



“to be the leader in providing relevant, quality statistics for the benefit of Samoa”

# CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

## What is CRVS??

Civil Registration is the act of recording of vital events in people's life including births, deaths, adoptions, marriages and divorces.



# Importance of CRVS

## Health data and information

- ✓ Causes of Death;
- ✓ Mortality and Fertility;
- ✓ Life Expectancy;
- ✓ Infant, child, maternal mortality;
- ✓ Communicable and non-communicable diseases
- ✓ Specialist health topics: HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, cancer, diabetes,

## Population Information

- ✓ Inter-censal population Information;
- ✓ Births, deaths;
- ✓ Estimated resident population
- ✓ Population projections;

## Social Information

- ✓ Ageing population and planning
- ✓ Education and community planning
- ✓ Child and parental programs

## Economic Information

- ✓ Population growth
- ✓ Ageing and economic impact;
- ✓ Sub-regional growth and impact

Births data

Deaths data

Causes of death data

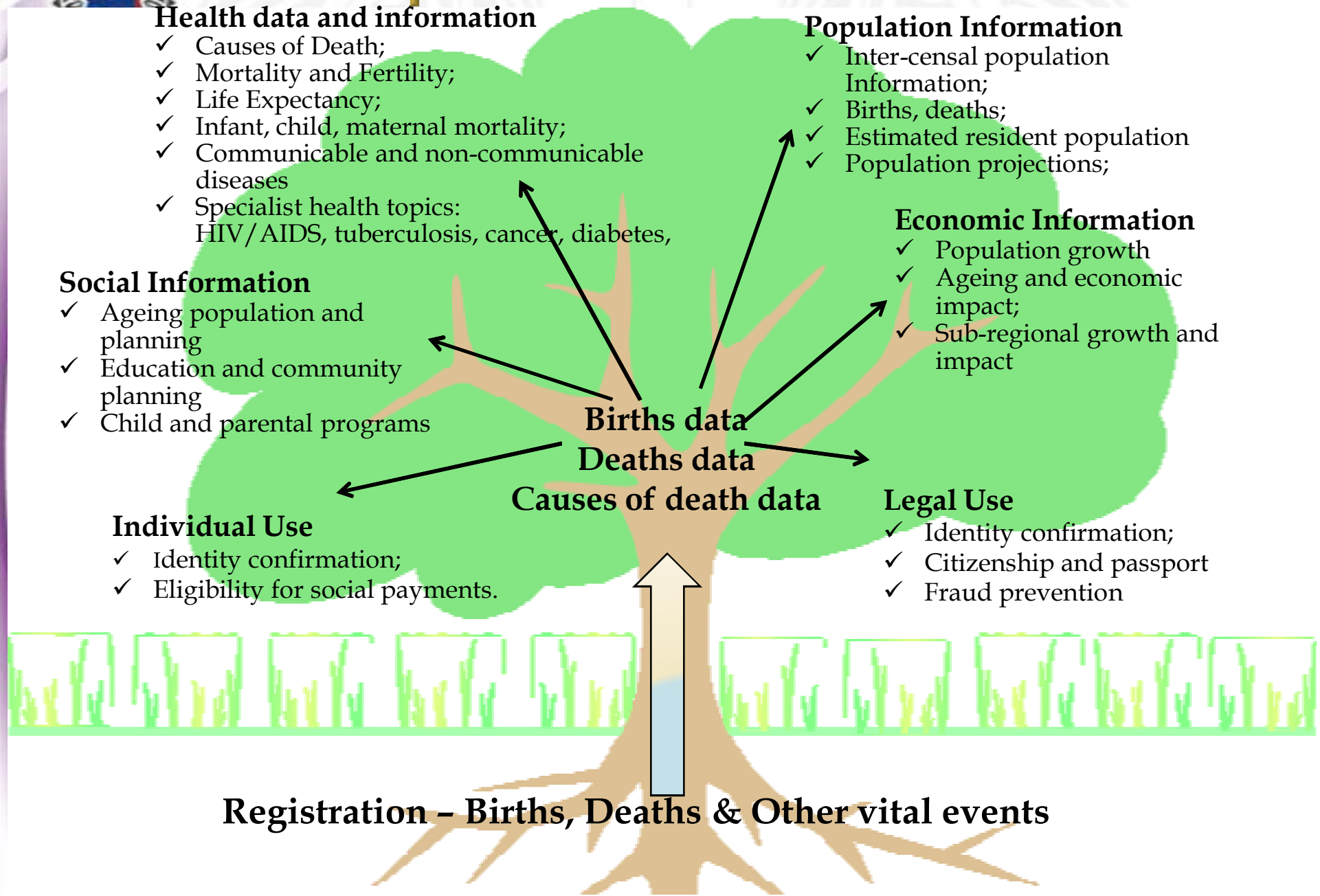
## Individual Use

- ✓ Identity confirmation;
- ✓ Eligibility for social payments.

## Legal Use

- ✓ Identity confirmation;
- ✓ Citizenship and passport
- ✓ Fraud prevention

Registration – Births, Deaths & Other vital events





# Developments in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

- ▣ System Development
  - The system has been upgraded
  - Savaii office - : new equipments have been installed.  
shifted to a new house near Bluebird Hardware .
- ▣ Reporting
  - Old Age Pension Reporting
  - Electoral Reporting
  - Extended Statistical Reports
  - Reports for checking quality
- ▣ Policies and Manuals
  - Conservation Policy
  - Privacy Policy
  - Manual for Registration



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# Awareness Programme:

people need to know the importance of timely registration

- LALI Program
  - The NHS and the MWCSD all contributed to this program
- TV SPOT
  - The TV Spot in the 13 days of Christmas Programme - (re -run during American Idol)
- PAMPHLETS
  - Pamphlet to give people information on how to register
- Ongoing awareness with Villages and Church Representatives

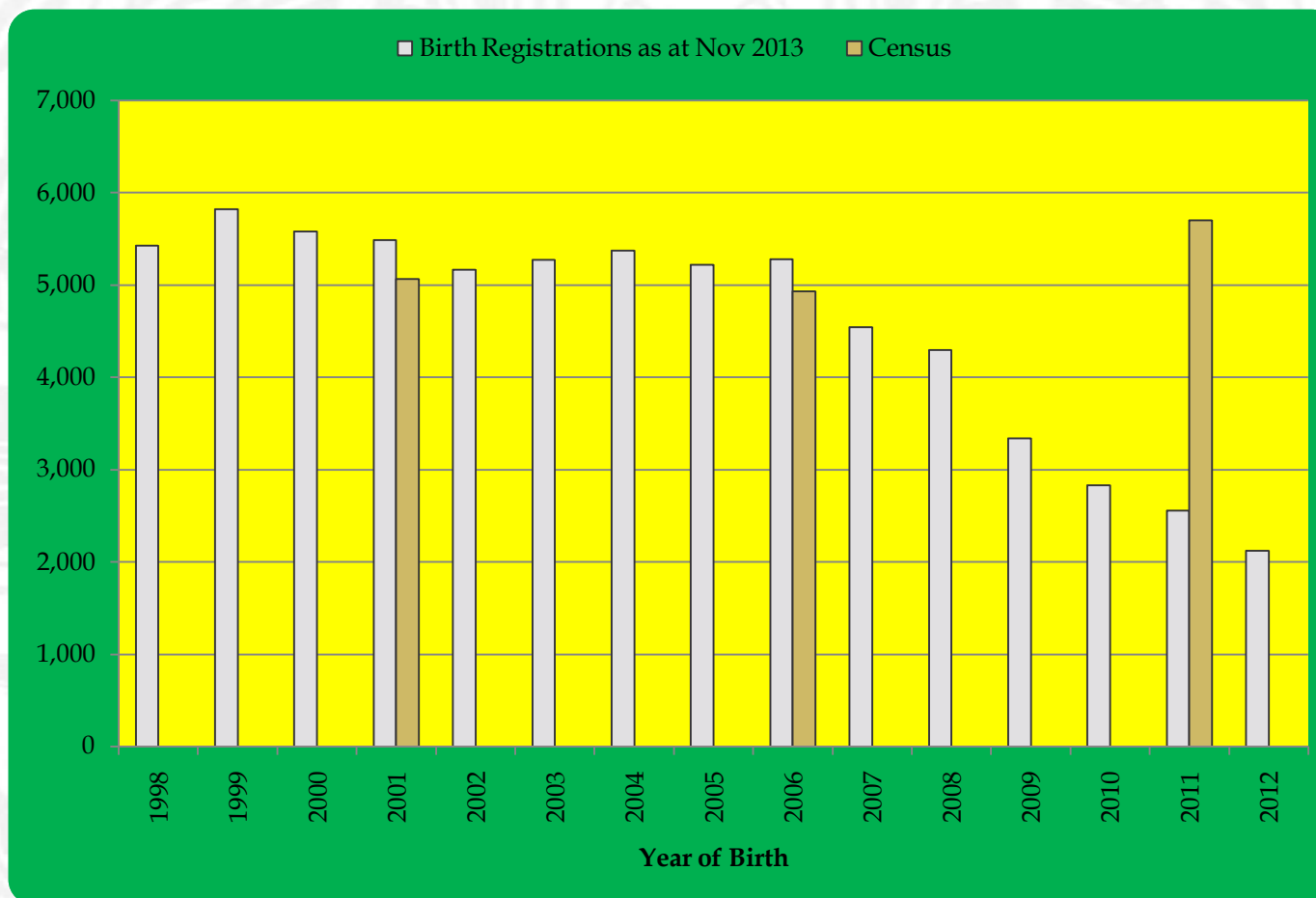


## **Link With MOH/NHS/MWCSD**

- 1. Taskforce/Committee for CRVS has been developed to strengthen the interagency links and to ensure that all CRVS issues will be addressed.**
  
- 2. Notification of births**
  - “ NHS is using a new notification form (B10) to notify BDM of all hospital births**
  - “ New B10 is also developed for non hospital births**



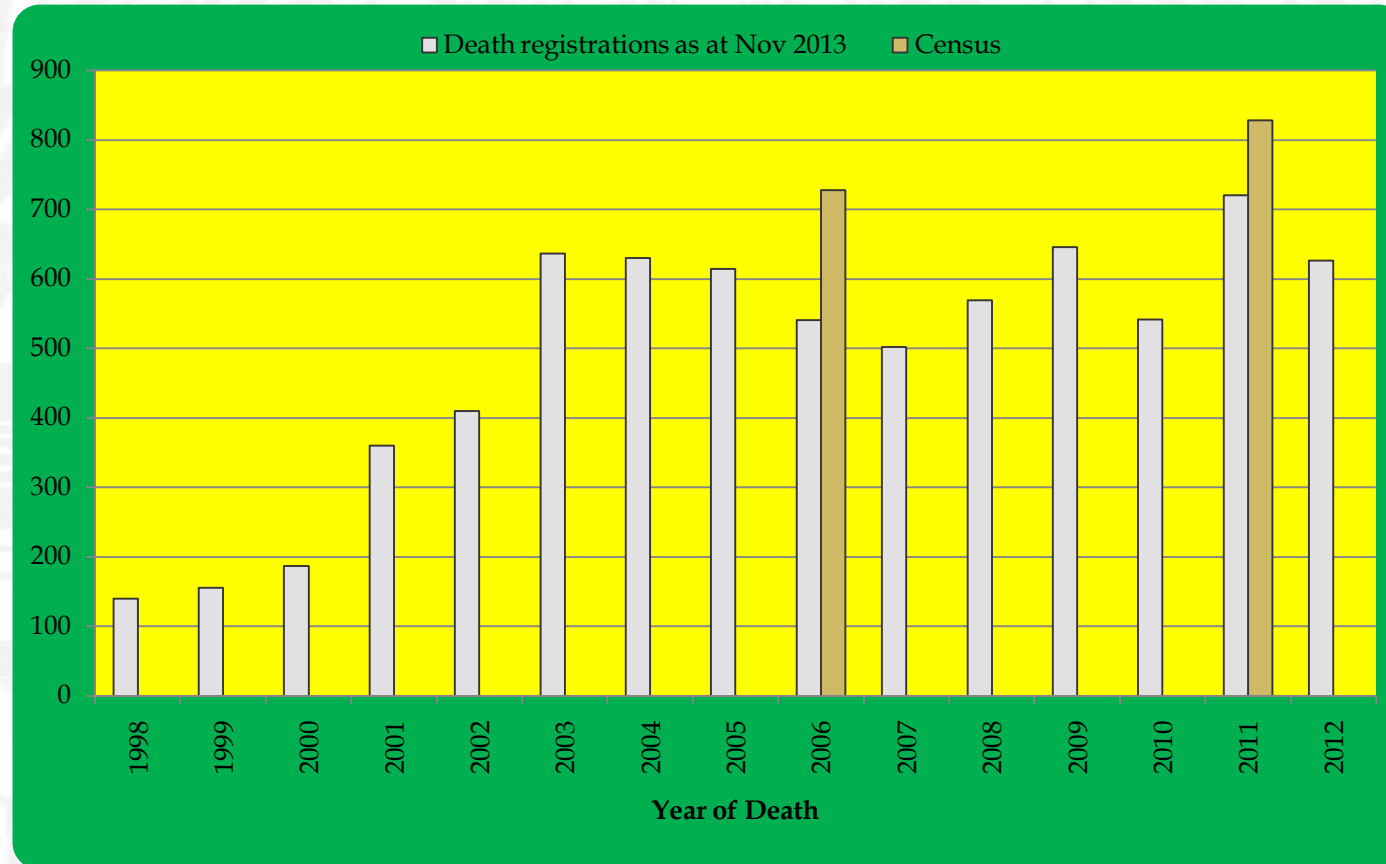
# Birth Registrations



- But registration often does not happen until children start school



# Death registrations



- ▣ Deaths are only registered by families when there is an incentive ( such as insurance claims)



# WAY FORWARD

- ▣ Strengthen communication and collaborations with key stakeholders;
- ▣ Review of the BDM Act 2002;
- ▣ Improve campaign and awareness programme to ensure timely registration.

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