

The role of civil registry for the post-2015 development goals:

Lessons from the transformation of the South African CRVS system

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Lessons from the MDG process

- The framework helped countries to track development progress on a regular basis
- It build momentum for evidence based decision making
- Some goals were achieved, other not – with differences in achievement/non-achievement among and within countries
- There is a need to transform beyond the target date

Post 2015 Agenda

Leave no one behind

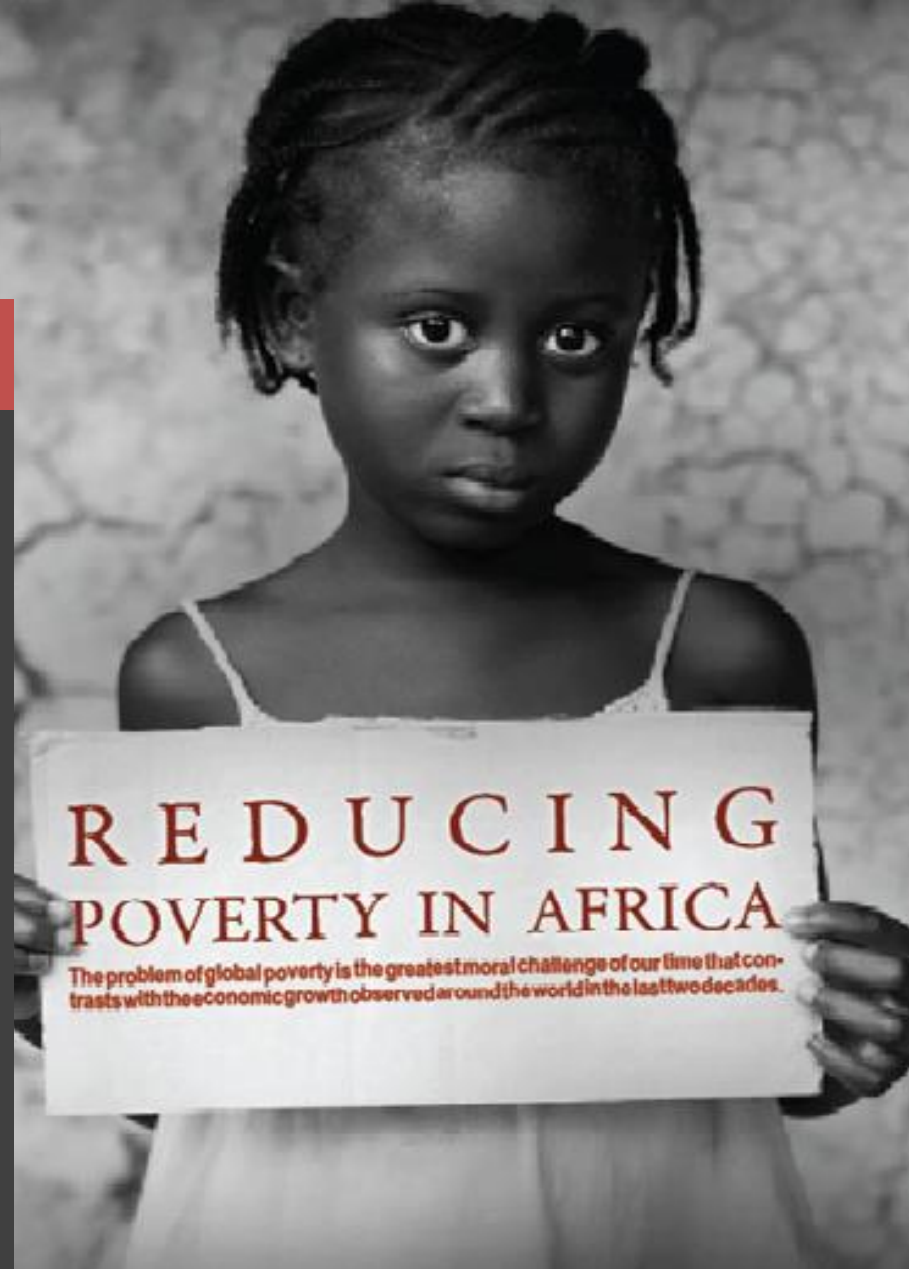
Put sustainable development at the core

Transform economies economies for jobs and inclusive growth

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transform information systems

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Leadership by Africa

- Established The Africa Programme on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (APAI-CRVS) as a pan-African initiative created in 2009
- The programme seeks to support the realisation of complete CRVS system across the continent
- The Programme is implemented through a regional plan initially running from 2010-2015
- The Programme is steered by directives of African ministers responsible for civil registration
- UNECA is the secretariat of the regional programme

Leadership by Africa

- African statisticians have for the 2010-2015 period focusing on CRVS after successfully implementing population censuses
- Currently countries CRVS status are being assessed using standard country assessment tools
- Training for CRVS implementation runs concurrently
- Country to Country support systems and drawing lessons
- Engaging training institutions to adapt CRVS tuition

Leadership by Africa

- Investing in the future through APAI-CRVS has within its work programme embedded the capacity development of YAS
- Programme has so far:
 - Facilitated placement of three fellows at UNECA to work with the regional CRVS secretariat
 - Provided training for YAS as part of a regional training programme held in May 2013
 - Facilitated engagement of YAS in ongoing CRVS system country assessment
 - Mobilised funds through partner agencies to support the inclusion of YAS in ongoing work on CRVS at country level
 - In each activity including country assessments the YAS are included

What can be achieved ... lessons from SA

- From an ***exclusive*** to a well-functioning CRVS
 - Registration not compulsory for black African population group
 - Black African population group included in NPR after 14 years of implementing NPR
 - Data not useful for national planning
- Setting priorities and intensifying efforts
 - Post-apartheid government prioritised civil registration and production of vital statistics
 - Turnaround strategy to improve service delivery
 - National campaigns to improve coverage
 - Strong political engagement
 - Collaborative effort

What can be achieved ... lessons from SA

- Identifying bottlenecks and changing strategies
 - Amendments and repeals in legislations
 - Expansion in service delivery points
 - Registration in hospitals
 - Mobile units for under-served and hard-to-reach populations
 - Compliance to international standards
- Create demand
 - Birth certificates to access child support grant / enrol in school
 - Death certificates to obtain burial permit
- Use of technology
 - Improve security and timeliness of service delivery
 - Enables regular and timely access to data

Improvements in Civil Registration (and NPR) provided conducive environment for production of vital statistics

- Recent initiative to improve quality
 - Continued collaborative efforts with CRVS stakeholders
 - Training of medical practitioners in cause-of-death certification
 - Use of IRIS to code causes of death
 - Employment of contract staff to expedite data processing

Concluding remarks

- Importance of CRVS recognised globally
- Comprehensive assessment must be undertaken to establish baseline information
- Countries to have vigorous approach in improvement strategies to ensure that “No one is left behind”
- Improvements in the quality of statistics for sustainable development
- Investment in technology for sustainable systems