

Background on CRVS

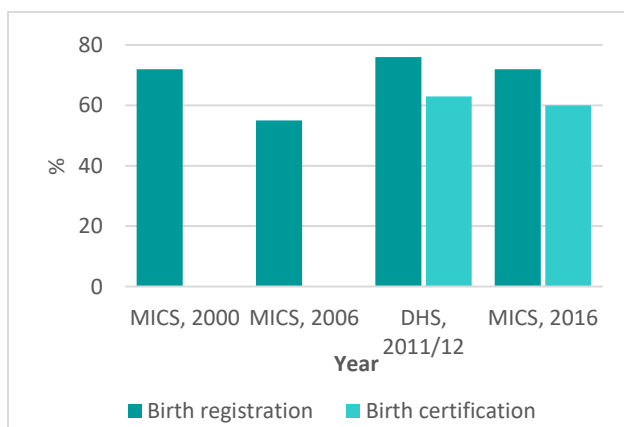
- The registration of births, marriages and deaths in Côte d'Ivoire is governed Law No. 64-374 on Civil Registration, amended in 1983 and 1999.
- The Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization, through the National Office of Identification, is responsible for registration.
- The Ministry of Health is responsible for the issuance of medical certificates of births and deaths.
- Registration is compulsory and mandated to take place within three months of occurrence for births and 15 days for deaths.
- Registration is free for both births and deaths but payment is required for issuing birth certificates.
- Registration is undertaken manually, with some registration centers (mainly municipalities) linked to an electronic recording system.
- A national CRVS coordination committee has been established; CRVS assessment completed; and CRVS strategic plan developed.

Status of CRVS

Birth registration

- About 72% of children aged below five years in Côte d'Ivoire were registered in 2016 (Figure 1).
- Birth registration has remained at this level since 2000, except for 2006 when there was a decline.

Figure 1: Birth registration and certification, Côte d'Ivoire, 2000–2016



- Birth registration was higher than birth certification in 2011/12 and 2016, indicating that 17% of children registered did not receive birth certificates.
- In 2016, there were slight 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 (90%) was 1.5 times higher than in rural areas (60%).
- For the regions, Central-West had the lowest birth registration (50%) and Ville d'Abidjan had the highest (93%).
- Birth registration coverage for children from the wealthiest households (96%) was twice as high as that from the poorest (48%).

Figure 2: Birth registration by background characteristics, Côte d'Ivoire, 2016



Death registration and causes of death

- Death registration is estimated at 19%.
- There is no information on causes of death. The WHO medical certificate of causes of death is not used.

Registration of marriages

- There is no information on the coverage of marriage registration.
- About 32% of women aged 20–24 got married before they reached 18 years, which is the legal age at marriage for girls.

Vital statistics

- No vital statistics is produced from the civil registration system at national level. Vital statistics is only produced for offices that have an electronic system.
- The Ministry of Health collects statistical information related to deaths occurring in hospitals and health centers.

Areas of improvement in CRVS

- Implementation of integrated system with unique national identification number.

- Advocacy and awareness raising campaigns for the public and community structures (traditional authorities) and in health facilities.

CRVS stakeholders

- Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Health, National Institute of Statistics
- European Union, UNICEF France