

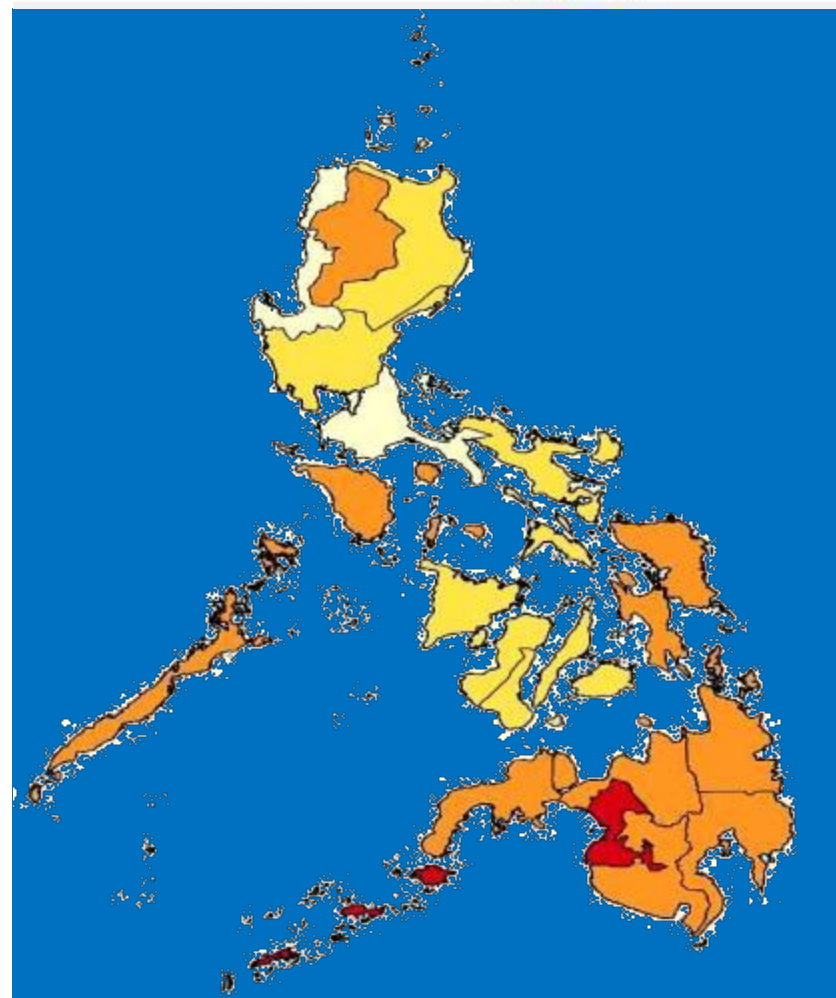
# Philippine Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

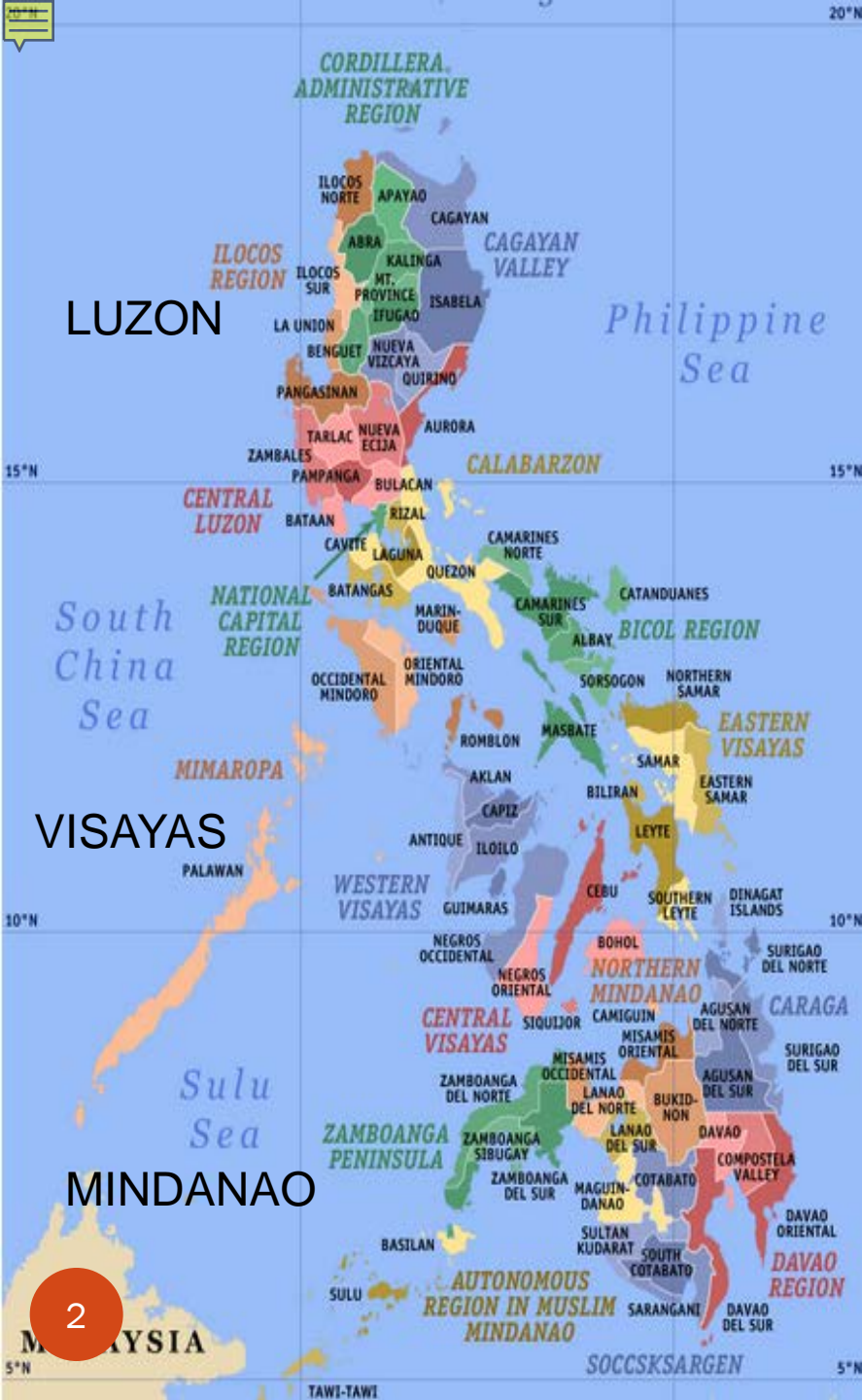
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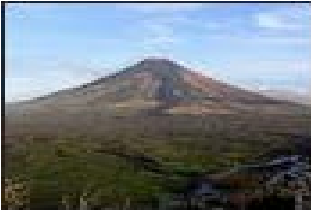


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**Philippines**





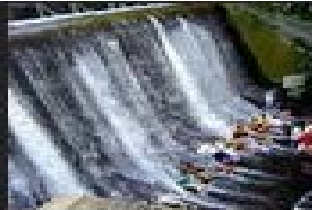
- Southeast Asia in the Western Pacific Ocean
- Covers almost 300,000 sq. km, 73<sup>rd</sup> largest independent nation
- An archipelago comprising 7,107 islands.
- Three main geographical divisions: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao
- Manila as its capital city
- 17 administrative regions, 80 provinces, 140 cities, 1,496 municipalities, and 42,026 villages or barangays [LGUs]



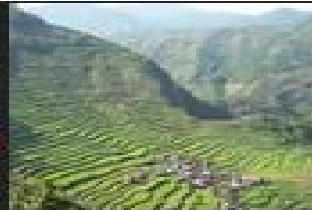
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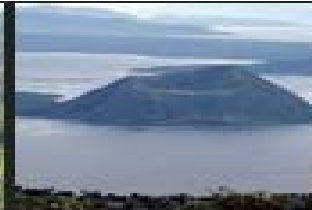
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Villa Escudero  
Plantations



Banaue Rice  
Terraces



Taal Volcano



Hundred Islands  
National Park

- Government: Constitutional Republic, Unitary State, Presidential system; highly devolved public administration
- Population : 92:34M (2010); 100M by end of 2014
- World's 12th most populous nation ; 7<sup>th</sup> in Asia
- GDP per capita: US\$27,454 (1<sup>st</sup> Q 2013, PSA)
- Maternal mortality ratio: 221 / 100,000 live births (FHS 2011)
- Neonatal mortality rate: 24 deaths / 1,000 live births (FHS, 2011)
- Infant mortality rate: 22 deaths / 1,000 live births (FHS, 2011)
- Multiple ethnicities and cultures
- 171 individual languages, 8 officially recognized
- Official languages -- Pilipino and English
- 90% are Christians and around 5% are Muslims



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# Philippine CRVS

- Since 17<sup>th</sup> century – 1898 (Spanish rule), individual parish and dioceses were required by Catholic Church to keep books of baptisms, marriages and deaths.
- Nov. 1930 - Ratification of the Civil Registry Law (Republic Act 3753) took effect on Feb. 27, 1931 making civil registration as a **public service and compulsory**.
  - National Statistician and Civil Registrar General oversee civil registration
  - Local Civil Registrar does actual act of registration
  - Enumeration of acts and events concerning civil status of person which shall be recorded in the civil register

# ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT OF THE SYSTEM

**Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - National Statistics Office (NSO) – mandated by law to carry out the civil registration function in the country**

- ***The Civil Registrar General*** – head of PSA-NSO.

Duties:

- Enforce the provisions of Act No. 3753
- Prepare and issue regulations for carrying out the purposes of Act No. 3753
- Give orders and instructions to the civil registrars with reference to the performance of their duties
- Report any violation of the provision of Act No. 3753 of the city/municipal civil registrar to the concerned mayor for disciplinary action

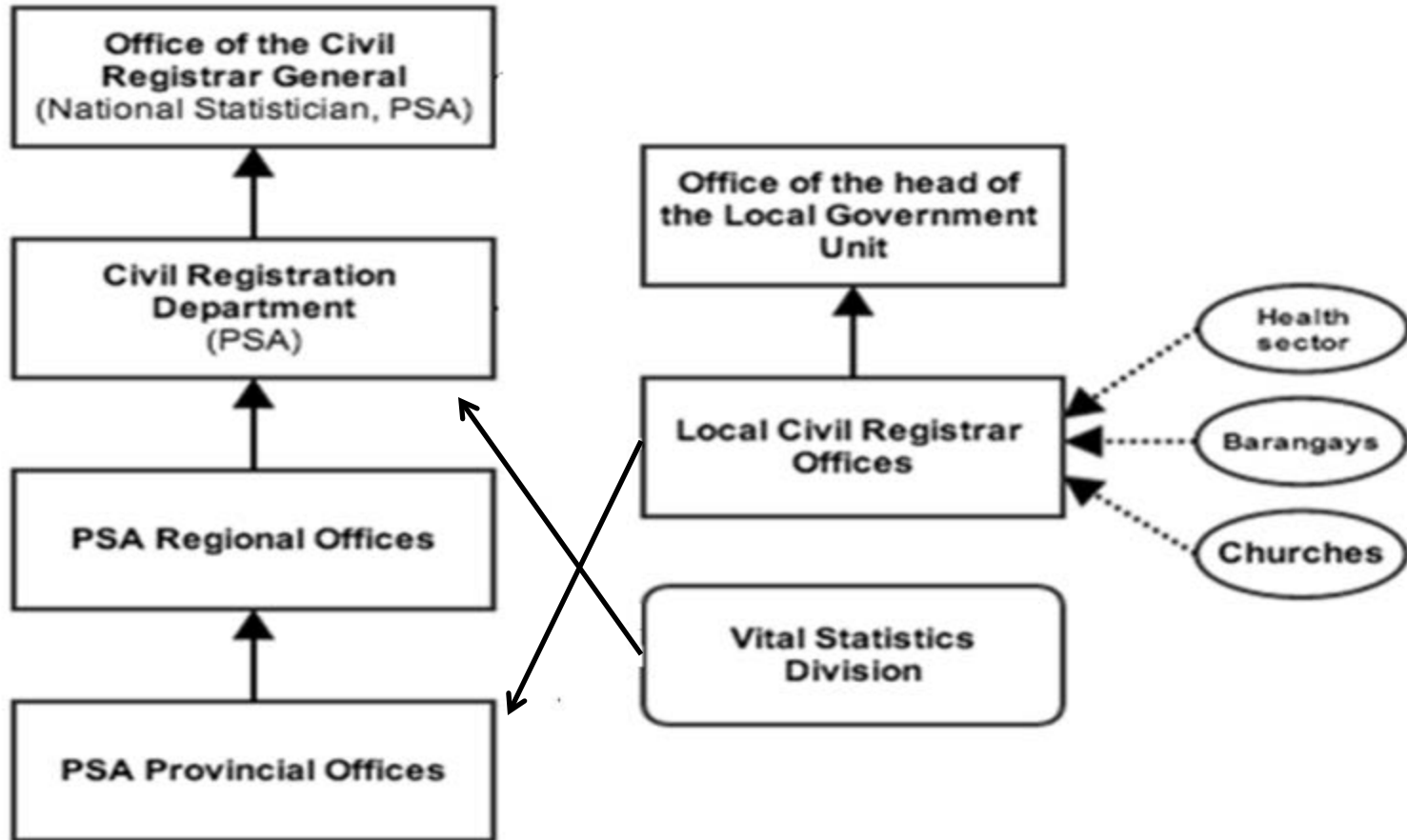
# The *Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO)*

- is an office or department in the city/municipal government that is mandated to perform civil registration function.

- *The City/Municipal Civil Registrar*

- The head of the LCRO who is appointed as such by the mayor, the appointment is mandatory for city/municipal civil governments

# CRVS Current Administrative Structure



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# *Registration procedures*

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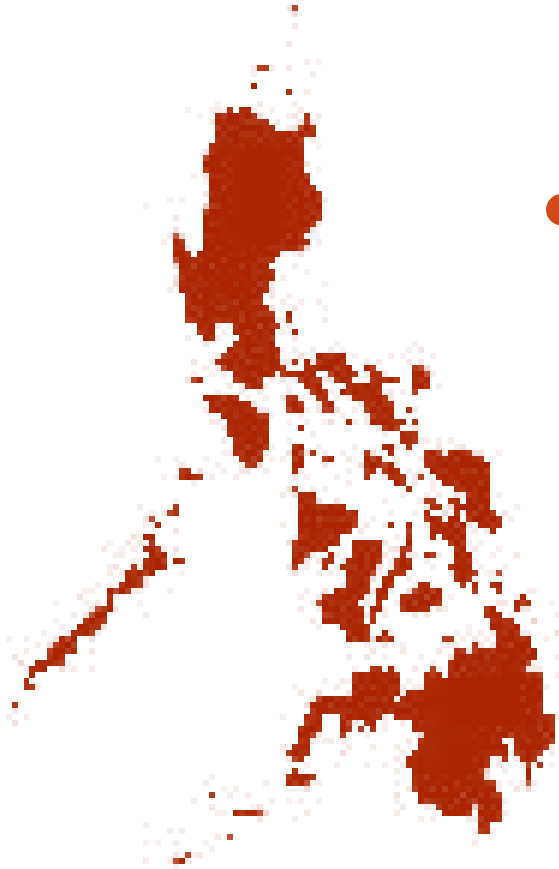
# Reglementary Period

Kind of Doc.	Number of Days	Requirements for Late Registration
Birth	30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Affidavit of Delayed Registration</li><li>•2 Documents Proving Birth of Child</li><li>•Affidavit of 2 Disinterested Persons</li><li>•Certificate of Marriage, if already married</li></ul>
Death	30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Affidavit of Delayed Registration</li><li>•Authenticated copy of Certificate of Burial</li><li>•Approval for registration by the Health Officer</li></ul>
Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•15 days with license</li><li>•30 days if exempt license</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Affidavit of Delayed Registration</li><li>•Application for marriage license bearing date of issuance except those exempt from marriage license</li><li>•A certification issued by church or solemnizing officer</li></ul>

# *Marriage without license*

1. Either or both parties are at the point of death (Article 27)
2. Either of the party are unable to appear personally because of the remoteness of their residence (Article 28)
3. Marriage between members of ethnic cultural community (Article 33)
4. Marriage between a man and a woman who lived together for a period of at least five years (Article 34)

# *Place of Registration*



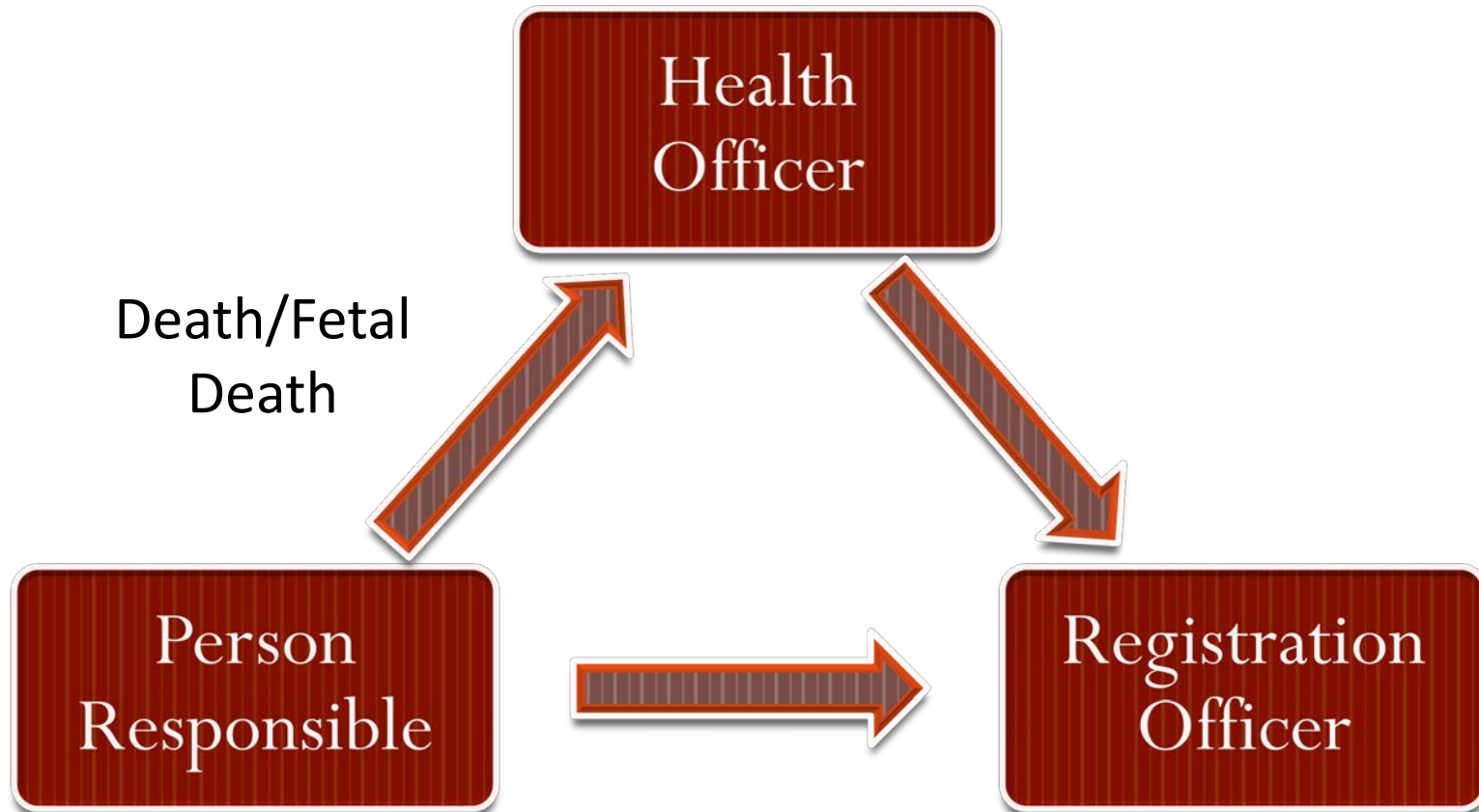
- As a general rule, the place of registration is the city or municipality where the event occurs.

# Reporting of vital events occurring abroad

- All vital events occurring to Filipinos residing abroad (permanently or temporarily) shall be reported to the Philippine Foreign Service Establishment of the country of residence or where the vital event took place or where none is located thereat, in the Philippine Foreign Service Establishments of the country nearest the place of residence of the party concerned or where the vital event occurred



# Persons responsible to report the event



Birth/ marriage/ marriage license/  
finder / court decree /legal instrument

# Persons responsible to report the event/Submission of Documents



# Out-of-Town Reporting

## Out-of-town reporting

Out-of-town reporting occurs when the certificate is presented to the civil registrar of a city or municipality which is not the place of birth, not for registration but to be forwarded to the civil registrar of the city or municipality where the vital event occurred and where it should be registered.

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# *Generation of Vital Statistics*

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# Generation of Vital Statistics - Flow

LCR: PhilCRIS or own system of LGUs

Provincial PSA: Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS)

National PSA consolidates data files from all Provincial Office of PSAs

Full release of VS is every two years but now late due to changes in PO-PSA system and unsynchronized submission

Some demographic indicators are periodically released based from survey results (e.g fertility rates, MMR and special requests like mortality and causes of death for sub-national planning and assessment of program performance

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*Systems in the Processing of  
Documents and Generation of Vital  
Statistics*

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# Systems in Processing of Documents

## A. PHILCRIS

The PhilCRIS software is the Windows version of the Civil Registry Information System (CRIS DOS version), which is available for use by the Offices of the Civil Registrars and other end-users.

# Systems in Processing of Documents

## A. PHILCRIS Features

- ✓ Enables encoding of relevant information from civil registry documents
- ✓ Storage of vital data
- ✓ Query and retrieval of encoded records
- ✓ Printing and issuance of certified copies of encoded civil registry documents
- ✓ Generation of transmittal files
- ✓ Data management and maintenance of the local civil registry database

# Systems in Processing of Documents

## B. DVSS2011

- The latest version of DVSS2K which aims primarily for the processing of civil registry documents
- Generation of vital statistics at the Provincial and Central Office.

# Systems in Processing of Documents

## B. DVSS2011 Features

- Data entry of the new civil registry documents (CRDs) including the old CRDs (Revised 1993)
- Generation of vital statistics at the municipal, provincial, regional and national level
- Generation of indices of civil registry documents for the Civil Registry System-Information Technology

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# *CRVS Initiatives*

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# CRVS INITIATIVES

<b>1991</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Civil Registration Month every February</li></ul>
<b>2000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● NSO entered into a Private Public Partnership to computerize the civil registration system to digitize all CRs &amp; facilitate application, processing &amp; issuance of CR certificates</li></ul>
<b>2004</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● DVSS2K was implemented</li></ul>
<b>2005</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Philippine Health Information Network (PHIN)</li></ul>
<b>2007</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Evaluated health statistical system including CVRS using Health Metric Network tool</li><li>● Started formulation of the Philippine Health Information Systems Plan</li></ul>



# CRVS INITIATIVES

<b>2009</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● First CRVS national rapid assessment</li><li>● PhilCRIS introduced</li></ul>
<b>2011</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Comprehensive CRVS assessment completed</li><li>● Technical Working Group established</li><li>● DVSS2011 was implemented in the Provincial Offices</li></ul>
<b>2012</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● CVRS Strategic Plan initiated</li><li>● Comprehensive national and subnational completeness study completed</li></ul>
<b>2013</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Finalised CRVS Strategic Plan</li></ul>
<b>2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Costed investment plan</li><li>● Philippine Statistical Agency establishment merging all statistical agencies in government named as Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)</li></ul>

# CRVS VISION

*The Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System, with committed stakeholders, will be more responsive to the needs and rights of the Filipino people and produces quality data through timely, accessible and people-centric approaches complying with globally acceptable standards.*

Source: *Philippine CRVS Strategic Plan, 2014-2019*

# CRVS MISSION

*The Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System, as a network, is committed to collect, compile, process and generate quality data on vital records through an effective and efficient civil registration system to meet the needs of individuals, the nation, and global community.*

# Birth and Death Registration

It is observed that registration of births and deaths in the marginalized sectors were low. The level of registration was affected primarily because of the cultural, geographical.

# Partnerships

To increase the level of registration coordination with different agencies were made:

- DSWD
  - Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program (4Ps )
  - Registration of Sama Badjaus
  - Registration of Street dwellers
- Commission on Human Rights

# Partnerships

- Congress (Committee on Indigenous Peoples)
  - Creation of a Law providing for a Free and Culture Sensitive Civil Registration for Indigenous Peoples.
- Department of Foreign Affairs (Philippine Embassy)
  - Registration of undocumented Filipinos in Malaysia

# Activities to Increase Level of Registration

- Continuous conduct of mobile registration especially in remote areas
- Information dissemination :
  - Regular radio program ( Serbilis sa Radyo)
  - TV / Radio guestings
  - Lecture on civil registration for Civil Registrars, Phil. Medical Records Asso. and other stakeholders

## Goal 2: INCREASED AWARENESS AND UTILIZATION OF VITAL STATISTICS

OBJECTIVE

By 2019 quality VS is readily available and accessible for use on policy development, health development health development planning, and program management across all levels

PRIORITY

Increase awareness of VS

Improve timeliness of VS to shorten the release of vital statistics from 3 to 1.5 years

Increase dissemination and utilization of Vital Statistics

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Review vital Statistics process and data quality

Promote culture of evidence-based program planning and policy development

Maximize CRVS ICT Infrastructure

Enhance human resource capacity

Strengthen coordination and collaborations between and among CRVS stakeholders

Facilitate compilation, validation and automation of CRVS data

Ensure data accessibility, utilization and dissemination

Establish VS knowledge Hub to ensure that knowledge, evidence and expertise on VS are accessible and available





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