

### Background on CRVS

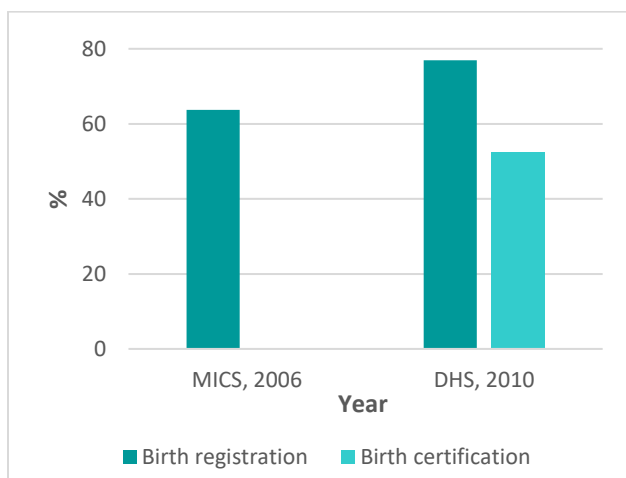
- The registration of births and deaths in Burkina Faso is governed by article 106 of the Code of Persons and Family of 1989.
- The Ministry of Territorial Administration, Decentralization and Security, through the Directorate of Civil Registration, is responsible for registration of vital events.
- Registration is free and compulsory. It is mandated to take place within two months of occurrence for both births and deaths.
- Registration is undertaken manually and an integrated registration system is being piloted.
- A national CRVS coordination committee has been established; CRVS assessment completed; and CRVS strategic plan developed.

### Status of CRVS

#### Birth registration

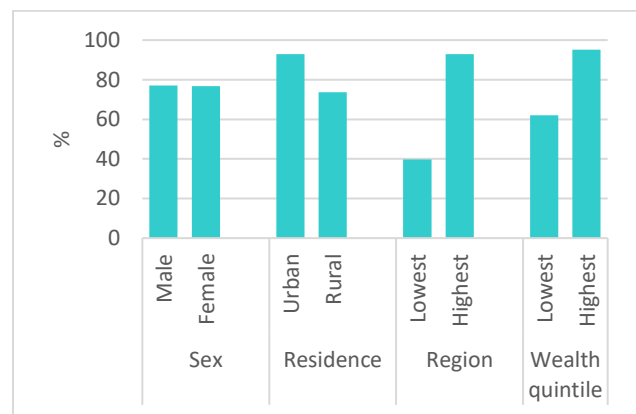
- About 77% of children aged below five years in Burkina Faso were registered in 2010, having increased notably from 64% in 2006 (Figure 1).
- Birth registration was markedly higher than birth certification in 2010 (52%), indicating that about one in three children registered did not receive birth certificates.

**Figure 1: Birth registration and certification, Burkina Faso, 2006 and 2010**



- In 2010, there were virtually no differences in birth registration by sex; but wide differences are observed by type of residence, region and wealth quintile (Figure 2).
- Birth registration in urban areas was higher (93%) than in rural areas (74%).
- For the regions, the Sahel had the lowest birth registration (40%) and the Central the highest (78%).
- Birth registration was lowest for children from poorest households (62%) and highest for those from the wealthiest households (95%).

**Figure 2: Birth registration by background characteristics, Burkina Faso, 2010**



#### Death registration and causes of death

- There is no information on the coverage of death registration and recording of causes of death.
- Physicians do not systematically certify deaths. The WHO guidelines for determining and coding causes of death are not applied.
- The WHO medical certificate of causes of death and use of IRIS for coding has been implemented at Teaching Hospital of Souro Sanou of Bobo-Dioulasso.

#### Registration of marriages

- There is no information on the coverage of marriage registration.
- About 52% of women aged 20–24 got married before they reached 18 years in 2010, making Burkina Faso

one of the countries with the highest rates of child marriage in developing regions.

- The legal age at marriage is 17 years for girls.

#### *Vital statistics*

- Vital statistics from the civil registration system is not produced at national level.
- A pilot project of producing vital statistics is being undertaken in the Eastern Region.

#### **Areas of improvement in CRVS**

- Advocacy and awareness raising campaigns.
- Implementation of the integrated civil registration system nation-wide, linked to the unique ID system.
- Digitization of civil registration records.

#### **CRVS stakeholders**

- Ministry of Territorial Administration, Decentralization and Security, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Welfare and National Solidarity, Ministry for Human Rights and Civil Society, National Institute of Statistics and Demography
- UNICEF, UNDP, UNHCR, WHO, European Union, BRAVO, Plan International, Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development