



Status Update: Vanuatu

- **Main national stakeholders** (*Who are the national stakeholders engaged in CRVS activities?*)
 - Civil Registration Office (CRO), Ministry of Internal Affairs (MOIA)
 - Vanuatu National Statistics Office (VNSO), Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM)
 - Ministry of Education (MoE)
 - Ministry of Health (MoH)
 - Department of Strategic Policy Planning and Aid Coordination (DSPPAC), Prime Ministers Office (PMO)
 - Childs Desk, Ministry of Justice and Community Service (MoJCS)

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- **International Development Assistance** (*Support received to support national CRVS activities*)
 - Brisbane Accord Group (BAG)

BAG members:

UNICEF, Secretariat of the Pacific Community-SPC, WHO, UNFPA, Australian Bureau of Statistics, University of Queensland

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Implementation steps

- **Status of National improvement plan** *(Has a national CRVS improvement plan been developed? If not, what is the status of development?)*
 - 2014 – Completion of Comprehensive Assessment
 - 2015 – Improvement Plan development; Planned was put on hold due to Tropical Cyclone PAM that devastated Vanuatu in March 2015. Now scheduled for mid 3rd Quarter of 2015

- **National Coordination Mechanism** *(Has a national coordination mechanism been established?, who participate?)*
 - A CRVS Taskforce was appointed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs comprising of the main national stakeholders back in 2013.
 - The Taskforce was mandated to conduct the Comprehensive assessment and draw the improvement plan.

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Activities

- **Ongoing/planned activities** *(Outline planned and ongoing activities related to one of the action areas of the Regional Action Framework)*
 - ACTION AREA: Action Area #6 – Operational procedures, practices and innovation
 - ACTIVITIES: **Improving CRVS coverage**

Vanuatu has greatly improved birth registration in the last few years by:

- ❖ registering children through schools as part of their initial enrolment processes (MoU signed between the Civil Registration and the Ministry of Education)
- ❖ registering new births at hospital prior to discharge (MoU signed between the Civil Registration Office and Ministry of Health)
- ❖ “catch up days” in remote areas that do not have regular contact with government (in collaborations with the Local Authorities).

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