Technical Guidance for Improving the Vital Statistics Production Process

The Technical Guidance provides a step-by-step guide for improving or building a vital statistics system for data collected in the civil registration system.

Overview

Vital statistics is one of the key outputs of a civil registration system and has been an important focus of CRVS system strengthening initiatives. The CRVS Systems Improvement Framework provides a step-by-step guide for the assessment of the current status of a CRVS system in a country and the development of a strategic action plan for strengthening that CRVS system. An important aspect of the framework is to either establish or improve an existing system for vital statistics production and dissemination. The “Technical Guidance for Improving the Vital Statistics Production Process” has been developed as an accompanying document to provide a process-centric approach for undertaking this task. A vital statistics business process model (VSBPM) guides users on the necessary steps for ensuring a well-functioning vital statistics system.

Target Audience

The primary audience of the Technical Guidance are officials and technical teams from national statistics offices who will be actively engaged in the implementation of the CRVS systems improvements. The Technical Guidance also provides civil registration offices and health departments with an understanding of the vital statistics system and their role in ensuring continuous and high-quality vital statistics production.

Accessing The Technical Guidance

The Technical Guidance has been reviewed by international bodies and is expected to be launched by the end of 2022. Further information will be provided on the Vital Strategies website and on sites of partners. More information can also be obtained by emailing dataforhealth@vitalstrategies.org.
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