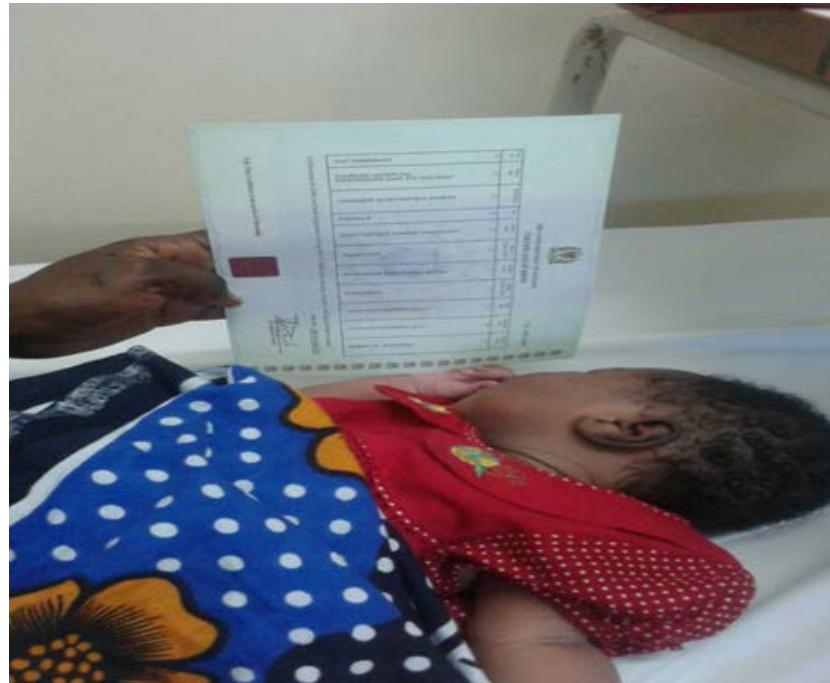


Mobile Phone as a platform for birth registration



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What is RITA?

- A government Agency under the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs responsible for civil registration (*Births, Deaths, Marriage, Divorce and adoption*)
- It was established through Government Notice No 397 of 2005 to perform the duties and roles of the then Administrator General's Office which had existed since colonial time.

Birth Registration in Tanzania

- Dates back to colonial era (1920s); by then registration was not compulsory for natives Africans.
- After independence some laws changed but registration of births and deaths were made compulsory in 2009
- Coverage of birth registration was very low (13% according to 2012 census)
- Some reasons for low coverage include;
 - Low level of awareness
 - Low demand for Birth Certificates
 - Infrastructure (A more centralized system which limits access)

Efforts done to improve Birth Registration

- Development of CRVS strategy which addresses issues as;
 - Review the business process; the decentralized system
 - Review of the Legal Framework
 - Improve Coordination and Cooperation among stakeholders; committees from high level to low levels

The Strategy awaits approval of the Government although some improvements in Birth Registration are still on-going

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- Registration of birth was decentralized as part of ensuring all events are registered.
- This was launched in 2013 in one of the regions in Tanzania called Mbeya.
- Registration is done at Ward levels instead of a district HQ
- The process of registration is done by filling forms and the information on the register is captured through mobile phones.

Process

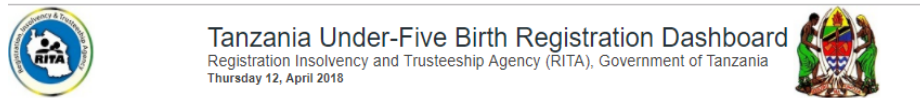
1. Registration form is completed at a registration center
2. Registration record is uploaded onto a database using a smart phone
3. Registration data can be viewed via an online dashboard



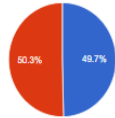
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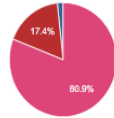
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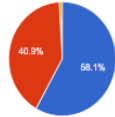
Registrations by Gender



Registrations by Place of Birth



Place of Registrations



Registrations By Year



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Coverage



- 11 out of 26 regions covered
- More than 2.6 mil children already registered to date
- About 80% of children now have BC in the 11 regions

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