



NATIONAL COMMITMENT AND WAY FORWARD

- Vanuatu National Policy and Strategy for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) on first draft.



POLICY CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

- Many births, deaths are ever recorded.
 - Only 26 percent children living in Vanuatu were registered (UNICEF Study in 2008).
 - Three main key attributes to such low registraion coverage
1. The difficulties in capturing births that occurred in communities outside Hospitals and health centers,
 2. Custom and culture
 3. Highly reliance on family to transfer data between departments and the need to improve coverage and accessibility to registration.

Additional to the above would be the barrier in hindering people from registrating birth of their children due to the cost of travelling to a registered centre.



CURRENT OPERATING LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The CRVS Policy therefore build on the works that have been undertaken to date and seeks to further strengthen the current practice and provide a strong foundation for the CRVS system

- Amending outdated or contradictory legislation, and
- Ensuring that new legislation has the flexibility and respond to rapidly changing environment and
- Taking advantage of new and emerging innovations such as electronic registration systems
- Improve clarity and roles of different actors of registration
- Ensuring data is adequately protected
- Removing barriers to registration through simplified process and
- Assisting in effective enforcement and application of law.



POLICY STATEMENT

- “The Government of Vanuatu is committed to progressing civil registration across the country improving the quality and use of vital statistics by taking lead in the development and implementation of civil registration systems to ensure all vital events are registered at national, provincial and local level in line with international and national obligations, and through coordinated partnerships in harmonizing technical assistance to maximize investment and preventing duplications”.



GUIDING PRINCIPALS

1. Nation wide strategy
2. Multi-sectoral approach
3. Community engagement
4. Whole of government approach
5. Coordinating mechanisms
6. CRVS system strengthening
7. Long-term sustainability



POLICY VISION

- Regional shared vision endorsed under the Ministerial Declaration to “ Get Every one in the Picture” in Asia and the Pacific.



POLICY GOALS

Three main policy goals

1. A universal civil registration of births and deaths which would achieve at least the following targets by 2024,
 - 100% of births in a given year
 - 100% of children under five birth registered
 - 80% individuals had their birth registered
 - 80% all deaths in a given year registered
 - 100% all deaths occurring in hospitals/healthcenters in a given year registered
 - 100% cause of deaths certified using the international form of the death cert. registered in a given year.



POLICY GOALS CON'T

2. All individuals are provided with legal documentations of civil registration of births and deaths as necessary to claim identity, civil status and ensuring rights. The two main targets under this second goal is to achieve at least the following by 2024

1. 80% of all births registered in the territory and jurisdiction
2. 60% of all deaths registered in the territory and jurisdiction.

3. Accurate, Complete and timely Vital Statistics (including on cause of death). The targets to achieve by 2024 under the third goal.



POLICY OBJECTIVES

- The CRVS Policy is to provide an integrated approach to increase registration efforts at all levels of the CRVS system, in the vision of the RAF in accordance with national development needs and the CRVS System.



STRATEGIC AREAS

- Building political commitment and support
- Strengthen coordination
- Improving registration coverage
- Data sharing and coordination
- Strengthening CRVS through the Health System
- Strengthening CRVS reporting
- Greater recognition of CRVS
- Improved resourcing across registry functions
- Clear process and supportive legislation



OVER ALL SDG ROAD MAP IN THE PACIFIC REGION

- 23 June 2016: The Pacific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Taskforce has begun drafting an outline of a 'Pacific SDG Roadmap' that will support regional actions towards implementing the SDGs in Pacific Island Countries.
- The full version of the Roadmap will be discussed at the Pacific Regional SDGs Multi-stakeholder Consultation and Dialogue, which is expected to take place in February 2017. [PIFS Press Release](#) [[PIFS Website](#)]

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