IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL REGISTRATION

Theme: “Promoting Innovative Universal Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System for Good Governance and Better Lives”

Most people in Africa are born and die without leaving a trace in any legal record or official statistics, such as births, deaths and other vital events in between. Not having records through civil registrations renders most of the world’s poor invisible and marginalized, exposing them to victims of exploitations and human rights violations; which in turn limits their access to socioeconomic benefits of their country.

School identification:
Rights to pursue a formal education

Birth Certificate:
Legal recognition of an individual’s identity that has civil rights

Birth

Death Certificate:
- Important for family to claim inheritance
- Document cause of death

Death

VITAL EVENTS OF ONE’S LIFE CYCLE

Higher education

Revenue stream/services

Formal education

Academic Certificates:
- rights to pursue higher education,
- Participate in elections,
- Acquire a driver’s license...

Seek employment
- Own a business legally
- Acquire a bank account...

Marriage

Divorce Certificate:
- Rights to Alimony
- Exercise parental rights

Divorce

Documented rights to claim pension

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