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UGANDA CRVS - NATIONAL ID Integration

CRVS - National ID integration for Legal Identity
Country Case Studies: CRVS Integration Experiences

Plenary Session 2: Interoperability — The Foundation of the New Decade
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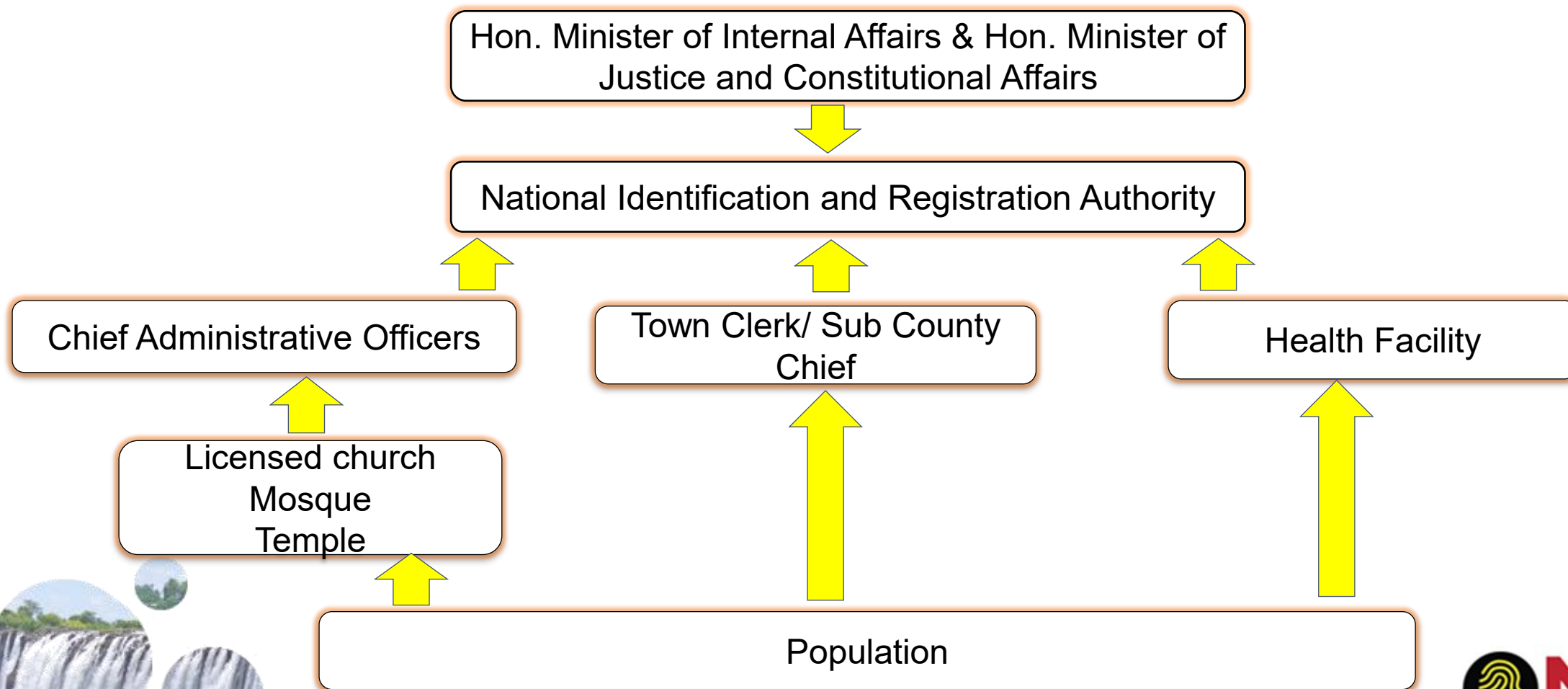
THE CONTEXT — Why Interoperability Was Needed

The Starting Point: Challenges We Faced;

- Duplicate/multiple Registrations,
- NID came after birth, death and marriage registration,
- Different particulars for same individual across different Registries/databases,
- Forgeries/fraud
- Incomplete and inaccurate Registries,
- Inconsistent/incomparable statistics,
- Inconclusive search & certification results, and
- Planning that depended on estimates rather than CRVS



THE CONTEXT — Structure of CRVS in Uganda



THE JOURNEY — How We Achieved Integration

Our Approach to CRVS - National ID Integration

- ✓ Putting all the CRVS registration systems under one authority (NIRA),
- ✓ Started with registration for and issuance of the National ID (and NIN) and creation of the national Security Information System (NSIS) in 2014/15,
- ✓ Birth & death registration was stand alone on MVRs,
- ✓ 1st step in integration was issuance of the NIN at printing of the birth/death certificate (created a delay in certification as the NIN was generated by NSIS and required capture of biometrics)
- ✓ Development of and integrated NSIS with a BDR module (utilizing open source Open CRVS),
- ✓ Marriage registration requires NIN of couple and witnesses. Fields auto-populate
- ✓ Maintaining a core personnel throughout the journey enabled continuity of purpose and development of expertise.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED — Results and Impact

Integration Outcomes: What Changed

- ✓ NIN issued automatically notification is made and certification immediate,
- ✓ No need for biometrics for child 9 months or under,
- ✓ Improved turn around time

Measurable Results

- Reduction in duplicates/multiple registration,
- Reduction in fraud in age, parentage, marital status etc...
- Improved search-ability of database,

Key Success Stories

- Once integrated, registration for NID accelerated birth registration. There are synergies there to be harnessed.

LESSONS LEARNED

What Worked:

- ☐ Leveraging on the ‘politically’ relevant NID can give a boost to CRVS systems,
- ☐ Issuance of NINs at birth simplifies identity/nationality registration,
- ☐ Multi tiered payment for certification including waiver below 9 months improves compliance,

What Didn't;

- ☐ Developing the NSIS in a modular manner is limiting, Lack of a functional API at the start is a disincentive to registration,
- ☐ In rural areas, Technology, while useful, is problematic to deploy, maintain and sue over extended periods of time,
- ☐ Death registration is very disconnected to the rest of the CRVS system

What We Learned;

- ☐ Having all CRVS registration systems under one authority enables a coherent and quick planning and execution regimen,
- ☐ Lack of names at birth inhibits registration,
- ☐ There is a lack of push & pull of NSIS and MRS

WHAT'S NEXT — Our Vision for the Future

Sustaining and Scaling Integration.

Next Steps.

- ☐ Deploy crvs.nsis.nira.go.ug for birth registration and instant NIN generation,
- ☐ Complete development and deployment of the marriage module on NSIS (use Open CRVS???)
- ☐ Integrate 'push and pull' for CRVS modules on NSIS to enable instant update of records on the later,
- ☐ Integrate NSIS with UBOS systems to generate VS in real time,
- ☐ Harmonize the legal framework governing CRVS

• Key Message to COM6 "[Key message for Ministers]"

➤ Afunctional CRVS system is vital for identity and planning. Without one we shall remain guessing...and guessing!



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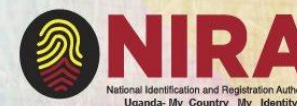


SECURING THEIR FUTURE STARTS WITH A **NIN**

Your child's NIN gives them
more than a name, it confirms
their nationality!

YOU HAVE A NAME

**DO YOU
HAVE A
NIN?**





Thank You!

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