



**Identity
Management
from the Start**

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Global Under Registration Rates

Not a minor problem!

| Countries and territories | Birth registration 2000–2009* | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | total | urban | rural |
| Africa | 45 | 61 | 36 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 38 | 54 | 30 |
| Eastern and Southern Africa | 36 | 46 | 27 |
| West and Central Africa | 41 | 57 | 33 |
| Middle East and North Africa | 77 | 87 | 68 |
| Asia | 44** | 59** | 38 |
| South Asia | 36 | 50 | 31 |
| East Asia and Pacific | 71** | 82** | 66 |
| Latin America and Caribbean | 90 | – | – |
| CEE/CIS | 96 | 96 | 95 |
| Industrialized countries [§] | – | – | – |
| Developing countries [§] | 51** | 64** | 39 |
| Least developed countries [§] | 30 | 44 | 25 |
| World | – | – | – |

Source: UNICEF (2010)



Implications of Under Registration



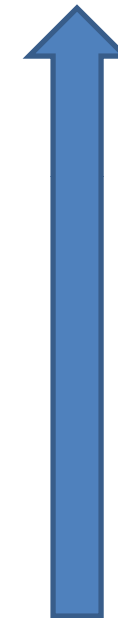
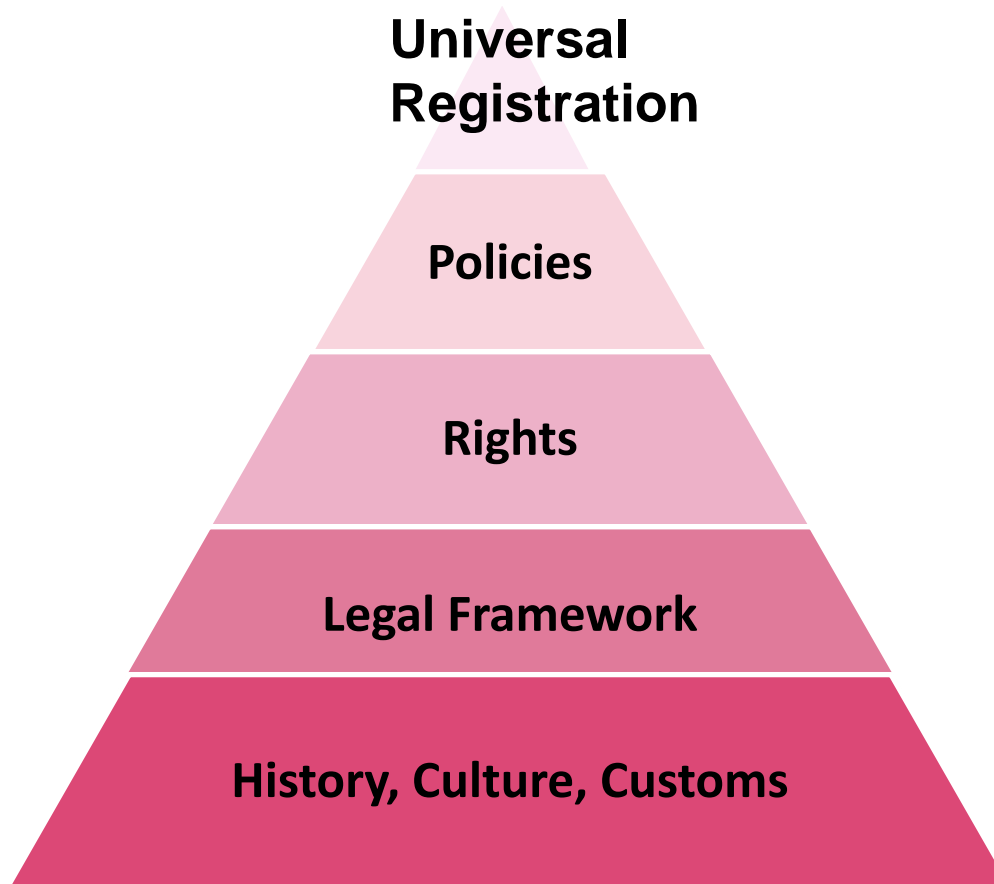
Birth and Civil registration have two major functions

- For the individual: establish identity
- For society: Generate vital statistics

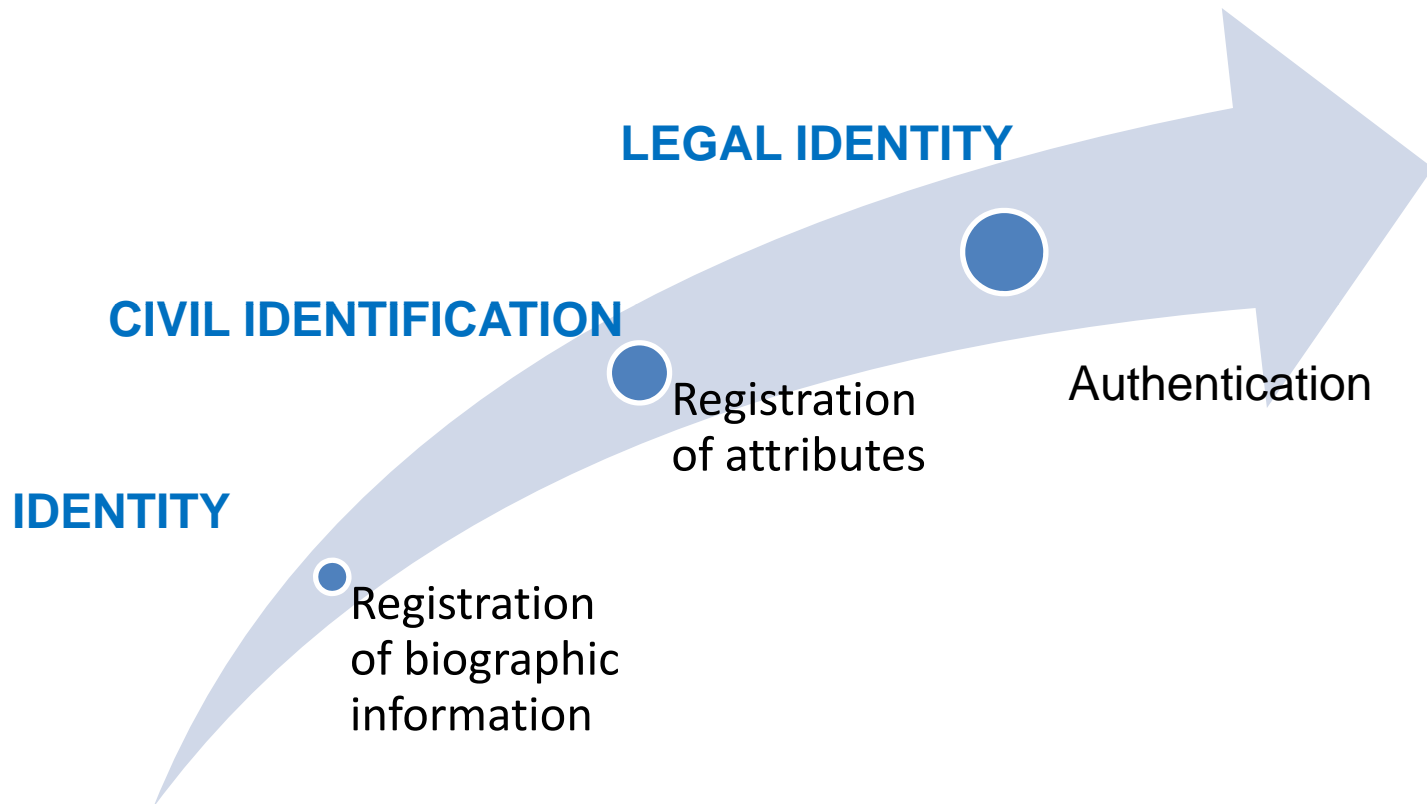
If this does not happen

- For the individual: high risk for exclusion and invisibility
- For society: Missing crucial information and data for public policy planning and programming

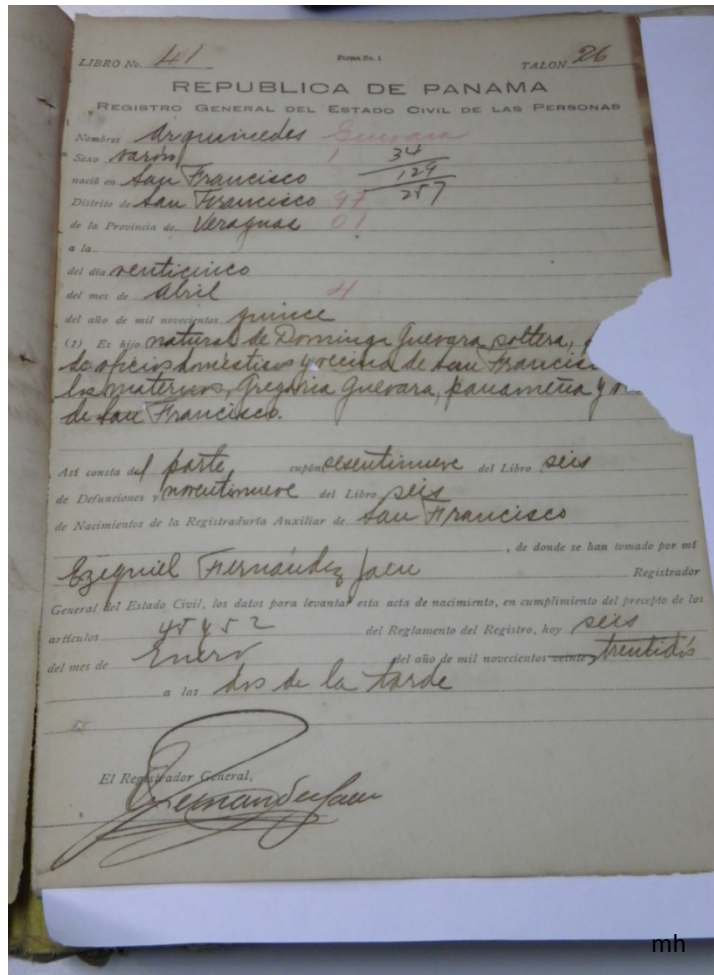
Identification and Governability



Identity Management



Legal Identity



- Legal identity represents the State's obligation to enable each person to exercise their right to a name.
- It represents the causal relationship between civil registration and civil identification.

Legal Framework Challenges



- Outdated legal frameworks
- Costly and bureaucratic civil registry procedures
- Complex procedures to establish and secure legal identity
- Inadequate protection of personal information
- Legal reforms cumbersome

Institutional Challenges



- Civil registry less of a priority than civil identification
- Lack of resources
- Outdated systems
- Inadequate coverage
- Disparities between government agencies

Institutional Locations of Civil Registries in Latin America and the Caribbean

| Ministry of Justice | Electoral System | Autonomous | Other |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Brazil | Bolivia | Honduras | Argentina (Ministry of Provincial Government) |
| Bahamas | Colombia | Peru | Ecuador (Ministry of Telecommunications and the Information Society) |
| Barbados | Costa Rica | Guatemala | Guyana (Ministry of Interior) |
| Belize | Dominican Republic | El Salvador | Jamaica (Ministry of Health) |
| Chile | Nicaragua | | Mexico (Secretariat of the Interior) |
| Haiti | Panama | | Surinam (Ministry of Interior) |
| Paraguay | Venezuela | | Uruguay (Ministry of Education and Culture) |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | | |

Technological Challenges



- Asymmetries between government agencies
- Ad hoc investments
- Silo structures
- Verification challenges
- Risk perceptions

Identity Management and Poverty Reduction



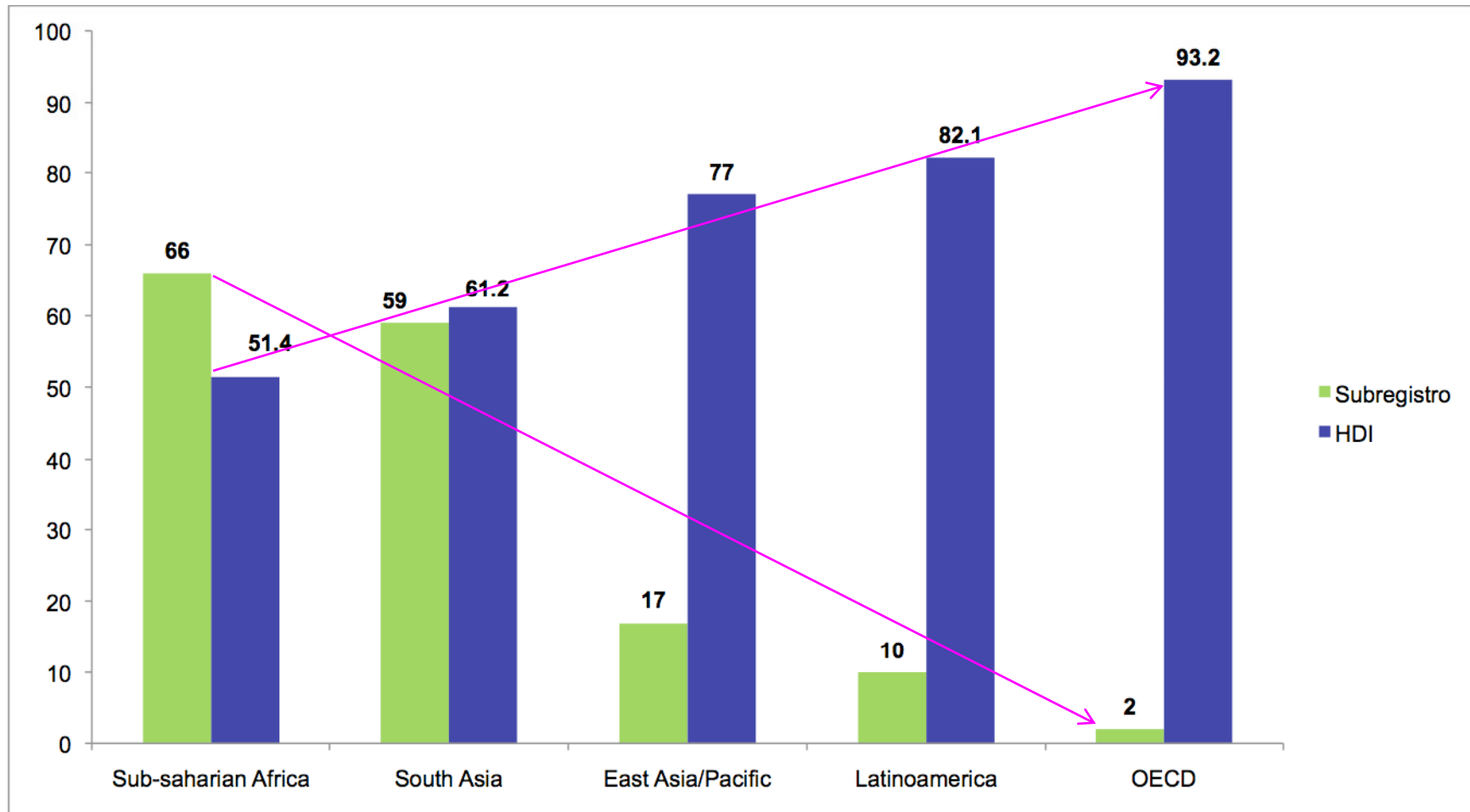
Identity management systems are key for international development

5 of the MDGs
10 of the indicators
are directly linked to the vital statistics that the civil registries generate.

The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005) lists improved institutions and national information systems fundamental conditions to achieve results.



Under registration of Births and Human Development Index (HDI)



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