



CIVIL REGISTRATION IN SIERRA LEONE

PROGRESS AND POLICY REFORMS

By
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(NCRA)
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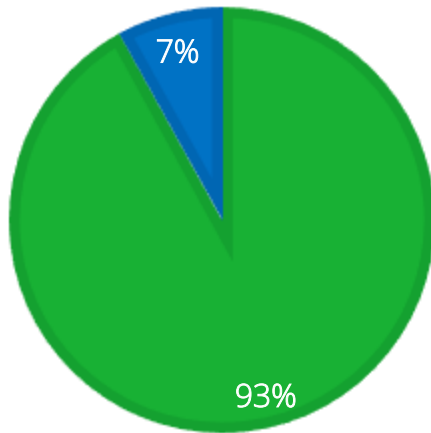


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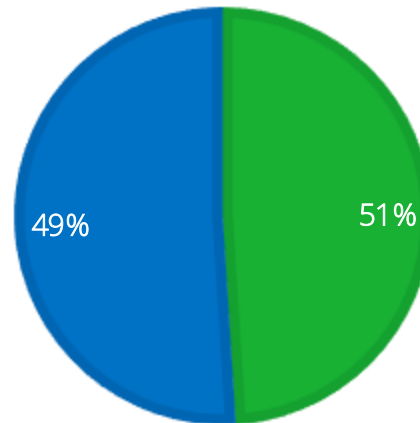


Where we are - Registration Coverage/Rates

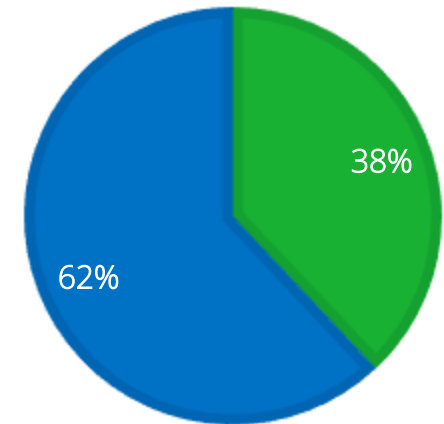
Civil/ID Registration Coverage to date



■ Total Registration
■ Unregistered Population



■ Male ■ Female



■ Children < 18 ■ Adults >= 18

93% Registered (49% Male, 51% Female) : 62% Adults (18 & above), 38% Children < 18 yrs.



Where we are – Service Delivery

DIGITALIZATION – Integrated CRVS & ID Services

Over 80% of CRVS/ID Services digitized;

- ❖ Foundational Identity (ID) Services
- ❖ Birth Registration
- ❖ Death Registration and Certification
- ❖ Marriage Registration and Certification
- ❖ Divorce Registration and Certification
- ❖ Adoption Registration and Certification
- ❖ Nullities
- ❖ Statelessness etc.

Digitization of historic/past paper-based record

- ❖ 30% Digitized and linked to current records
- ❖ 70% to be digitized

DECENTRALIZATION – CRVS & ID Services

All CRVS and ID Services are decentralized

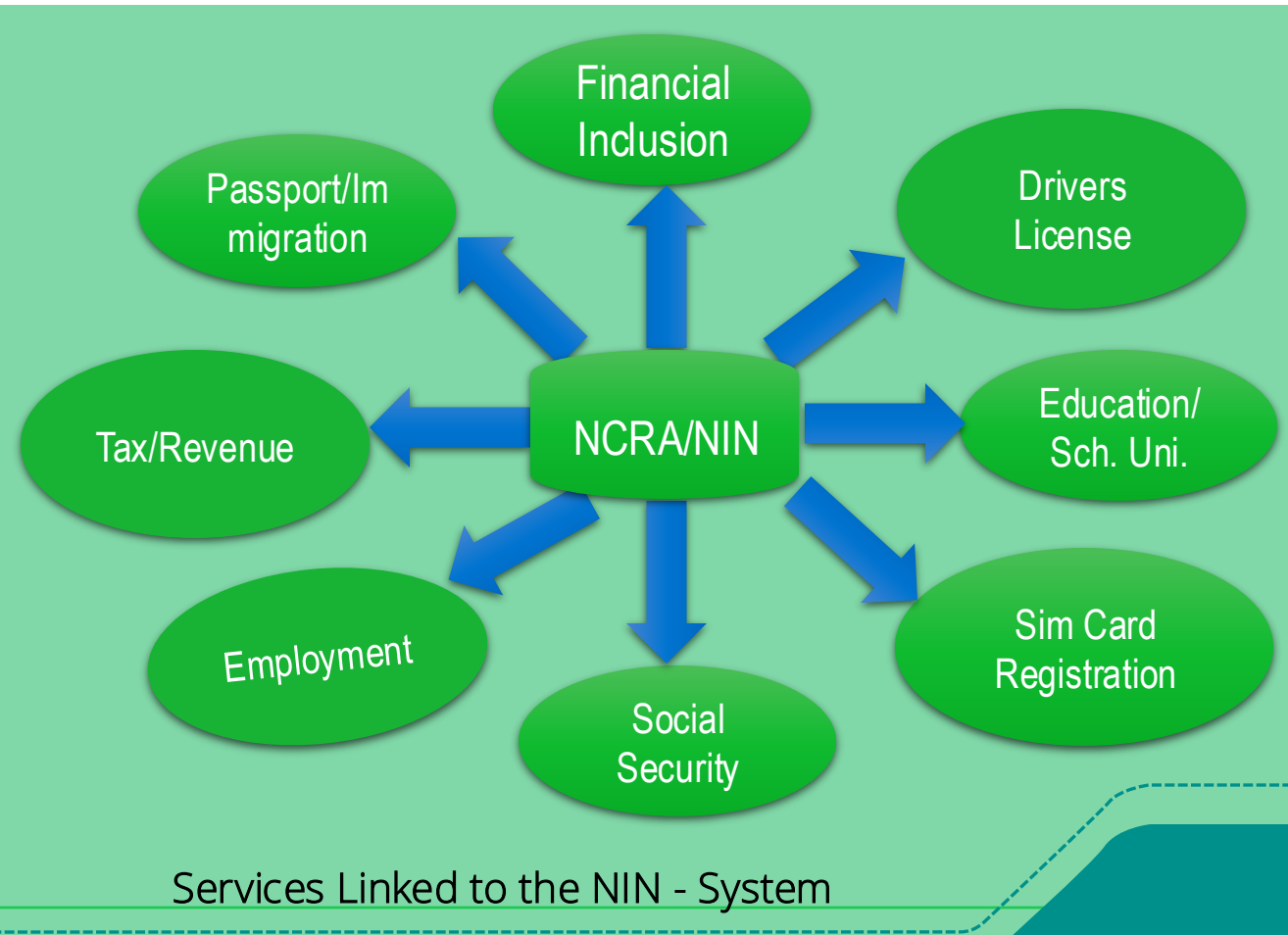
- ❖ Services decentralized with centres across the country (Regional and District Offices, and populated areas)
- ❖ Mobile/Roving Registration Service Centers
- ❖ Partnership and Collaboration with Ministry of Health (Health Facilities), and Educational Institutions (Schools, Colleges/Universities) for registration services.
- ❖ Permanent Registration Centres (PRC) at Chiefdom/Ward Levels to be established
- ❖ Etc.



Interoperability – Service Delivery

Interoperability/NIN mandated by Law

- ❖ NCR Act of 2016 mandated the *NCRA to assign NIN, issue multipurpose National ID Cards, and share data (interoperability) with other MDAs/Institutions for service delivery*
- ❖ Parliamentary Ratification and Concurrent – Mandated the linkage and use of the National Identification Number (NIN) to access Services in Sierra Leone





Policy Reforms, Actions and Impacts/Outcomes

Policies, Reforms and Actions driving Progress in Sierra Leone

Policies implemented/Actions Taken

Assessment on CRVS & ID Landscape in Sierra Leone

Thanks to Dr. Atick

National Civil Registration Act (2016), and related laws & Regulations

National-wide Mass Registration Exercise in 2017

2022 Legislation (Parliamentary Ratification and Concurrent)

Nation-wide verification, confirmation and backlog registration exercise in 2023

Public Education/Awareness and Coordination/Collaboration

Review and development of the National Civil Registration Act and Regulations



Outcome and Impact

Cabinet Approval & Adoption of National Policy on CRVS Reform in S/L.

Integrated CRVS & ID Services) making it compulsory

Increased registration coverage to 75%

Enforced linking access to services in Sierra Leone to NIN

Increased registration coverage to 90%, allowed registrant to update and validate their data

Public awareness, Public Trust, and Increased demand

To address emerging issues and gaps

Political-Will from the presidency and other Policy Makers