Training Course on: Civil Registration & Vital Statistics Systems

Location & Date of Training

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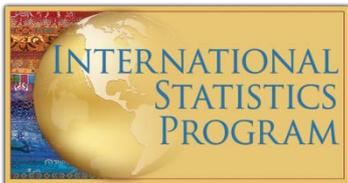
Course Objectives

- **To provide an overview of the major components of a national civil registration and vital statistics system;**

- **To describe the characteristics and functions of a civil registration system, as a source for vital statistics data;**

- **To explain how to use, present, disseminate, and assess vital statistics data for health purposes; and**

- **To describe ways to assess and improve civil registration and vital statistics systems.**

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- **8 slide sets with review questions**

- **Participant notes, as a companion to the slide sets**

- **In-class activities**

- **Field-based CRVS exercise**

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- **Overview of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems**

- **Civil Registration Systems**

- **Birth Records**

- **Death Records**

- **Analysis of Vital Statistics Data**

- **Data Uses and Dissemination**

- **Assessing Vital Statistics**

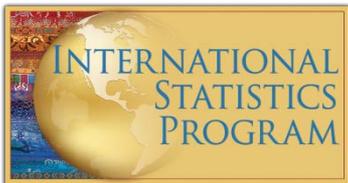- **Evaluating & Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems**

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- **Civil Registration Systems**

  – **Characteristics and functions**

  – **Structure**

  – **Types of vital records**

  – **Providing information on vital records**

  – **Registering vital records**

  – **Processing vital records**
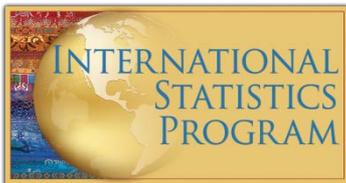
  – **Cause of death**

- **Vital Statistics Data**
  - **From civil registration systems**
  - **Use for health analyses**
  - **Calculation of various rates**
  - **Presentation and dissemination**
- **Assessing and improving civil registration and vital statistics systems**

- **Understand how vital statistics are obtained from the civil registration system**

- **Be able to describe the main characteristics and functions of a civil registration system**

- **Know the structure of the civil registration system in their country**

- **Know who is responsible for providing information on vital records and who is responsible for registering vital records in their country**

- **Understand how vital records are processed and how the data are prepared**

- **Know what data can be obtained from birth records and how the data can be used for health analyses**

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- **Know what data can be obtained from death records and how the data can be used for health analyses**

- **Be able to calculate various natality and mortality rates**

- **Understand how the leading causes of death are determined**

- **Be able to present vital statistics data in tables, graphs, and figures**

- **Understand possible problems with vital statistics data**

- **Be able to assess the vital statistics system in their country and suggest ways to improve the system**

- **Understand the various uses of vital statistics data and how those data are disseminated**

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