RESULTS OF LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIETNAM’S ACTION PLAN ON CRVS (Manila, 07/02/2023)

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1. VIETNAM’S CRVS ACTION PLAN

- Launched in 2015, as soon as Vietnam attended the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on CRVS, with the focal point being the Ministry of Justice.
- Approved by the Prime Minister in early 2017 - Decision No. 101/QD-TTg
1. VIETNAM’S CRVS ACTION PLAN (Cont.)

- Establish a coordination mechanism for implementation at the central and local levels with the establishment of the Steering Committee to implement the national CRVS program and some provinces and cities (including representatives of leaders of the sectors: Justice, Public Security, Foreign Affairs, Labor - Invalids and Social Affairs, Health, Statistics, Finance)

Minister of Justice - Head of Vietnam's CRVS Steering Committee
1.1. Overall Objectives of the CRVS Action Plan

- **Overall Objectives**

- (i) To ensure timely, complete, accurate and legitimate civil registration of Vietnamese citizens, foreigners residing in the territory of Viet Nam and Vietnamese citizens residing abroad; increase the civil registration percentage especially birth and death registration;

- (ii) To ensure every person is provided with legal documentation of civil registration (especially the Birth Certificate, the Copy of Death Certificate) with complete information in accordance with the international standards.
1.1. Overall Objectives of the CRVS Action Plan (Cont.)

iii) Vital statistics are completely, accurately and timely produced and aggregated with indicators in accordance with the international standards; publicly and transparently disclosed and respond to state management requirements and organizational individual needs in accordance with legal regulations.

(iv) To ensure consistent coordination mechanism among related sectors from the central to local levels, ensure quality and efficient CRVS and consistent and accurate civil statistics.
1.2. MAIN TASKS

• To complete legal documents governing CRVS; check and provide guidance for the enforcement of the legal documents
• Improve infrastructure and techniques and modernize CRVS methods
• Build capacity for CRVS officers and officials to ensure they have sufficient professional qualification and other essential skills to efficiently perform their work
• Improve public awareness of civil registration rights and responsibilities and agencies, organizations and society’s awareness of CRVS importance and role
• Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics are produced and respond to state management and organizational and individual needs
2. LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT - TOP PRIORITY TASKS

• The Law on Civil status was promulgated by the National Assembly, effective from January 1, 2016, which defines the authority and responsibility for civil registration to belong to the People's Committee of the district (705 agencies), the People's Committee of the communes level (10,599 agencies), overseas representative offices (over 100 agencies), ensuring the accessibility of the people, ensuring the registration of civil status events of all individuals arising in the territory of Vietnam (including foreigners) and Vietnamese citizens abroad are registered.
2. LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT - TOP PRIORITY TASKS

• The system of detailed regulations and guidance on the implementation of the Law has been implemented synchronously since January 1, 2016 (Decree of the Government, Circular of the Ministry of Justice promulgating samples of papers, civil status books, etc.) providing guidance on civil registration professional practice; vital statistics; Circular of the Ministry of Finance guiding the collection, free of charge and fee for civil status registration; Circular of the Ministry of Health guiding the issuance of birth notification, death notification)
2. LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT - TOP PRIORITY TASKS (Cont.)

• The Ministry of Justice promulgates and implements the Project on Building an electronic civil status database - a solution to modernize civil registration method;
• The electronic civil registration software helps to carry out birth registration - granting Identification Numbers to children at birth registration, completed and applied from 2016 (pilot), gradually perfecting to apply nationwide from 2020.
2. LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT - TOP PRIORITY TASKS (Cont.)

• Simultaneously with the completion of the software after piloting, the legal foundation for the construction of the electronic database, online civil registration was also issued - Decree No. 87/2020/ND-CP; continue to update documents guiding civil registration (issued Circular 04/2020 of the Ministry of Justice to replace Circular 15/2015)

• The guiding circular on electronic civil status forms has also been issued, however, it is necessary to wait for the system to be upgraded before it can be deployed in 2023, 2024 (Circular No. 01/2022/TT-BTP).
2. LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT
- TOP PRIORITY TASKS (Cont.)

• Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Health are developing documents guiding the implementation of data interoperability in the electronic environment to perform birth registration, economic registration and a number of other related administrative procedures in this environment.

• In order to strengthen vital statistics and share birth and death data, a coordination regulation between Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health and General Statistics Office is also being implemented.
• **3. SOME LESSONS EXPERIENCE**

• *Early grasp of relevant policies and orientations, both domestically and internationally* (promulgate Law on Civil Status soon (in 2014), the project on building an electronic civil status database when grasping the policy of participation and commitment to implementing CRVS*)

• *Implement parallel tasks, appropriate to the context - in the process of developing and submitting the CRVS Action Plan for approval, still developing and promulgating documents guiding the implementation of the Law on Civil Status*

• *Build close coordination with stakeholders, taking advantage of the support and experience of international cooperation institutions*
4. ACTIVITIES IN COMING TIME

- Upgrade the system of electronic civil registration and management, strengthen the online civil registration, issue and use electronic civil status papers
- Propose to amend and supplement the Law on civil status with the aim of ensuring convenient registration and exploitation of civil status data, reducing dependence on place of residence, and completely online civil registration for most civil status service (register, receive results, pay fees, charges anywhere, not to the registrar)
- Summarize the CRVS Action Plan and propose an Action Plan for the next phase.
Thank You

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