

### **OpenCRVS**



An open and standards based solution for CRVS









## CRVS systems are not delivering on their promise to extend coverage, automate processes and share data:

- Under-investment in foundational registers
- Vendor lock-in and high maintenance costs
- Low accessibility in remote areas
- Poor interoperability with health / ID
- Systems "reinvent the wheel"
- Vital event silos
- Poor usability

### OpenCRVS

A standards based, freely available CRVS platform, designed by and for civil registrars, promoting interoperability and a rights-based approach

### Vision for OpenCRVS

**Free** No license costs and no ties to software vendors.

**Standards-based** Conforms to UN CRVS and ICT standards

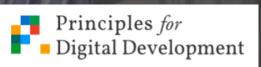
**Data enabled** Leverages data for performance management, audit and tracking

Configurable Meets country specific needs & regulations

Interoperable With health, National ID and other eGov systems

Safe & Secure Data protection and confidentiality at the core of the design

Simple & Accessible Procedures designed for ease of use for Civil Registration staff and citizens



### OpenCRVS prototype

## WORKING TOGETHER WITH CIVIL REGISTRARS, WE CREATED A REALISTIC USER JOURNEY (BASED ON GHANA CONTEXT):

- A birth is first recorded by a health worker at an immunisation clinic
- Data is shared with OpenCRVS using an open health standard
- A civil registration field officer is automatically notified of the birth and performs active registration, recognizing that it can be difficult to reach civil registration offices in remote areas
- The field officer performs a remote declaration, capturing supporting documentation on a tablet

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- Back in the civil registration office, data validation, National ID checks and certification printing is integrated into OpenCRVS
- The digital system replaces the need for paper trails, but has the option to work in tandem with it while regulations evolve
- Every system interaction is recorded. Operations managers can set targets at National, regional and district levels, enabling location based performance management and case tracking
- Standard tabulations and micro-data can be exported for statistical analysis and reporting at the NSO
- Admin users can configure system features based on country requirements



## Our Agile Methodology

#### We still have much to do:

- Registration of all vital events
- Capturing cause of death including integration of verbal autopsy
- Configuration settings to allow for a wide variety of country contexts
- National ID integration using open standards
- Multi-language support
- Mobile payments support
- Scanning and digitisation of paper forms / records
- Native Android application for offline working
- Interactive Voice Response for birth notifications

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## Our Agile Methodology

An "Agile" approach allows us to continuously design, develop and test with citizens and registrars.

In this way, we can be **confident** that the solution and user experience will **perform well in the field** 

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COUNTRY PARTNERS TO CO-CREATE THE 1ST RELEASE OF OPENCRYS, BY MID 2018.



## Thank you

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#### **OPEN-SOURCE APPROACH:**

Having an open-source code base has the following key benefits:

- No license fees
- Flexibility to adapt the software for custom requirements
- Avoidance of vendor lock-in
- Procurement leverage due to a larger pool of software engineers
- Less pressure to constantly upgrade software

#### **HEALTH INTEROPERABILITY APPROACH:**

- Using IHE's MHD (mobile health documents) profile to submit a notification document to a FHIR server
- FHIR server acts as a Shared Health Record.
- The MHD profie is based on FHIR as a base standard and descibes a way of transmitting a clinical document around a particular context.
- This profile is planned to be part an upcoming OpenHIE specification release and is a simpler option to the standards currently specified in OpenHIE 1.0 spec.

#### **SECURITY APPROACH:**

For the development of OpenCRVS, nothing is held in higher regard than the personal data security of citizens.

Security features will be developed and maintained at many levels including:

- secure and encrypted communications
- authentication and authorisation at user and system level
- role based access
- database level security and encryption
- audit trail

#### **SECURITY APPROACH (DETAILED):**

- Dynamic JSON Web Token (JWT) secrets and database keys are generated ondemand, audited on a per-client basis, subject to a 1 hour time limit, recorded for audit and easily revoked.
- The OpenCRVS API will not accept any request without first a valid JWT being authenticated and transmitted with the request. Authentication returns a list of API "claims" that can be controlled by user role. This means that the architecture prohibits unauthenticated users of specific levels to perform tasks requiring greater security clearance.
- OpenCRVS is hosted entirely behind SSL/https and keys are automatically renewed by LetsEncrypt
- Server side validation protects against SQL injection attack. Personally identifiable information is encrypted in the database and structured. All encryption and database secret keys / leases will be managed by <a href="Hashicorp Vault">Hashicorp Vault</a>. Access control policies provide strict control over who can access what secrets.
- Ideally OpenCRVS should be hosted on encrypted hard disks, and that the disk keys conform to the above management approach e.g. Hashicorp Vault.

# Appendix 1: Data Integrity within the Foundational Identity Registers

