

Improving registration through infrastructure improvements and legal review

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Solomon Islands background

- 660, 722 (projected population 2016)
- Birth & Death Registration Act.
- Civil Registry MHA
- 80-85% rural base population
- Health Facilities are data collectors.



Overview of Civil Registration In the Solomon Islands

- Birth Registration is estimated to be: 42% complete within 1 year of birth
- 28% of the total population is estimated to have had their birth registered
- Birth certificates are provided for all new births except the National Referral Hospital births in Honiara as parents are encouraged to collect their child's certificate at the CR office.
- Death Registration is estimated to be: 12% complete within 1 year of death
- Cause of death (from a medical certificate) is provided for 50% of all deaths



Improving registration through infrastructure improvements

- ★ Establishment of Civil Registration Office & provincial health registration points have;
 - * Have Improved access to registry services through decentralization of registry services to the provinces.
 - * Have Improved coverage through better links with, and strengthening of the health information system.
 - Increase of birth registered
 - * Have review and define establishment and organizational structures of CRO, HIS, NSO to identify future human resource needs.
 - Improvement of archiving of records and documents in CRO

Improving registration through infrastructure improvements

- Establishment of Civil Registration Office
 & provincial registration points have;
 - Improved system for collection of payment and focal collection points.
 - X Standardize the notification of birth form and have provide training in all provinces

Improving registration through legal review

We have currently review our legislation.

- To be able to decentralized our services to the provinces to have registration points in each provincial office or hospital
- To have a clear collection system; structure and functions
- A compulsory system to register all birth and deaths.



Improving registration through legal review

- Our law should also clearly define a process for late registration of births, including standards of evidence that is achievable.
- Legislation includes provisions for ensuring sustainable funding of the national CRVS system through the national budget.





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