



The United Nations Legal Identity Agenda

Fulfil the promise to Leave No One Behind

TARGET 16-9


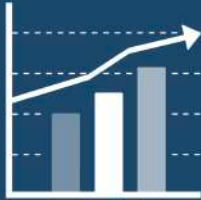
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



PROVIDE UNIVERSAL LEGAL IDENTITY

TARGET 17-19

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SYSTEMIC ISSUES

FURTHER DEVELOP MEASUREMENTS OF PROGRESS



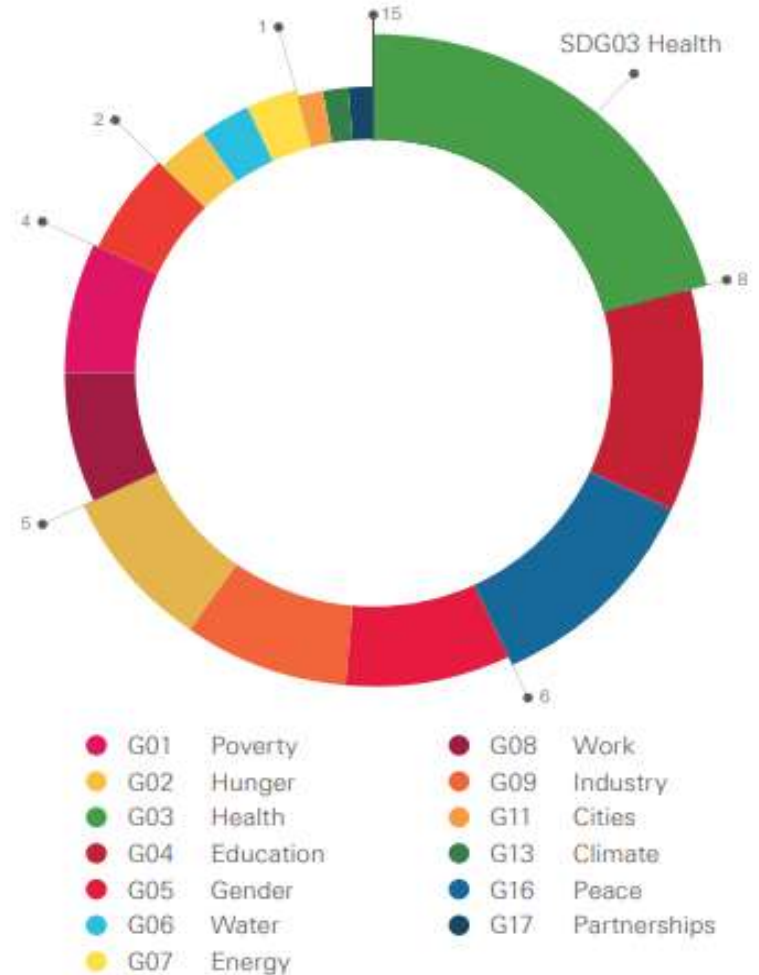
The Right to Legal Identity



- Universal Declaration on Human Rights, Article 6
- Convention on the Rights of the Child, Articles 7 & 8
- **SDG Target 16.9** – *legal identity for all, including birth registration.*
- **SDG Indicator 17.19.2**

The Critical Role of Civil Registration

- Universal & inclusive fundamental means of granting legal identity to all.
- Ultimate source of comprehensive, regular & reliable vital statistics.
- CRVS data is the preferred source for measuring **over 65 SDG indicators**.



**Legal identity
for all**

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***starting
from birth***

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**is a
game-changer
to achieve
the SDGs.**



Defining Legal Identity



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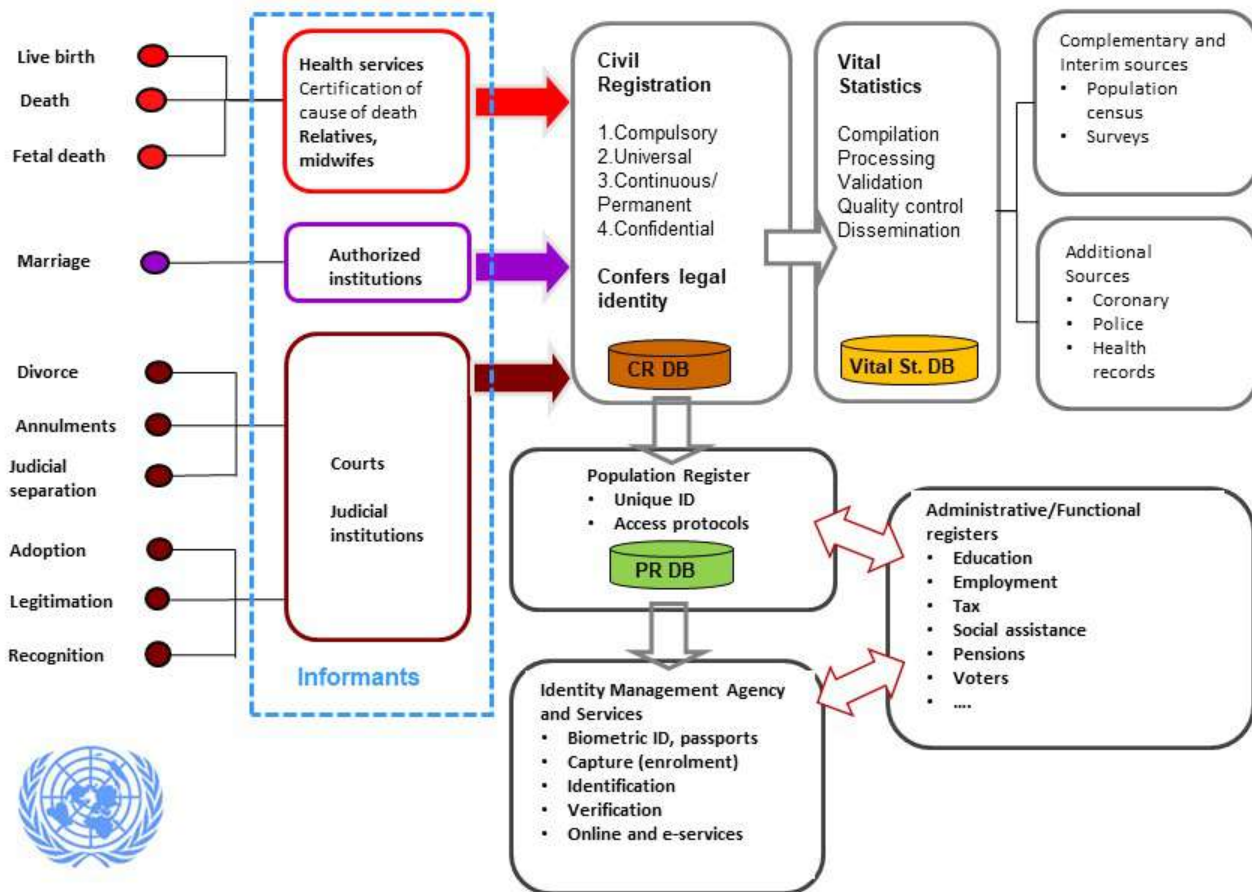


Legal identity is the basic characteristics of an individual's identity.

Civil registration is the continuous, permanent, compulsory & universal recording of vital events for a country's population.

Proof of legal identity is a credential recognized as proof of legal identity under national law.

Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management System



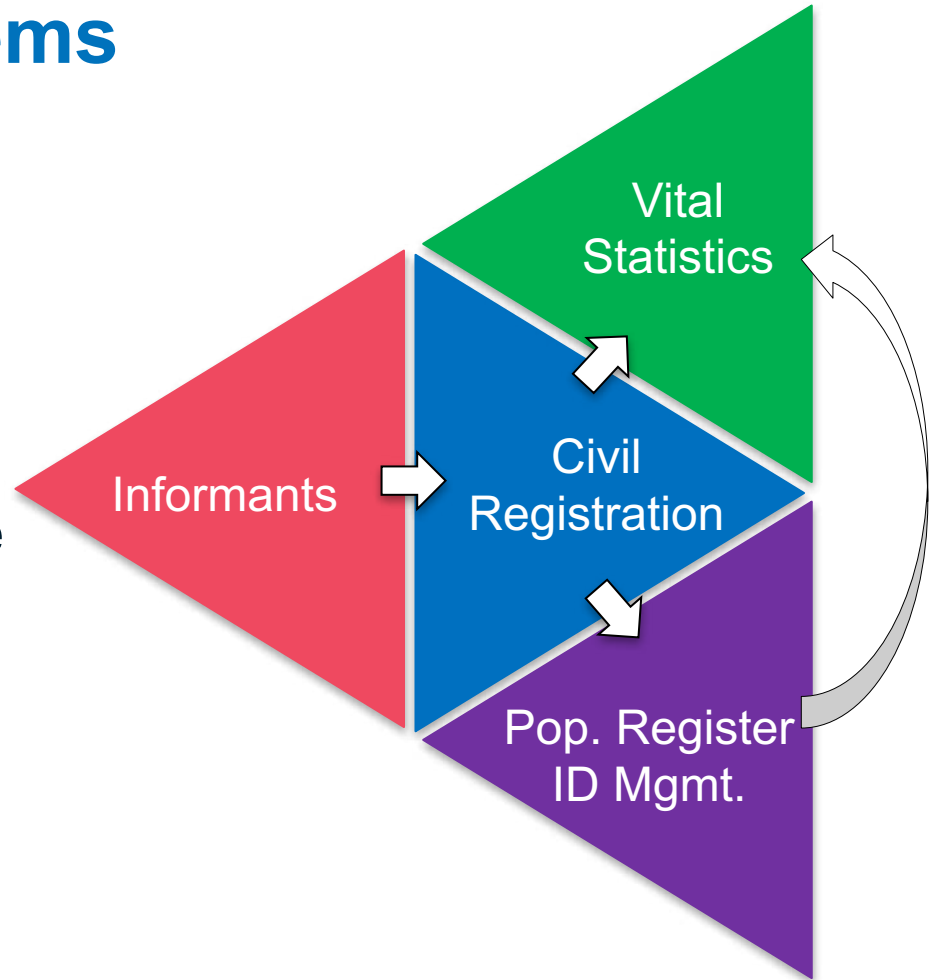
Simplified flow

This model represents a holistic approach to civil registration, vital statistics and identity management recommended by the United Nations, adapted from the United Nations *Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Revision 3*; it can be adjusted to national circumstances and governing structures as necessary.



Holistic CR/VS/ID systems

- Life-cycle approach to identity
- Supports interoperability of identity systems for the production of vital statistics
- Sustainable solution to provide legal identity & country-owned demographic data
- Reduces dependence on sector-specific monitoring systems



Delivering as  ne UN





UN Legal Identity Expert Group

Background

Established at the request of the UN Secretary-General and backed by the DSG, the LIEG in support of the UN Legal Identity Agenda aims to:

- take a unified approach to legal identity across the UNDS & strengthen collaboration with the World Bank
- support Member States accelerate progress to achieve SDG 16.9 & SDG 17.19



UN Legal Identity Expert Group

Structure *(14+ UN Agencies and 2 Regional Economic Commissions):*

Co-Chairs: UNICEF, UNDP, DESA

Members:

- UN Agencies: DESA, DOCO, IOM, ITU, OCHA, OHCHR, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, UN Women, UNODC, UNSD, WFP & WHO.
- Regional Economic Commissions: UNECA and UNESCAP
- UN Global Pulse

WORKPLAN

- Pillar 1: A Coordinated Approach for Implementation
- Pillar 2: Evidence for Action
- Pillar 3: One Voice
- Pillar 4: Financing the Implementation of Legal Identity for All



United Nations Legal Identity Agenda



Objectives

- Promotes a coherent approach to legal identity across the UN system & with the World Bank Group
- Builds on existing global, regional & country efforts
- One UN Voice for joint strategic advocacy & communications
- Enables joint UN support to countries for implementation

Benchmark Goal: *Close the global identity gap by over 300 million by 2025.*



Going forward: Delivering as One UN

- The UN Legal Identity Agenda will bring together existing efforts at the global, regional and country-levels.
- In line with the UN reform and at the request of Member States through the Executive Committee.
- The coordinated UN response will be led by the Regional Coordinators.
- The structure of the mechanism is being established, & engagement in Africa will be led by UN ECA
 - in close collaboration with the AU, and
 - with light support from UN HQ via the future Multi-Partner Trust Fund.



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Project development and implementation

- Potential pilot countries are being considered for a joint UN-World Bank effort on legal identity initiatives
- Leverage additional support to scale-up the UNCT life-cycle model to accelerate progress towards ensuring legal identity for all.

Thank you!

