

# Civil registration and vital statistics in the Arab region: Leveraging existing technical resources

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# Background

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- The Strategic Framework for Improving CRVS in the Arab region underscores the importance of technical resources for the five components: Registration; Quality assurance; Digitization; Capacity development; and CRVS in unfavorable conditions.
- This presentation shares [a list of resources shared at a workshop organized by the Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics \(APAI-CRVS\)](#) in Nairobi, Kenya, in January 2024.
- The aim is to identify some of these resources that can be leveraged and adapted for the Arab region.

# Registration

- Resources in registration address the legal framework, governance and coordination among various actors for civil registration.

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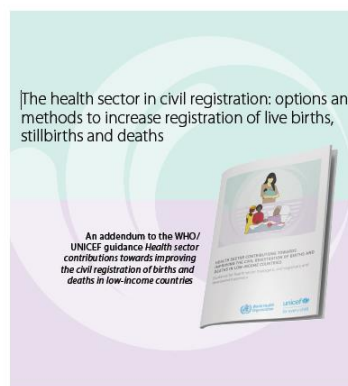
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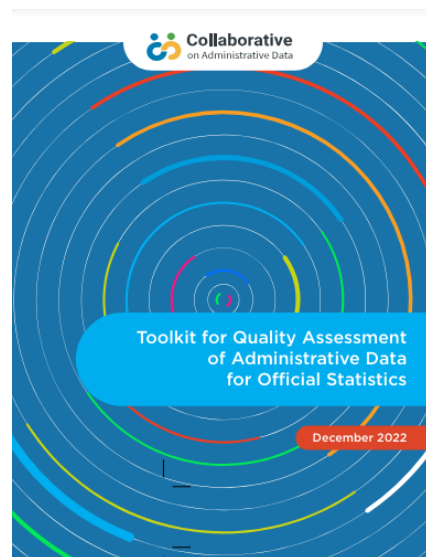
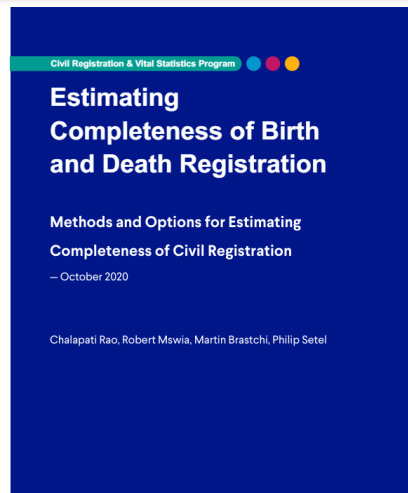
Fifth Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration  
Lusaka, 14-18 October 2019

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Guidelines on the drafting of memorandums of understanding for better coordination among national stakeholders of civil registration and vital statistics systems at the country level

# Quality assurance

- These resources provide guidance for assessing quality of administrative data and estimating completeness of CRVS systems.



## UNFPA resources (not online yet)

- Demographic data quality assessment of civil registration data (2023)
- Completeness assessment of birth registration (2023)
- Completeness assessment of death registration (2023)

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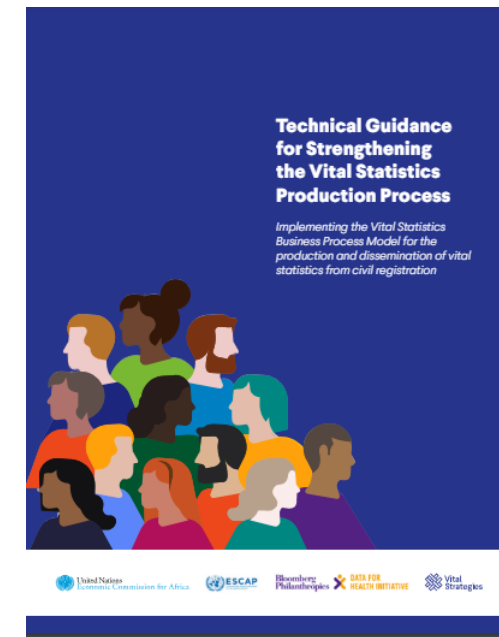
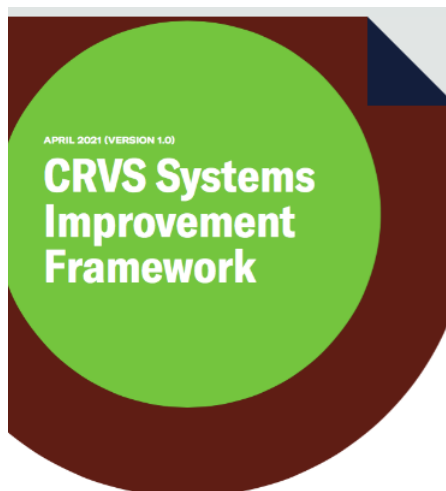
# Digitization

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- These provide guidance on the digitalization process and the use of technology to improve CRVS business processes.
  - a) Africa Programme on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems, *Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Digitisation Guidebook*, version 0.10.
  - b) Martin Bratschi and others, “*Implementing civil registration of births and deaths in the CRVS system*”, Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems, Guide 1, version 1.0, Vital Strategies, 2023.

# Capacity development

- These address CRVS systems capacity improvement, including the generation of vital statistics.



# CRVS in unfavorable settings

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- There is a dearth of comprehensive technical resources in this area.
  - a) UNFPA, *Reinforcing civil registration and vital statistics and maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response systems interlinkages*
  - b) IOM, *Legal review tool kit*
  - c) Compendium of good practices in enabling access to legal identity for undocumented migrants
  - d) IOM, *Biometrics Manual*
  - e) IOM, *Passport examination procedures manual (2024)*
  - f) *Free movement zones guide for issuance and border management*

# Key gaps in CRVS guidelines

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- Interoperability of systems – Civil registry services; justice system; health records; national statistical systems; community linkages.
- A framework for monitoring and evaluating use of existing guidelines by national counterparts.
- Harmonization and standardization of CRVS tools and guidelines to promote comparable reports across countries
- Marriage and divorce registration and vital statistics production tools and guidelines.
- Use of South-to-South and Triangular Cooperation to strengthen CRVS.



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# Key lessons for developing CRVS technical resources (1)

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## **A: Availability and adequacy of the guidelines**

- Despite their huge number, there is a lack of awareness of the existence of the resources among national counterparts.
- Multiplicity of guidelines on the same themes make their use by national counterparts difficult
- Some of the guidelines are complex for country-level use; user-friendly formats are required.

## **B: Knowledge management**

- Sharing of experiences from the use of available guidelines should be promoted to avoid duplication and promote improvement efforts.
- A common repository of existing CRVS guidelines is necessary for ease of access.

# Key lessons for developing CRVS technical resources (2)

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## **C: Coordination and communication**

- Information on available resources, country use cases and identified gaps should be provided through a variety of channels, including newsletters, online platforms, webinars and online courses.
- A guiding institutionalized framework that draws on the resources and expertise of all relevant partners and meet national user needs should be in place to streamline the development, dissemination and use of CRVS technical resources.



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