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Agenda Item 3c: Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: progress in implementing existing regional initiatives of the Committee on Statistics (ESCAP/CST/2018/2)

Civil registration is essential for identification of all citizens in any country. In the 2014 Demographic Health Survey, Samoa found that less than 60 percent of children less than 5 years of age were registered therefore about 40 percent of the children less than 5 years were not registered.

For information the Civil Registration is under the Samoa Bureau of Statistics and therefore we are responsible for both official statistics and civil registration statistics. In that regard, we wish to acknowledge the financial support by UNICEF which helped us to conduct a mass registration in 2017-2018 of children below 5 and also including other ages and a full report will be ready early next year.

In that regard, we support continuous programs to improve civil registration and also support the Ministerial conference to provide specific guidelines on further implementation of the Regional Action Framework.