

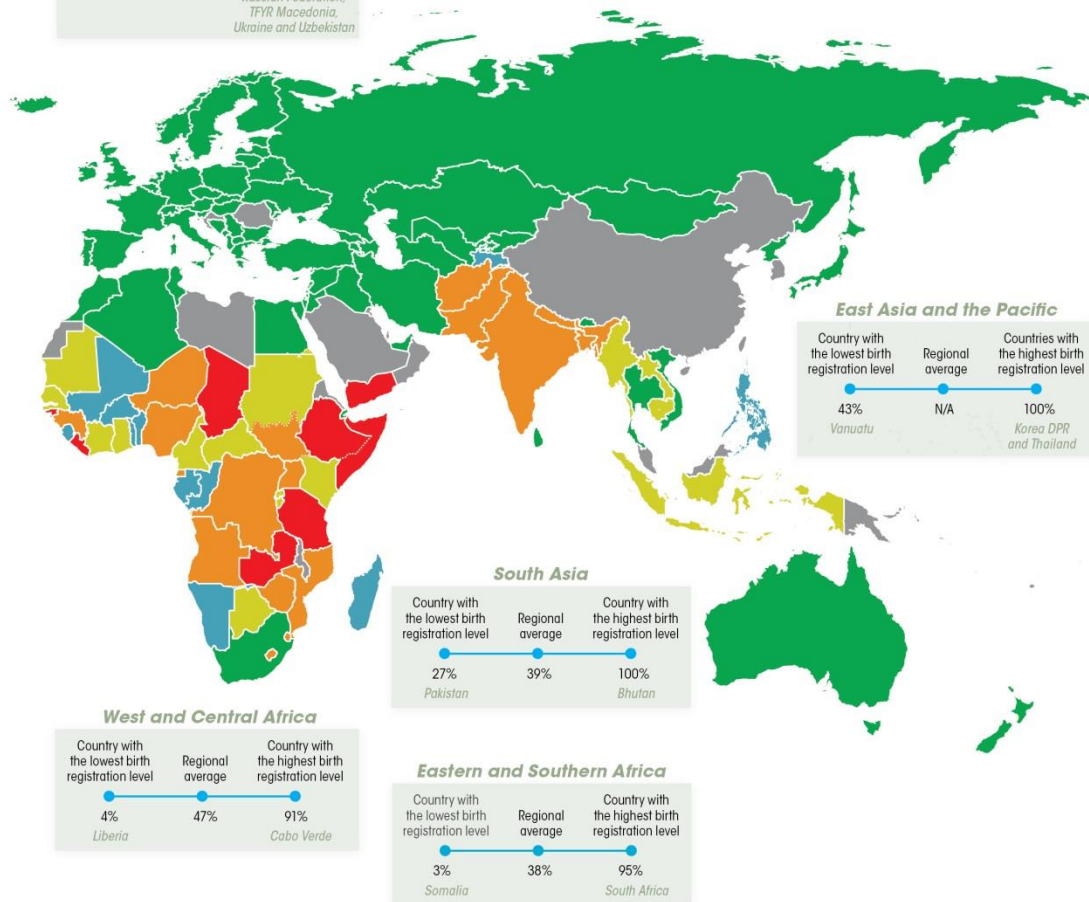
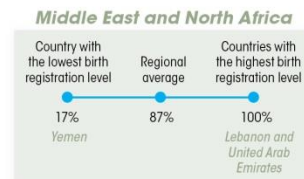
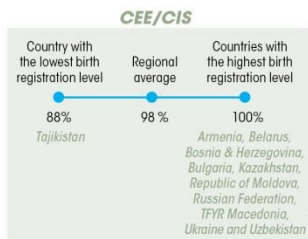
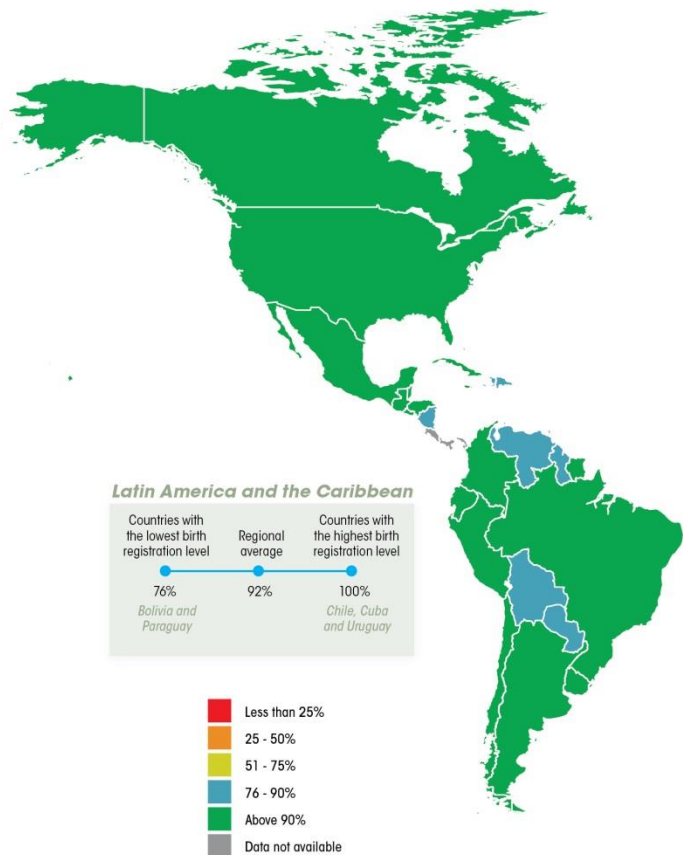
Innovation for CRVS

Birth Registration – The Foundation for Protection

GOING THE LAST MILE
toward universal birth registration



The lowest birth registration levels are found in sub-Saharan Africa
 Percentage of children under age five whose births are registered, by country



Notes: The map is stylized and not to scale. It does not reflect a position by UNICEF on the legal status of any country or territory or the delimitation of any frontiers. The final boundary between the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined. Data for Bolivia, Egypt, Liberia, Namibia and Yemen refer to the percentage of children under age five with a birth certificate. To identify the countries with data that differ from the standard definition, see the statistical table. Data coverage was insufficient to calculate a regional estimate for East Asia and the Pacific.
 Sources: UNICEF global databases, 2013. Based on DHS, MICS, other national household surveys, censuses and vital registration systems, 2000-2012. Data for industrialized countries and the Russian Federation are from: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *Population and Vital Statistics Report*.

Barriers to timely and accurate birth registration

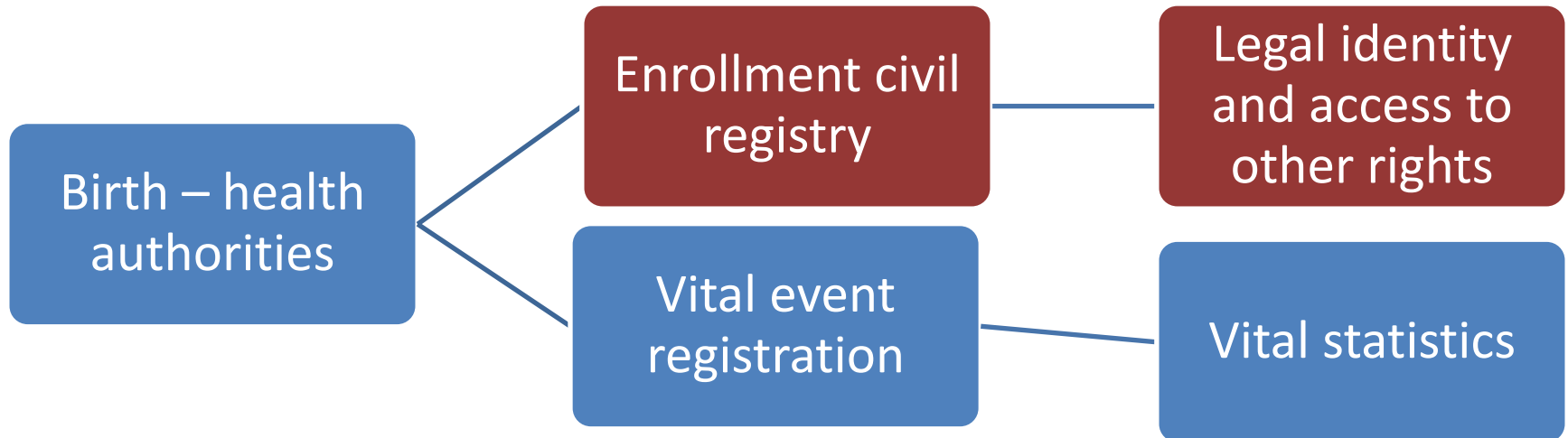
- ❖ Distance to registry
- ❖ Lack of access for rural, indigenous & minority populations
- ❖ Poverty
- ❖ Cultural
- ❖ Lack of knowledge by parents
- ❖ Cost of registration
- ❖ Outdated legal frameworks



Characteristics of a well-functioning BR system

- **Within the civil registry** – must be registered by this national authority
- **Free** – without charge for regular, delayed or late registration
- **Continuous, permanent and available** – the civil registration records need to be kept forever, be retrievable and accessible
- **Universal in coverage** – all who are born in a country must be able to register without prejudice
- **Confidential** – access to the information in the registry must be strictly controlled
- **Timely and accurate** – completing the registration as soon as possible increases the change of a precise recording
- **(compulsory)** – when the above is established

A Virtuous Trinity: Birth registration, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics



Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

- Civil Registration – births (& other vital events) are registered leading to access to entitlements and facilitating access rights
- Ministry of Health – responsible for creating the health record for the child
- Vital statistics – an informational system that receives the information from the civil registry and other sources to contribute to statistical analysis and policy decisions

The act of the birth registration is with the civil registrar.

Birth registration contributes to vital statistics in so far as the civil registry shares the information with vital statistics system

In order to use ICT to close the gap for birth registration we need to analyze



LEGAL FRAMEWORK
Revision and update of legal framework governing

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Buy-in from decision makers
– and population



TECHNOLOGY/ICT

Use of standards – ISO, IEEE,
ICAO

Specific Questions to be Analyzed

- i. How can the birth registration process within the CRVS system be made more efficient and secure?
- ii. Is the legal framework up to date? Is protection of personal data considered throughout the CRVS life cycle – data collection, storage, use and archives?
- iii. Are the data storage and retrieval processes secure?
- iv. What are the verification/authentication processes? Are data transmitted between agencies? Are there authentication processes in place?
- v. How are certificates issued, & what is their legal value and validity?



In Summary

- Birth registration is a passport to protection
- Effective use of innovation requires review and measurement against the characteristics of a well functioning birth registration system
- By forging and strengthening alliances we can find a way to go that last mile and ensure a unique and legal identity for all from birth

Thank-you

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