

TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS IN KIRIBATI

EXCELLENCIES, DELEGATIONS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

1. SINCE EARLY 2013, A RAPID ASSESSMENT ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN AND STILL THE PROCESS IS ONGOING IN ORDER TO IMPROVE CURRENT CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEMS IN KIRIBATI
2. WE RECOGNISE THE SUPPORT OF BAG (BRISBANE ACCORD GROUP) PARTNERS TO GIVE A TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO COMPLETE THIS ASSESSMENT FOR NEXT YEAR IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNED WITH A 10 YEAR PACIFIC STATISTICS STRATEGY (TYPSS)
3. FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS IN KIRIBATI, WE NEED TO WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS SUCH AS DEPARTMENTS IN MINISTRIES OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, , COMMUNITIES AND WE ALSO REQUIRE A STRONG SUPPORT FROM TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS(BAG) IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS AND TARGETS ALIGNED WITH THE REGIONAL ACTION FRAMEWORK.
4. TILL TO-DATE KIRIBATI HAS ACHIEVED- AN INCREASE ON BIRTH REGISTRATION COVERAGE UNDER 5 YEAR WITH A GREAT SUPPORT FROM UNICEF IS UP TO 84%. FOR DEATH REGISTRATION A COVERAGE IS ONLY 40% WHILE THE COVERAGE FOR MARRIAGE IS 60%
5. DESPITE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS, WE ALSO HAVE CHALLENGES SUCH AS HARD-TO-REACH (REMOTE) AREAS , INADEQUATE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, LACK OF TRANSPORT, AND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING ON IMPORTANCE OF DEATH REGISTRATION
6. KIRIBATI HAS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVE THIS GOALS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS
7. GOAL 1: ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL CIVIL REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND OTHER VITAL EVENTS
TARGETS: BY 2015 TO 2024 – 100% (BIRTHS), 80% (DEATHS), AND 80% (MARRIAGES)
8. GOAL 2: ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST HAVE ACCESS TO LEGAL PROOF OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND OTHER VITAL EVENTS WHICH CAN BE USED TO CLAIM THEIR IDENTITY, CIVIL STATUS AND ENSURING RIGHTS
TARGET: BY 2015-2024 – 100% (BIRTHS), 80% (DEATHS) & 80% (MARRIAGES)
9. GOAL 3: ACHIEVE ACCURATE ,COMPLETE AND TIMELY VITAL STATISTICS – INCLUDING CAUSE OF DEATH BASED ON CIVIL REGISTRATION RECORDS ARE PRODUCED AND DISSEMINATED
TARGET- 100% CAUSE OF DEATH

Mr Chairman, and distinguished delegates

In conclusion to this statement, the Civil registration and Vital statistics is all our business so we will be working together in order to achieve our goals and targets and to ensure to get everyone in the picture