

Comparative Study on the Importance of the Use of Civil Registration Statistics

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Abstract

Civil registration statistics is very important in many developing countries while it is among the best sources of information on population change. A well organized system for collecting such information contributes enough to the development of a country. A qualitative analysis shows that statistics are expensive for developing countries and the solution is the development of administrative data collection system. This study will focus on Rwanda where the importance of statistics has just taken off and the requirements of data especially in vital events are made. A descriptive analysis will show how data from civil registrations records will be used to produce indicators of population which is very necessary to the health programs and education domain. In this study a sample survey conducted in Rwanda for the user satisfactory of civil registration data shows the importance of civil registration statistics as a tool for monitoring the systems of good governance and a key component in production of demographics statistics.

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