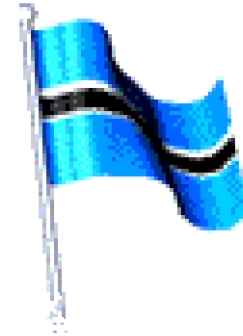
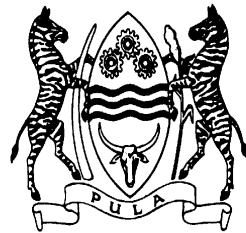


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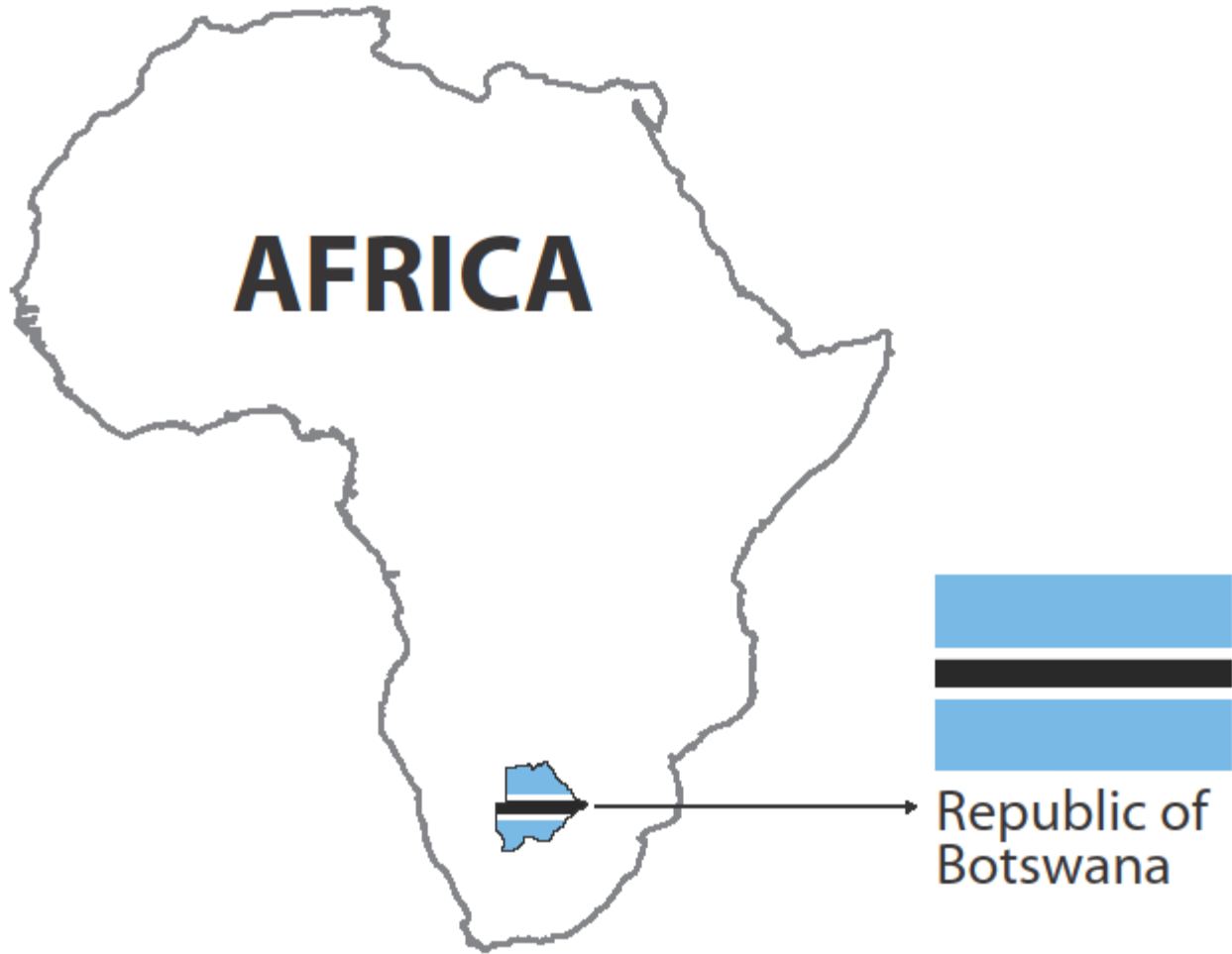


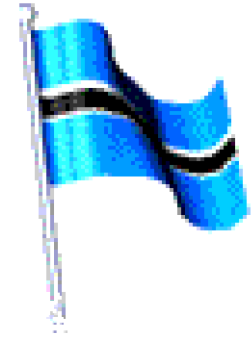
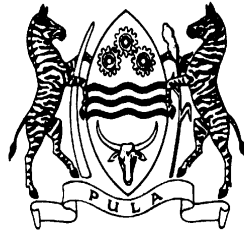
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ORGANIC LINKING OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION
WITH NATIONAL IDENTITY MANAGEMENT: TOWARDS AN
INTEGRATED NATIONAL POPULATION REGISTER

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Botswana – The context

- “ Population – 2.06 million; Pop Density – 3.6/Km²
- “ Country size – 581, 780 sq km, almost the size of France.
- “ Birth rate: 22.02/1000; Death rate: 12/1000
- “ Births registered: 72%; Deaths registered: 13000 /Year (BFWS 2007)
- “ National Registration to date :2 655, 390

BACKGROUND

- “ The state has the monopoly of the identification of the citizen due to the security nature of the process.
- “ This function is carried out through the acknowledgement of the existence of an individual through the process of birth Registration and the subsequent issuance of a birth certificate
- “ In some cases, states go an extra mile to enroll citizens in the national register in which case a personal identification token is then issued to the individual while at the same time the state keeps a national register. (Case of Botswana)
- “ The Register may in some instances be improved to the level of a population register in case of a sound civil register.
- “ The identification of a deceased individual is done through acknowledgement and registration of such death event.

WHO ARE WE ?



- “ The Department of Civil and National Registration was formed in 2003 by merging the divisions of National Registration and that of Civil Registration and Vital Events;
- “ It administers six (6) Acts of Parliaments from which it derives its mandate;
- “ Such being Births and Deaths Registration Act; National Registration Act; Change of Name Act; Registration of Marriages, Married Person’s Property Act and Registration of societies;



Botswana: The situation

- “ The Department has a total of 12 District offices and 24 sub offices with a total compliment of 36 service centers countrywide On Site Registration Centers continuously introduced
- “ Institutional deliveries: 94%
- “ Ante Natal contact (at least one): 95% (opportunity for universal registration but initial weak collaboration with health)
- “ Mobile phones per capita: 0.91 (opportunity for interaction to leverage on)

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

1. The Births and Deaths Act CAP 30:01 provides for the **compulsory** registration of Births and Deaths within **60 and 30 days of occurrence and a birth or death certificate must be issued** thereof **irrespective of citizenship**
 - “ Section 4 of the Act provides that the registrar shall maintain three registers to be called “**Births Register**”, the “**Still Births Register** “, and the “**deaths Register**” Respectively into which shall be entered prescribed details of births still births and deaths.
 - “ Further the Act bestows the **duty to notify a birth** on the **mother or father** of the Child and on the **occupier** of the dwelling in which the child was born in case of a birth occurring outside a health facility; OR
 - “ **Medical practitioner or midwife** in charge in case of a birth or still-birth that occurs in a health institution.

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK Cont...

- “ Section 11 of the Children’s Act CAP 28:04 provides that every child has a **right** to a **name**, from **BIRTH**;
- “ and section 12 of the same Act provides that every child has a **right** to a **nationality** from **BIRTH**
- “ Further, the act provides that the birth certificate shall indicate the name, citizenship and address of the **biological mother and biological father** of the child **whether the child is born in or out of wedlock**
- “ **Penalty:** Penalties for failure to register within prescribed period/ Fines for late registration (USD 0.75 per month up to maximum of USD 13)

LEGAL FRAMEWORK Cont...

- “ Article 24 of the UN International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights also provides that a child must have a right from birth to a name and nationality.
- “ Section 7 of the Births and Deaths Act provides for **compulsory** notification of deaths by an adult who was in attendance during the illness while Section 8 provides for Medical Officers who certified the death to give notice
- “ Recently states are called upon by the UN to ensure every child is registered at birth and underscores the importance of effective birth registration and provision of documentary proof of birth irrespective of his or her immigration status to **prevent** and **reduce statelessness** and **vulnerability** to **human trafficking**

IVE FRAMEWORK Cont..

2. The National Registration Act, CAP 01:02 –
 - ” In accordance with section 6, the Act provides for the registration of every citizen of Botswana of or above the age of 16 years.
 - ” A birth certificate is a requirement for National registration
 - ” It further provides under section 4 that the Registrar shall keep or cause to be kept a National Register of all citizens of Botswana of the age 16 years or over to whom identity cards have been issued

Fine for late registration: USD 65.00

KEY OPERATING PRINCIPLES



- ” Free registration for both citizens and non-citizens
- ” Continuous registration
- ” Universality
- ” Confidentiality and secrecy; protection against illegal changes to person data by law
- ” Permanence
- ” Integrity of registers through Process and Personnel integrity
- ” Document integrity

SERVICE LEVELS/TURNAROUND TIME

- “ Births and deaths Registration :**1 day**
- “ National Registration: towns and cities : **8 days**
- “ Rural areas: **14 days**
- “ Excerption is for cases under investigation
- “ Peer performance Reviews in Quarterly basis
- “ Quarterly Reviews by His Excellency the President of Botswana and marks are allocated
- “ Performance review based on strategy contract of employment
- “ Performance is linked to rewards including promotions/termination of employment for critical positions



KEY MESSAGE: ORGANIC LINK

- Births Registration is a basis for National Registration
- Hence organic link between the Births and deaths Registration System and National Registration System through system interface and one unique national identity number
- Unique national Identity number is requested by the BDRS from National Registration System at the time of birth registration and such is used to register a birth and later on the same number is used for national registration. Unique number used to register death and generate death certificate



KEY MESSAGE ORGANIC LINK BIRTHS AND DEATHS AND NATIONAL ID

- “ Unique ID number continues in use for all purposes – education, employment, pension.
- “ Death is registered through this unique number
- “ When person dies, and gets registered, the BDRS updates live status on line to “dead” in the NIS.
- “ Hence Deaths registration maintains the integrity of National Register (balance sheet)
- “ Separate Birth Registration numbers provided for non citizens





KEY MESSAGE : VALUE

- At a **personal level**: Births certificate and national identity card are key identifiers of a person and to accessing public services mostly subsidized or free for citizens (right to vote, free medical care, pension scheme, education sponsorship, employment. Etc
- NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE/ ID = NO ACCESS TO SERVICES
- Therefore this link of ID to public services motivate demand for registration for births and deaths and for national registration
- At a **State Level**: BDRS and NIS are key tools for Public administration: online validation of person data by other Government systems through system interfaces; Election management (NIS used to produce voters roll), identification of pensioners and generation of pensions roll , payment of salaries to public officers is through unique number to avoid ghost employees and for identification purposes

CENTRAL ISSUES



- 28% of population unregistered in a sparsely populated country (Source BFHS 2007) DUE FOR REVIEW
- Reaching the vulnerable groups – focusing on Orphans, Remote Area Dwellers , Children of low income and less educated parent; people With Disabilities (sign language and braille)
- Scaling up death registration
- The need to continue maintaining integrity of Registration Officers, registration process, registration documents, Registers/data repository



Reaching the unreached

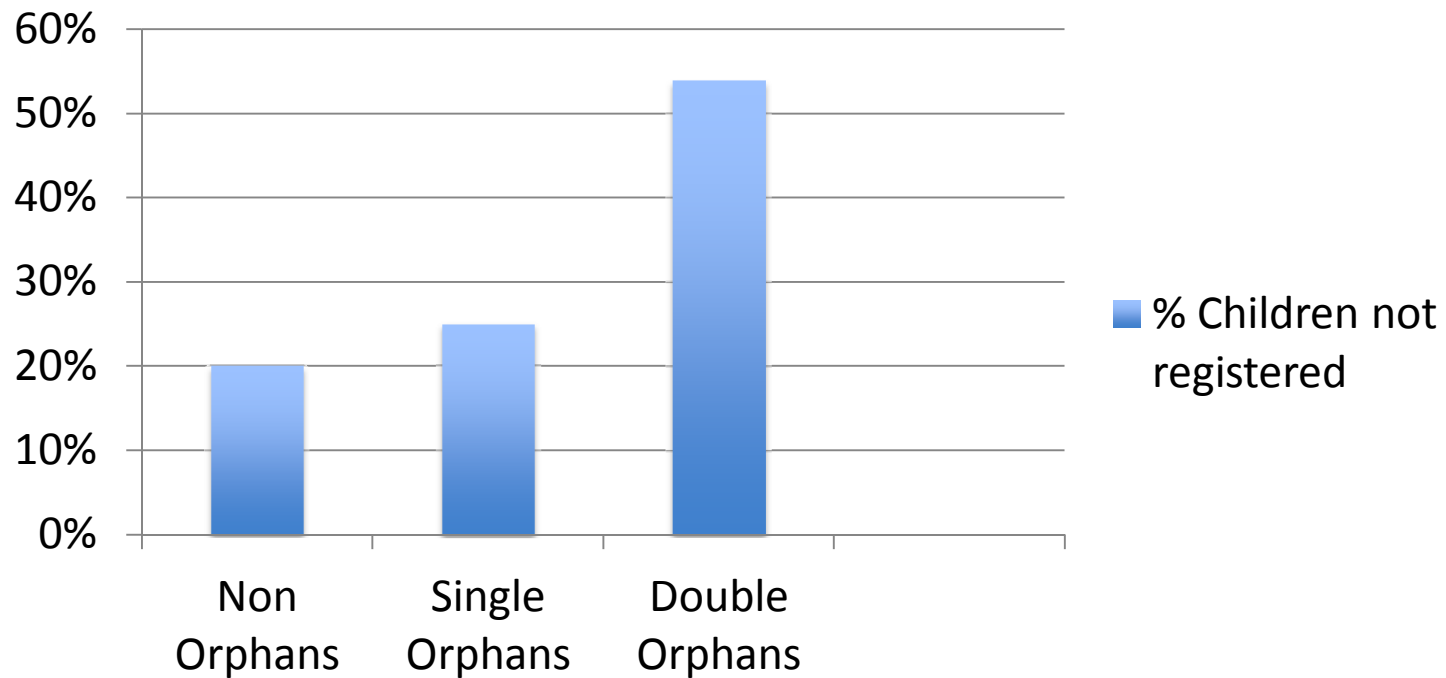
- “ Country wide campaign for Universal Birth Registration through print, electronic media and edutainment
 - “Don’t let your child be a “Nobody”; Register your child’s birth Today!”
 - Hospital based registration
- ” Revised Remote Area Development Programme
 - Partnering and Working with rural communities through Registration Committees led by District Commissioners





Percentage of children not registered by orphan status

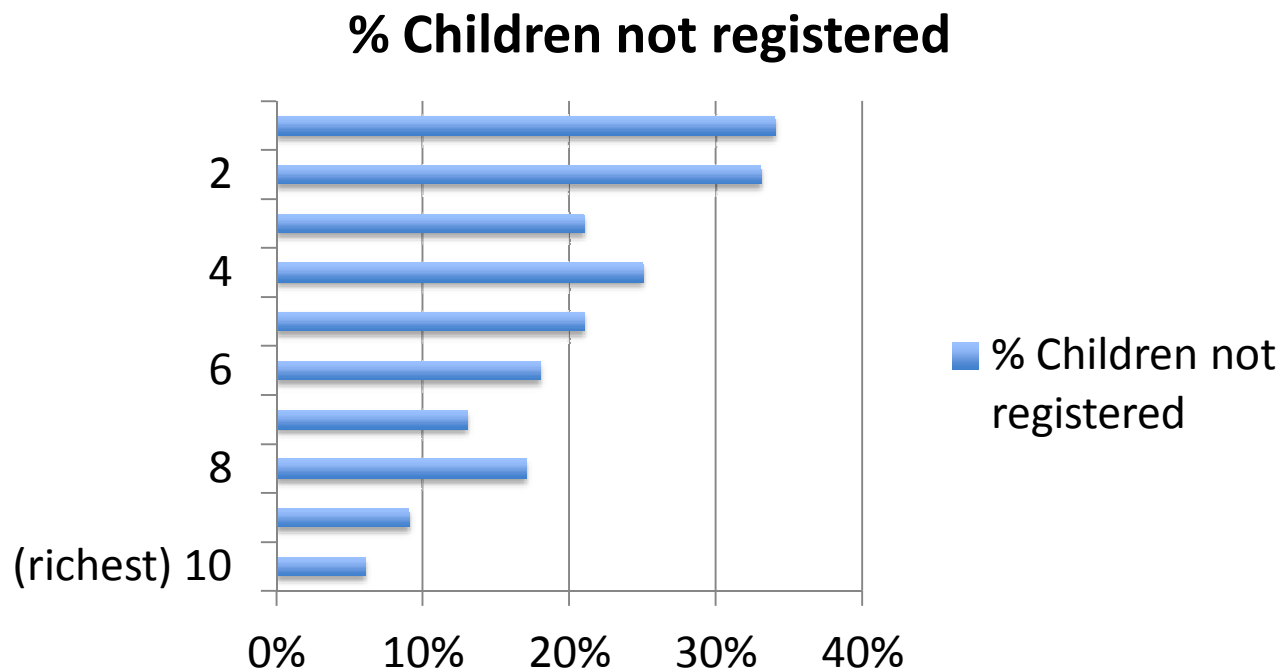
% Children not registered



Source: UNICEF Secondary Analysis of BFHS IV 2007



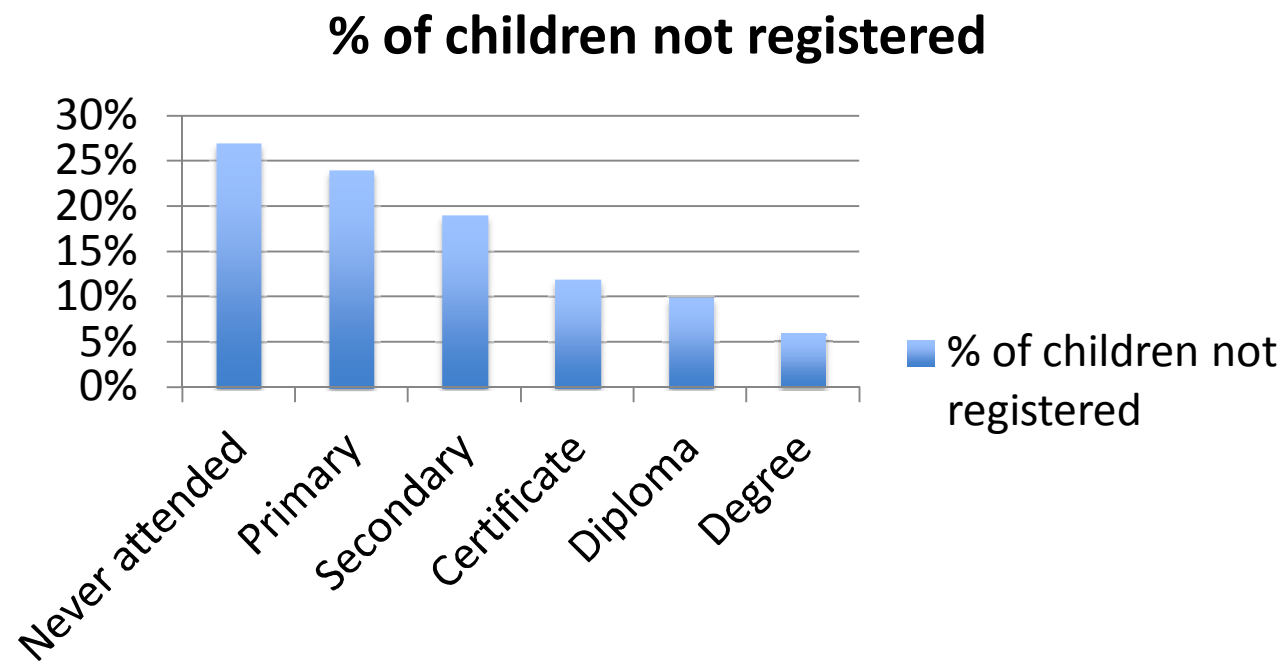
Percentage of children not registered by wealth quintile



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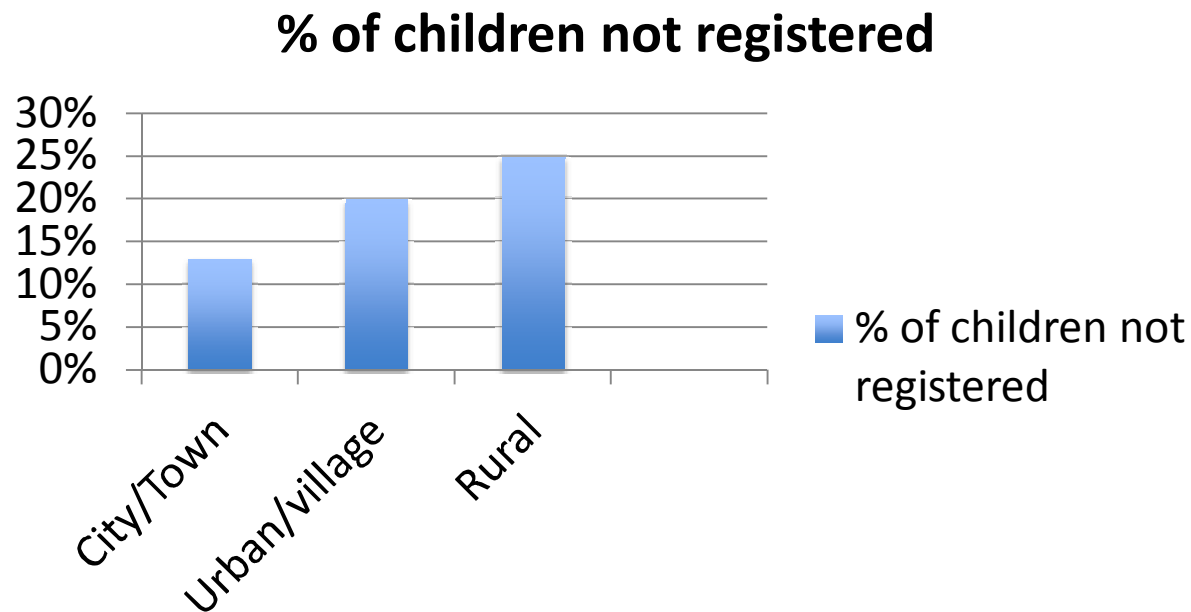
Percentage of children not registered by education of household head



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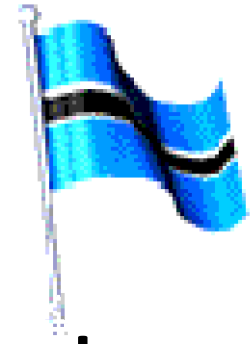
Percentage of children not registered by geographical location 2007



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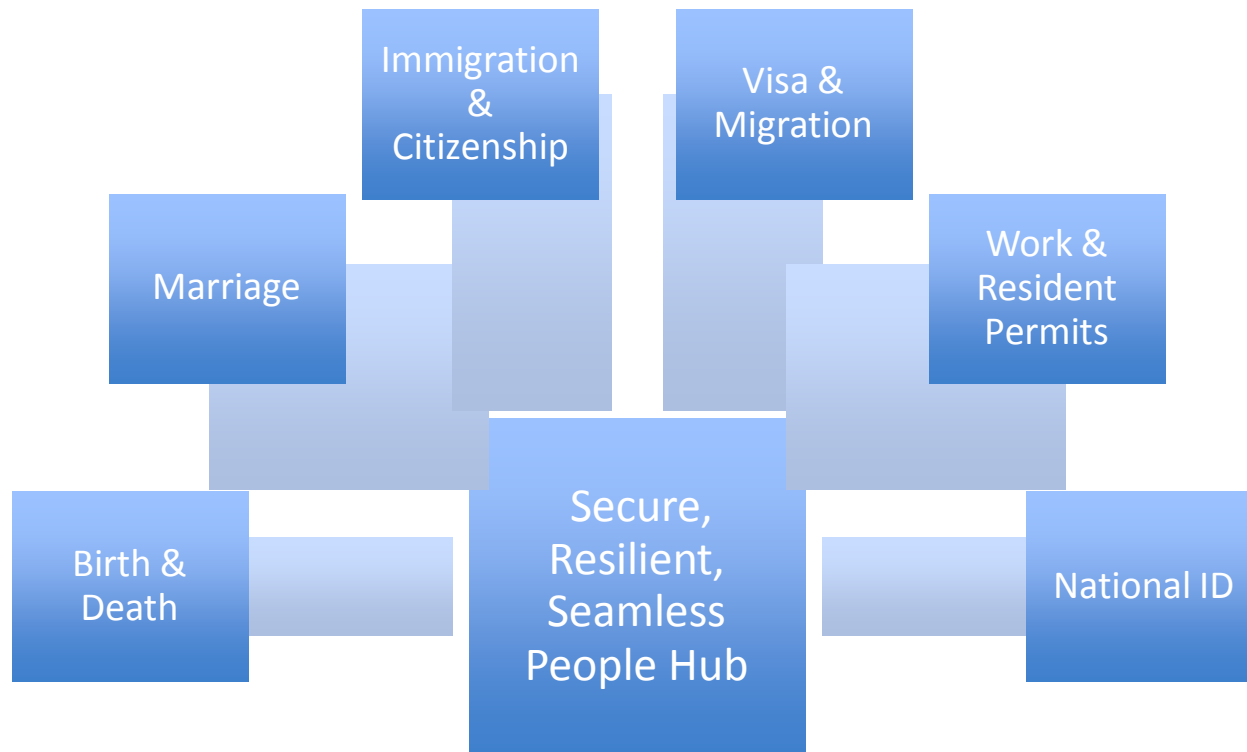


Partnering with the health sector





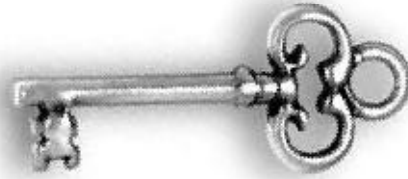
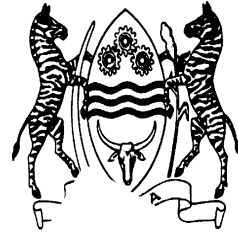
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