered birth or registered deaths that we have not yet discussed?

- What do you think some of your capacity building needs may be for the project: what are some areas that should be key components of the capacity building workshops?

- Are there any potential barriers you foresee for project?

- What are some suggestions to overcome them?

Left behind groups

- Two remote islands
- Isolated villages and groups who live in rural areas
- Teenage pregnancy and single mothers
- Migrated parents for overseas reasons
- Disabilities
- Economic status
- Traditional illegal adoptions

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