



## 2nd Philippine Identity Summit and 3rd National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics



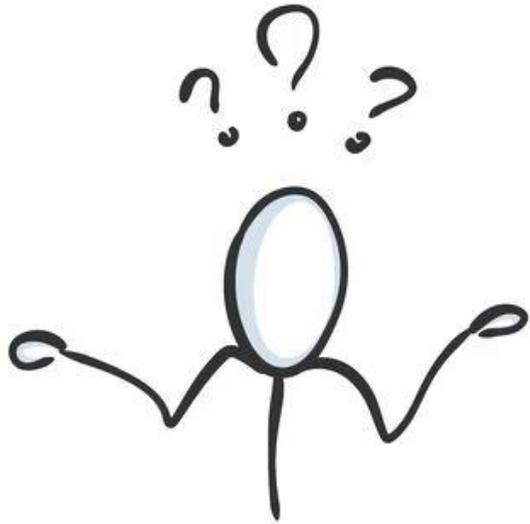
# Salient Features of Proposed Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Bill

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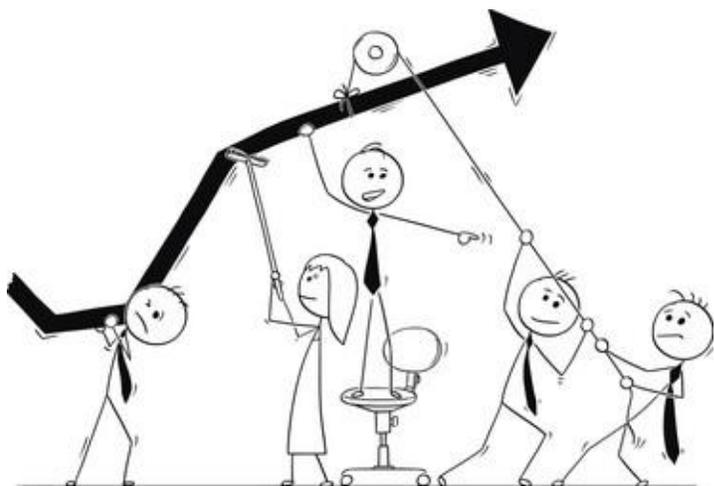
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# Why do we need to reform the Philippine CRVS System?





**“To make people count, we first need to be able to count people.”**

- Lee Jong Wook, WHO Director General 2003-2006, Address to WHO Staff, July 21, 2003.



# THE PHILIPPINE CRVS SYSTEM

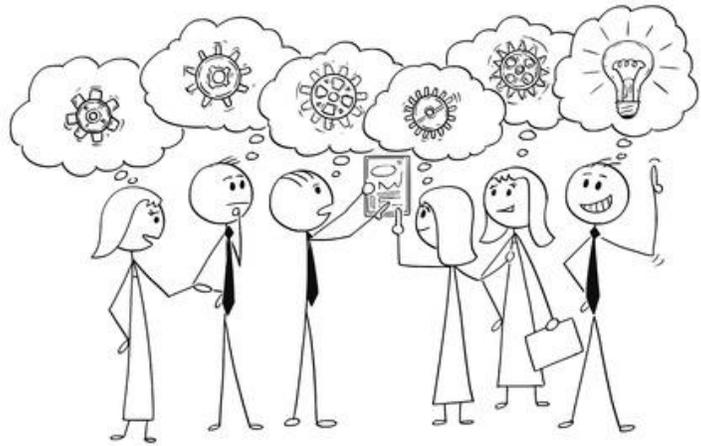
- There have been significant policy developments since the Philippine Civil Registration Law or Act No. 3753 was enacted.
  - 1987 Constitution
  - Family Code
  - Local Government Code
  - Philippine Statistical Act
  - Philippine Identification System Act
  - Other laws concerning the civil status of persons
- There have also been significant societal changes



# Policy Gaps in the Philippine CRVS System

- Structure and processes have evolved significantly over time
  - Relationship between PSA and local civil registrars, shari'a circuit / district registrars, and foreign service officers not defined
  - Practices between LGUs with respect to fees and registration of deaths vary
  - Role of local health officers and medicolegal officers in registration and medical certification of deaths are not clear
  - No mechanisms to ensure high-quality civil registration data through monitoring and supervision
  - PSA is unable to scale implementation of PhilCris / IT system





# Proposed Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Bill





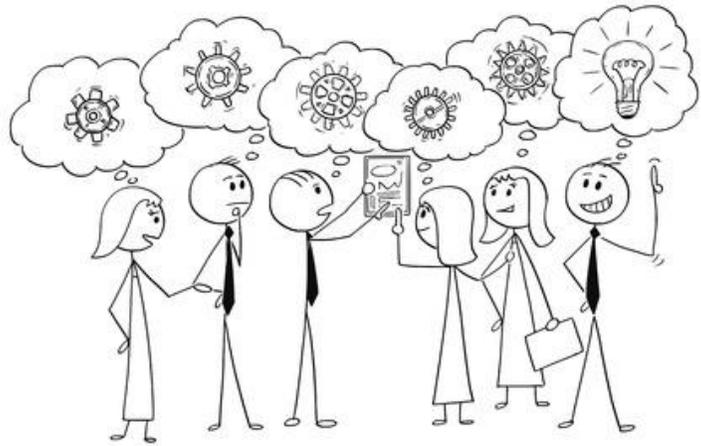
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# PROCESS

December 2022	Health sector consultative workshop on CRVS legal reform
January 2023	Workshop to develop the Philippine CRVS Strategic Plan 2023 -2028
March 2023	DOH-PSA workshop to develop CRVS bill framework
June 2023	Workshop to validate Philippine CRVS Strategic Plan 2023-2028
July 14, 2023	IAC-CRVS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting
September 2023	Consultation meetings with PSA to revise CRVS bill





# Salient Features of the Proposed CRVS Bill



# Salient Features - Structure

- Clarifies the mandates of the CRG, LCRs, circuit / district registrars and FSOs
- Proposes the reorganization of the Civil Registration Service to make it more responsive to the increasing civil registration needs of the public
- Clarifies the relationship and power of the CRG vis-à-vis stakeholders performing civil registration functions
- Institutionalizes the IAC-CRVS as a coordination and implementation mechanism



# Salient Features - Access

- Activates Barangay Secretaries and institutionalizes the Barangay Civil Registration System
- Mandates CRG and LCRs to establish mechanisms to address GIDAs, IDPs, Filipinos at-risk of statelessness, undocumented Filipinos and other vulnerable groups
- Prohibits fees for timely birth and death registration
- Grants CRG and LCR power to waive fees for indigents



# Salient Features - Inclusivity

- Institutionalizes policies on registration of Muslim marriages and customary marriages
- Provides mechanism for registration / annotation of Hajj title/name
- Enables voluntary registration of ethnic, indigenous, or religious affiliation



# Salient Features - Processes

- Introduces a one-step registration process for births and deaths
- Enables use of a universal identity code from birth to death
- Clarifies procedure for death registration and certification of cause and manner of death
- Institutionalizes and clarifies supplemental reporting procedures
- Enables administrative amendments for medicolegal cases
- Mandates health facilities and funeral parlors to keep a record of births and deaths for monitoring
- Clarifies procedure for issuing permits to dispose dead bodies
- Mandates establishment of mechanisms for registration of unidentified bodies





# Salient Features – Modernization

- Authorizes PSA to establish IT system to enable digitalization and digitization (LCRs, FSOs, and health facilities)
- Enables real-time sharing of anonymized data to DOH for policymaking
- Enables linking of CRS with PhilSys
- Enables E-Filing System for petitions under RA 9048 as amended
- Ensures sustainability by holding all fees collected in trust for civil registration services and local civil registration modernization

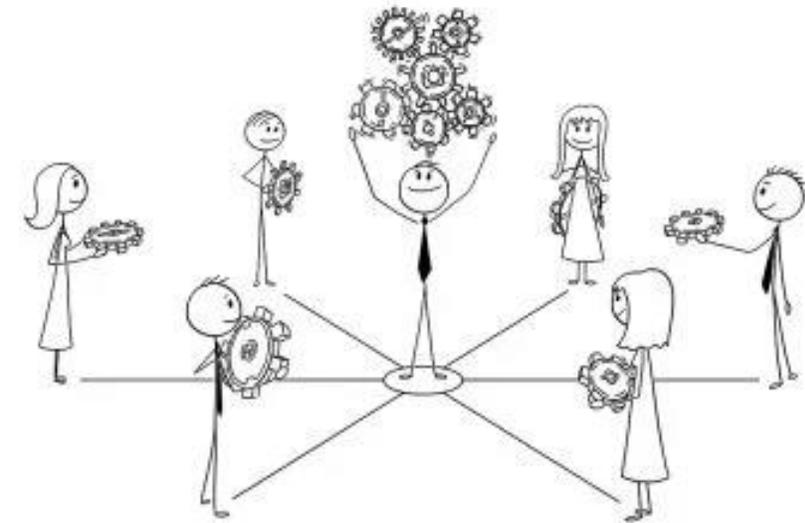


# Salient Features – Offenses and Penalties

Provides penalties for:

- Public - Forgery, submitting false information, using falsified or illegally obtained certificates, or refusal to provide information
- Government officials - Intentionally preparing or issuing certificates containing false information, disclosing confidential information, making unauthorized alterations, and refusal to report vital event
- Health facilities – refusing to report a vital event due to non-payment of hospital fees.





## Comments / suggestions?



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