

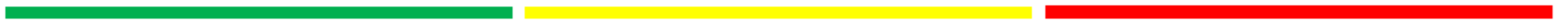


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A legal identity for all, to achieve equality between women and men- Interregional dialogue

Determinants of non-registration of marriages in Benin

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CRVS situation in Benin



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Law N° 2002-07

Personal and Family
Code

Compulsory
declaration of CRVS
events in Benin

June 14, 2004

National Forum

Organization of the
national forum on the
CRVS System Reforms

July 17-19, 2012

Law N° 2017-08

Creation of the ANIP

RNPP

RAVIP

June 19, 2017

Law N° 2020-34

New mechanisms of the CRVS
events recording
Management & Reconstitution
of the CRVS records
(DEMATEC)
Biometric National ID card

January 06, 2021

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A qualitative study on the
déterminants of the under-
registration of births,
marriage and deaths
carried out

Introduction of marriage
registration questions in
the MICS 2021
questionnaires

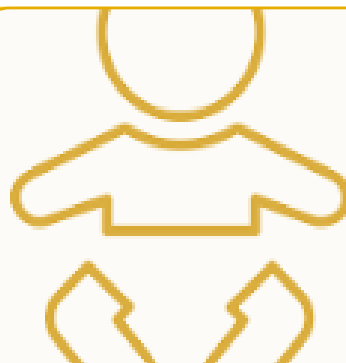
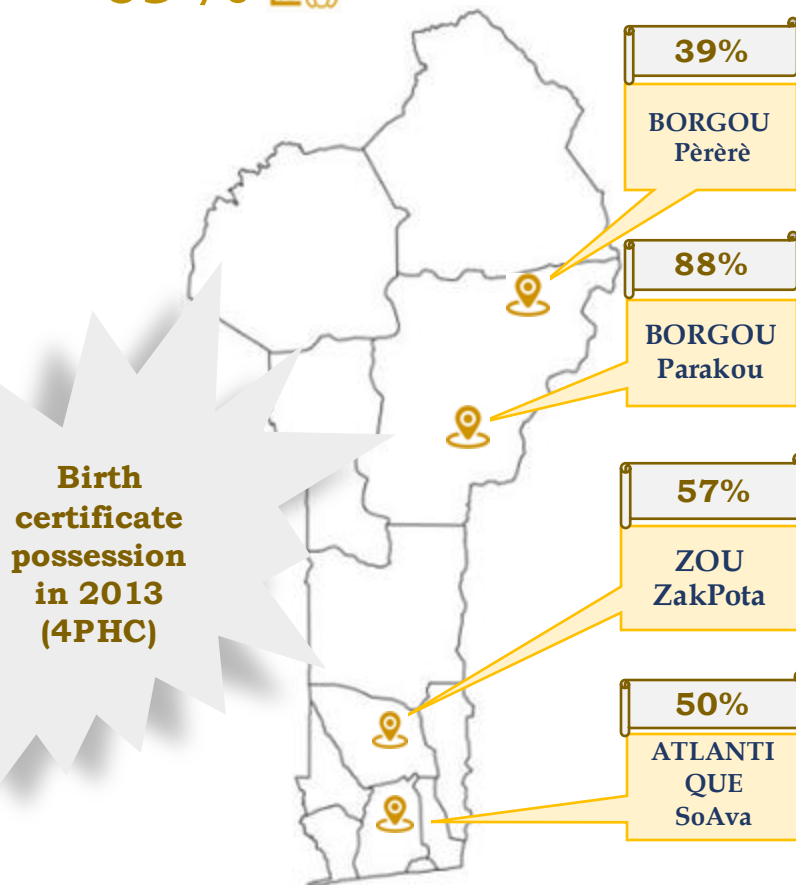
Production of a report on
2018 and 2019 CRVS
statistics covering 35% of
Benin's communes

Production of 2020 and
2021 reports CRVS
statistics (the 2022 report is
in progress) each covering
of Benin's 77 communes

Interest/motivation of the study

35%  Communes reporting statistics regularly in 2013

65%  Possession of birth certificate in Benin in 2013 (4PHC)



A total of 473 903 births registered in 2021 (with a sex ratio of 103%)

With a projected population of 12 563 945 in 2021 ; the Crude Birth Rate per 1 000 inhabitants is 38 compared with 39 in 2020



In 2021, 3 980 marriages were registered (compared with 3 381 marriages in 2020)

Low levels of marriage registration



The 77 communes recorded 15 649 deaths ; according to the same projections, deaths are estimated at 79 793 pour l'année 2021

To this end, the law prohibiting home burials could be in favours of their declaration

Some results on the theme



Social practices and norms that explain the under-registrations of various CRVS events



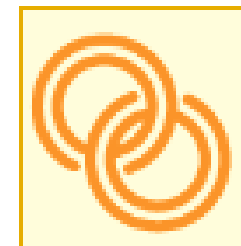
For births

- Customary and religious ceremonies and other activities (seasonal work, etc.);
- Parental responsibility for birth registration;
 - Geographical accessibility of registration services;
 - Lack of logistical resources in CRVS officers.



For deaths

A lack of interest in registering the deceased ;



For marriages

- Polygamie as an obstacle to the registration of marriages;
- The preeminence of the customary and religious marriages over marriages registered with the Civil registry officer ;
- Low awareness of the importance of registering marriages with the civil registry officer.

In Benin, there are 3 types of marriages (traditional, religious and civil). Civil marriage is the only one recognised by the law.

Some CRVS results from MICS Survey



What type
of
marriage
are you in?

A. Custom/traditional marriage

B. Civil marriage

C. Religious marriage

Y. None

Z. NSP

Individuels
Questionnaires:



MA1A



MMA6A

- MICS Survey in Benin implemented in 2021 by INStAD in the country's 12 départements ;
- 793 EA each 22HH=17 446HH
- 6 questionnaires (Household, individuel women and men, Children aged 5-17, Children under 5 years and water quality test)

MICS Survey
Methodology

UNFPA Technical
Assistance

Given that Benin didn't have data on the completeness of marriage registration, INStAD integrated questions on marriage registration & on the girls and women empowerment into the 2 MICS questionnaires (individual Women and Men) at the request of UNFPA.

The report shows that 67% of women aged 15-49 said they were married or in union :

- Traditional: 48%
- Religious: 26%
- Civil: 2%

MICS results on
CRVS

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Percentage of
marriages
registered
with Civil
Registry
Officer

Policy orientation of the CRVSsystem



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Benin Government Action Programme – PAG2 (2021-2026)

The Beninese government has made the personal identification sector a priority, paving the way for the modernization of CRVS in the line with the UN Principles and Recommendations, Institutional development of the CRVS system and operationalisation of the results of studies, surveys, etc... are priorities.



“It is therefore imperative to pursue the bold policy of reforming the State with a view to increasing its capacity to meet the vital and ongoing needs of the population”.

Extract from the report on the state of implementation of the PAG1

Recommendations & Perspectives

Immediate



Vulgarisation of the results of the social norms study at the decentralised level



Extending the study to other regions of Benin



Developing & implementing a communication strategy for the registration of marriages and deaths



Set up a national consultation framework involving all CRVS stakeholders

Conclusion

Vital statistics derived from civil registration, are the important source of data on gender equality and women's empowerment.

Long term

Pursue the interoperability of the RNPP with other government structures (including INStaD for the regular production of Vital Statistics)

Equipping the 77 UCIPs with equipment for exhaustive registration of the CRVS events at the decentralised level

Continue to include the Beninese living abroad in the RNPP in order to set up Consular Registers.



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