

Background on CRVS

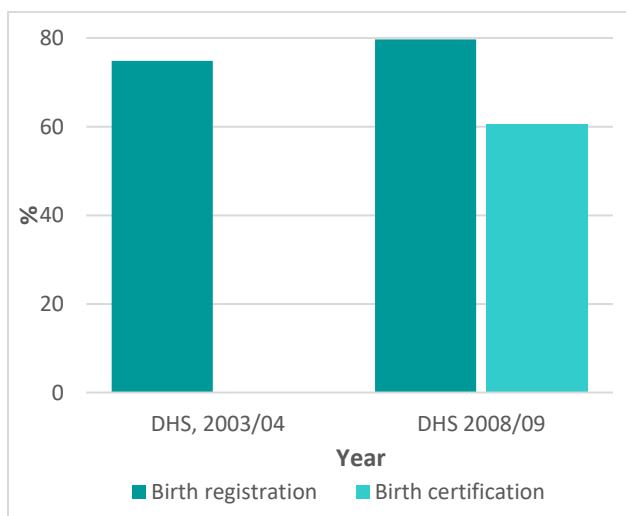
- The registration of births and deaths in Madagascar is governed by Law No. 61-025, which was amended by Law No. 90-015 in 1990.
- The Ministry of Interior and Decentralization is responsible for registration of births and deaths.
- Registration is free and compulsory. It is mandated to take place within 12 days of occurrence for both births and deaths.
- Registration is undertaken manually.
- A national CRVS coordination committee has been established; CRVS assessment completed; and CRVS strategic plan developed.

Status of CRVS

Birth registration

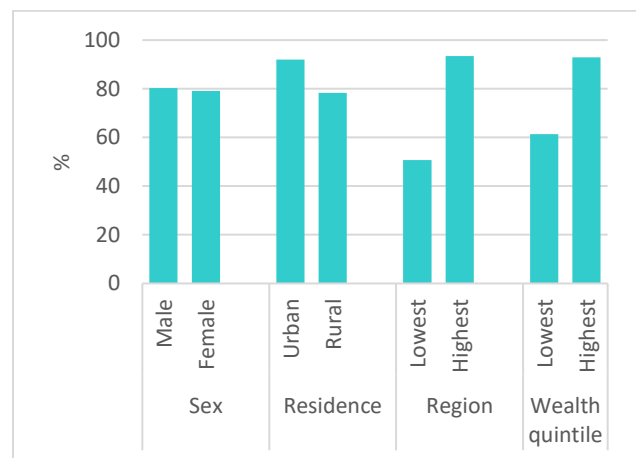
- About 80% of children aged below five years in Madagascar were registered in 2008/09, having increased modestly from 75% in 2003/04 (Figure 1).
- Birth registration was higher than birth certification (61%) in 2008/09, showing that about a quarter of children registered did not receive birth certificates.

Figure 1: Birth registration and certification: Madagascar, 2003/04 & 2008/09



- In 2008/09, there were virtually no differences in birth registration by sex; but modest differences were observed by type of residence and wide difference by region and wealth quintile (Figure 2).
- Birth registration in urban areas was higher (92%) than in rural areas (78%).
- For regions, birth registration was lowest in Andory (51%) and highest in Haute Matsiatra (94%).
- Birth registration was lowest for children from the poorest households (51%) and highest from the wealthiest (93%).

Figure 2: Birth registration by background characteristics: Madagascar, 2008/09



Death registration and causes of death

- There is no information on the coverage of death registration and causes of death.

Registration of marriages

- There is no information on the coverage of marriage registration.
- About 48% of women aged 20–24 in 2008/09 got married before they reached 18 years, making Madagascar one of the countries in developing countries with highest prevalence of child marriages.
- Legal age at marriage for girls is 18 years.

Vital statistics

- Vital statistics from the civil registration is produced, but limited to basic tabulations.

CRVS priorities

- Creation of secondary registration centers and use of mobile registration.
- Improvement of civil registration processes and procedures.
- Implementation of unique identifiers and improvements of the civil registration information system.

- Archival and securing of registration records.
- Involvement of community actors in civil registration processes.
- Strengthening the demand for civil registration services.

CRVS stakeholders

- Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Institute of Statistics.
- UNICEF, UNDP, AfDB.