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Linking civil registration and identification with vital statistics in Uruguay

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Legal Identity: human right approach and transversal issue of public policy.



Identity Chain and Vital Statistics.

Civil Registry

- · Legal Registry
- Person's Identity.
 Registration of Biographic information

Authentication (Biographic registry + attributes)



Identification

Registration of attributes

Vital Statistics

- Administrative Registry
- Systematic and continuous measurement and registration of birth and other vital events

Virtuous relation between Civil Registry, Vital Statistics and Governance.

Systematic, reliable and timely information

Civil Registries

Vital Statistics



Improves design and management of public policies

Evidence based policy



Improves Governance

Improves resources allocation

Enhance of the offer and access to services for citizens

A case analysis: the PRICEV-Uruguay experience.

Interconnection and modernization of civil registration and identification processes and generation of information for vital statistics in Uruguay

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Context:

- Lack of systematic and reliable information about the under registration of births. When the project was conceptualized the under registration of birth in UR was believed to be at least 6%.
- Late rate birth registration was not known.

Fundamental aspects:

- The guarantee of rights and non-discrimination of children was a priority in the government agenda.
- Emphasis on the link between identity management and vital statistics.
- Interagency coordination: "mainstreaming" innovation in management.
 Civil Registry (Education Ministry), Identification (Police) and Vital
 Statistics (Health Ministry)
 - Technology is supporting coordination through interoperability.

PRICEV - Uruguay

| Goal | Specific objective |
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| Contribute to the social inclusion of the most disadvantaged sectors of Uruguayan society as a way to boost the country's social cohesion through improvements in civil registration and identification processes. | Interconnect and modernize the processes of civil identification, registration, and generation of information based on vital statistics by strengthening the relevant institutions |
| Components | |
| Interagency connectivity (Definition of interfaces with other agencies, common archuitecture; common semantics and language) | Electronic civil registry records. (Civil Registry digitalization) |
| Electronic live-birth and death certificates with unique identification numbers (A number for life) | Strengthening of civil identification and identity card systems. Digitalization of all the Civil Identification Offices in the country. |

Interagency coordination

Government agencies

Agency for the Development of an Electronic Government and an Information and Knowledge Society (AGESIC)

Office of Planning and Budget (OPP)

Civil Registry Bureau - Ministry of Education and Culture

Civil Identification Bureau- Ministry of Interior

Ministry of Health - Vital Statistics Bureau

National Institute of Statistics

Social Insurance Bank

Ministry of Social Development

PRICEV Achievements

- The rate of under registration today it is on par with OECD countries. (1%). No evidence of gender inequality in access to birth registration in Uruguay.
- Protection of the binomial mother-child. Immediate registry at the birthplace. Guarantees the right of women and the children
- It has an only database of national scope. Digital access.
- Guaranteed security and privacy in the whole process (identity-identification). Exclusive access to clinical data by authorized users only.
- Unique identification number assigned from birth.
- Online daily information of newborns: facilitate the assignment of benefits through social programs.

Learned Lessons from PRICEV

- The relevance of leadership and political decision.
- The strategic importance of "technical leadership" for horizontal and inter-institutional coordination.
- Contribution of "management of the technology" as a "catalyst" of change.
- Interrupting the circle of intrafamily reproduction of documentation problems overcoming social and gender inequality.
- The efficiency of public policy when it's pertinent to the context and to social demands and needs of men and women.
- Articulation of Vital Statistics and Civil Registry: a contribution to a better governance, greater inclusion and equity.