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# CRVS Initiatives in Eastern Visayas: The Experience

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## Background:

The Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Bangkok, Thailand in 2014 paved the way for the declaration of CRVS Decade 2015-2024. The conference resulted to the enactment of the Regional Action Framework to further engage CRVS stakeholders and to achieve universal CRVS system (UNESCAP, 2014).

In line with the Regional Action Framework and its 3 goals, the Philippine government issued Proclamation 1106 – declaring the years 2015-2024 as the CRVS

Decade in the country and enjoining all government instrumentalities, private sector, development partners to support CRVS initiatives. In response PSA issued Board Resolution No. 12, series of 2014 establishing the Inter-Agency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (IACCRVS) down to its regional and provincial offices, in order to harmonize activities, discuss and provide solutions to issues, recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of data generated from CRVS at the regional level.

The Regional Inter-Agency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (RIACCRVS) VIII was established on 08 July 2020 and is composed of the following regional agencies: PSA, DILG, DOH, DSWD, DepEd, DOJ-ORP, PopCom, DFA, RACiR8, and PLAN International.

RIACCRVS VIII in its Resolution No. 4, Series of 2021 reiterates the call to action all CRVS stakeholders to undertake CRVS related initiatives to enhance public awareness, remove barriers to registration at all levels, continue political commitment and sustainable investment, and improve data quality on vital events.

## Objective:

This paper aims to examine the different initiatives conducted by PSA RSSO VIII in coordination and cooperation with the RIACCRVS VIII member-agencies, academe, private sector, Local Government Units through the Local Civil Registry Offices, and the influence of these initiatives to the trend of birth and death registration in the region.

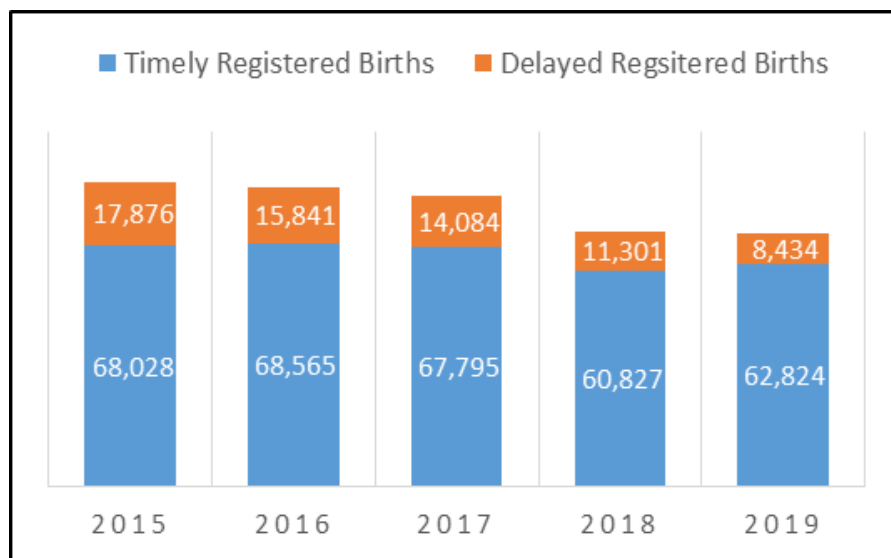
## Source of Data:

Data are derived from the Civil Registration System, Unisys, and publications from PSA Censuses, and the Department of Health. Information of the different initiatives were gathered through an online survey conducted through google sheet and accomplished by RIACCRVS VIII member-agencies and Local Civil Registrars in Region VIII. This paper also utilized tables and figures generated by the Analysis of Causes of National Deaths for Action (ANACONDA).

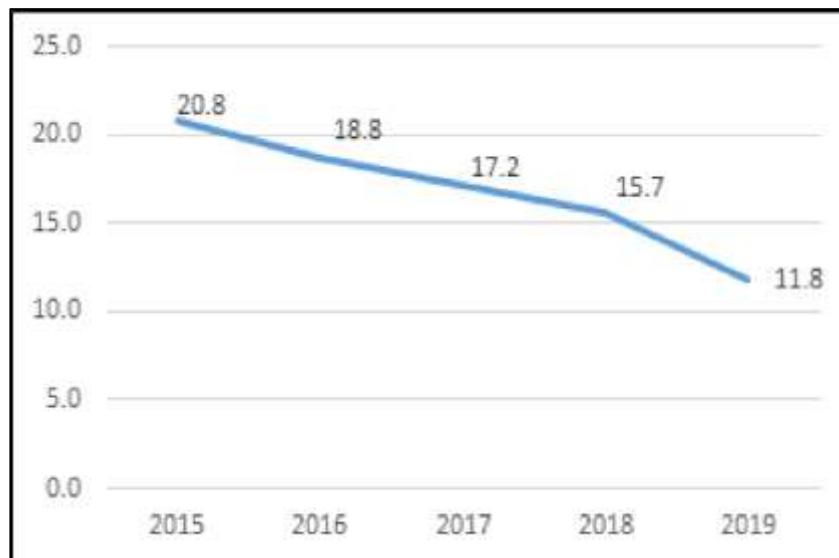
## Findings:

### Trends on Birth Registration:

**Figure 1.** Timely and Delayed Registered Births: 2015-2019



**Figure 2.** Percentage of Delayed Registered Births to Total Registered Births: 2015-2019

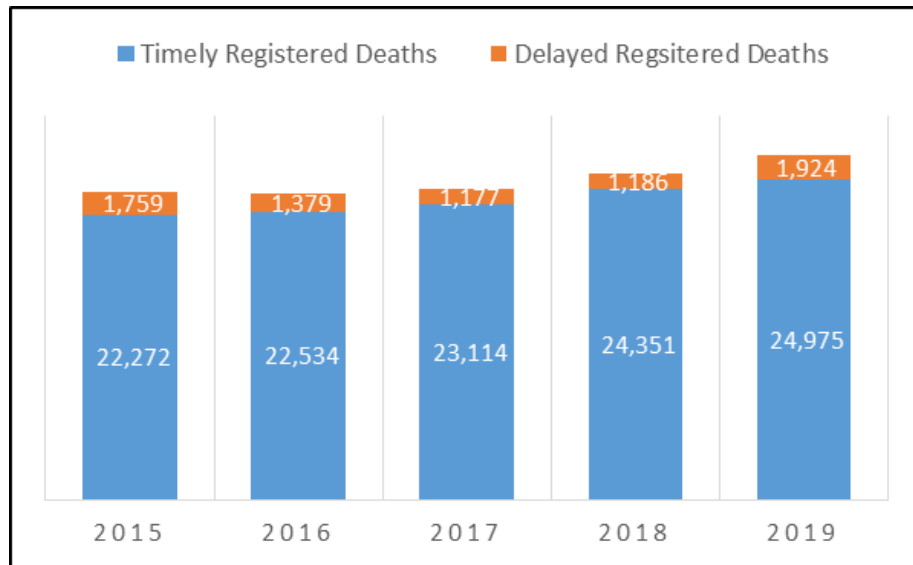


Region	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Timely	Delayed	Timely	Delayed	Timely	Delayed	Timely	Delayed	Timely	Delayed
EASTERN VISAYAS	68,028	17,876	68,565	15,841	67,795	14,084	60,827	11,301	62,824	8,434
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,904</b>		<b>84,406</b>		<b>81,879</b>		<b>72,128</b>		<b>71,258</b>	

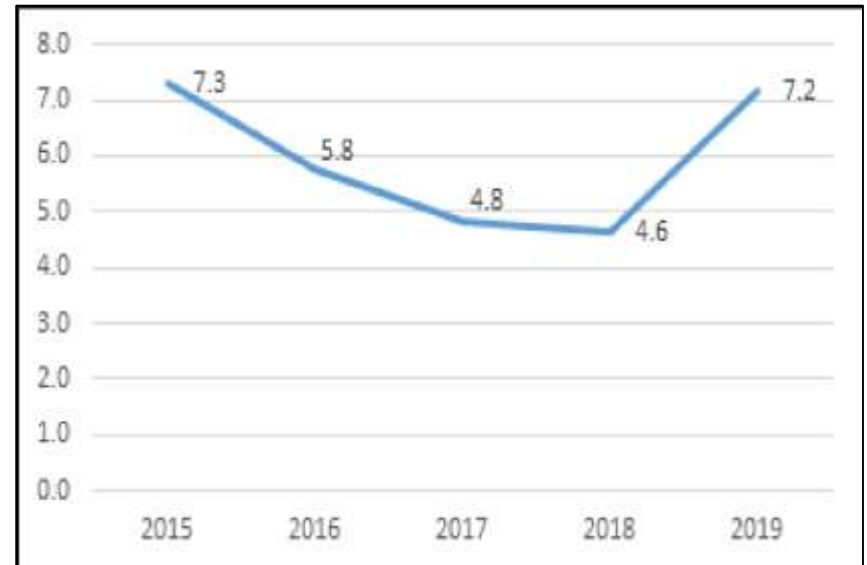


## Trends on Death Registration:

**Figure 3.** Timely and Delayed Registered Deaths: 2015-2019



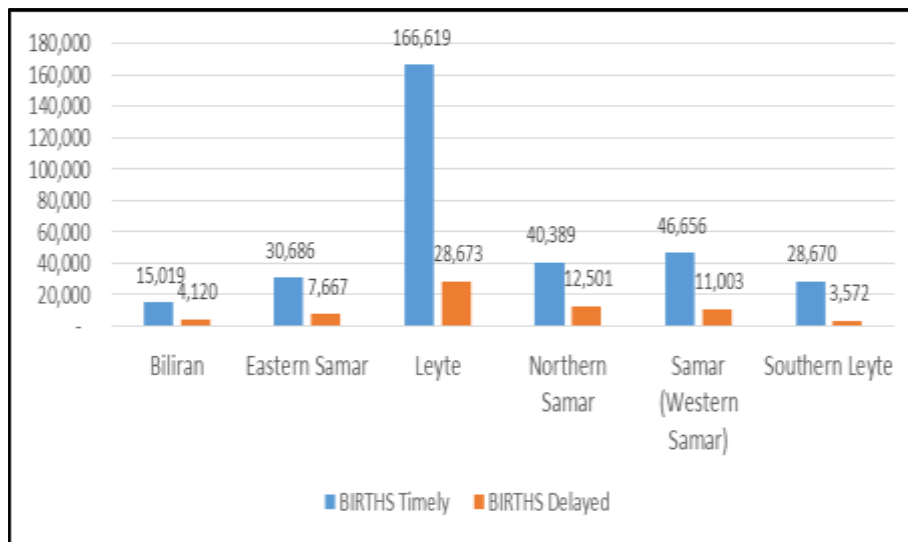
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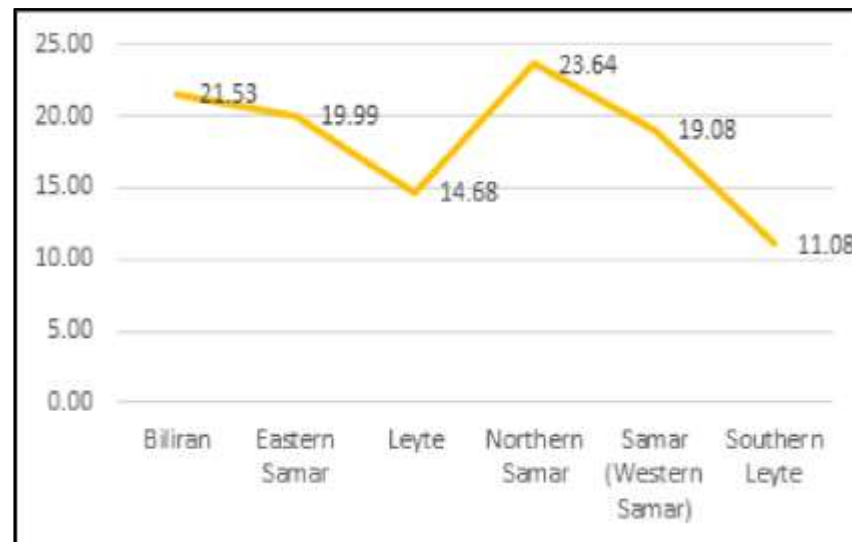
Region	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Timely	Delayed	Timely	Delayed	Timely	Delayed	Timely	Delayed	Timely	Delayed
EASTERN VISAYAS	22,272	1,759	22,534	1,379	23,114	1,177	24,351	1,186	24,975	1,924
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,031</b>		<b>23,913</b>		<b>24,291</b>		<b>25,537</b>		<b>26,899</b>	

## Registered Births by Province:

**Figure 5.** Timely and Delayed Registered Births by Province: 2015-2019



**Figure 6.** Percentage of Delayed Registered Births to Total Registered Births by Province: 2015-2019

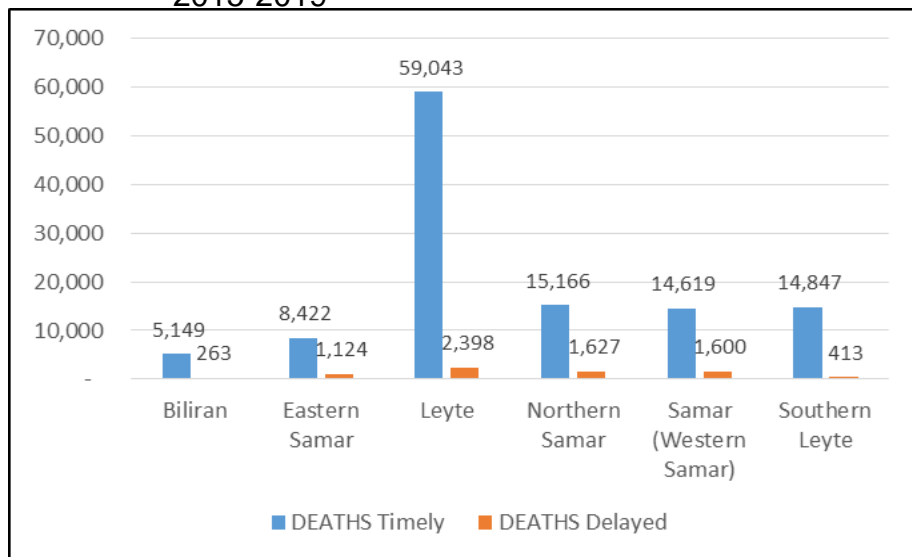


Province	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Biliran	4,020	4,005	3,842	3,825	3,447	19,139
Eastern Samar	8,443	8,030	8,175	6,879	6,826	38,353
Leyte	41,312	41,753	40,790	35,822	35,615	195,292
Northern Samar	11,830	11,528	11,231	9,091	9,210	52,890
Samar (Western Samar)	13,318	12,462	11,052	10,533	10,294	57,659
Southern Leyte	6,981	6,628	6,789	5,978	5,866	32,242

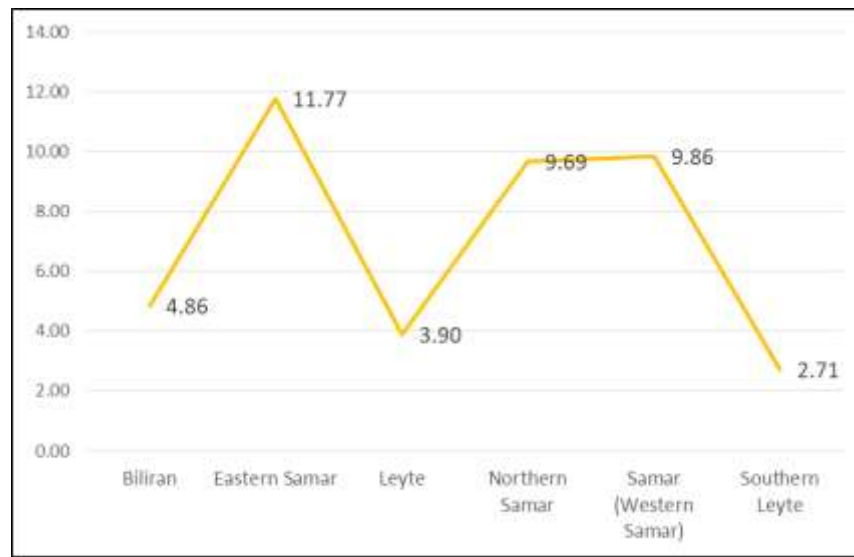
## Registered Deaths by Province:

**Figure 7.** Timely and Delayed Registered Deaths by Province:

2015-2019



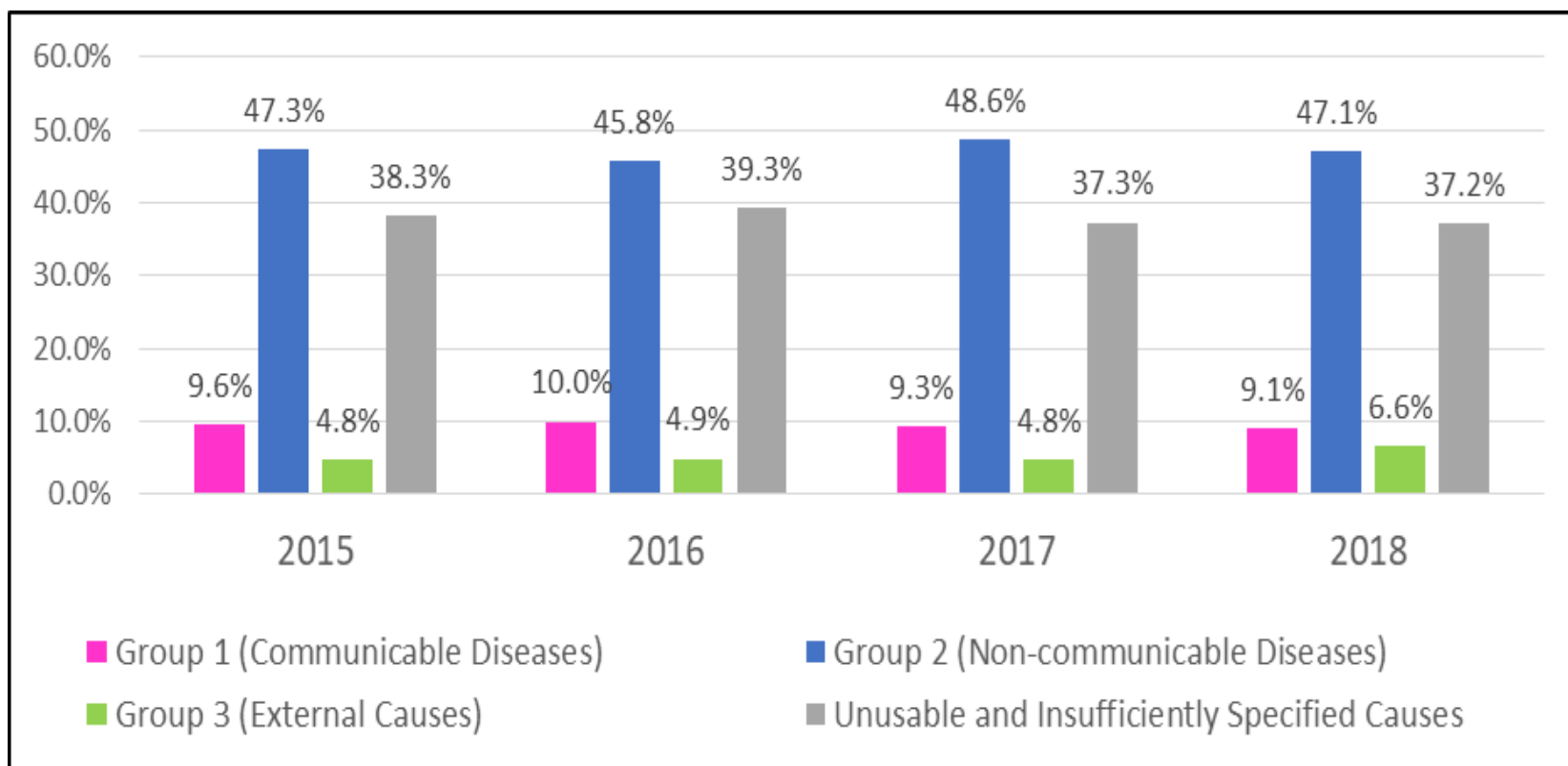
**Figure 8.** Percentage of Delayed Registered Deaths to Total Registered Births by Province: 2015-2019



Province	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
Biliran	1,117	1,025	1,105	1,036	1,129	5,412
Eastern Samar	1,894	1,743	1,852	1,891	2,166	9,546
Leyte	11,331	11,493	11,942	13,033	13,642	61,441
Northern Samar	3,586	3,491	3,130	3,199	3,387	16,793
Samar (Western Samar)	3,218	3,135	3,067	3,236	3,563	16,219
Southern Leyte	2,885	3,026	3,195	3,142	3,012	15,260

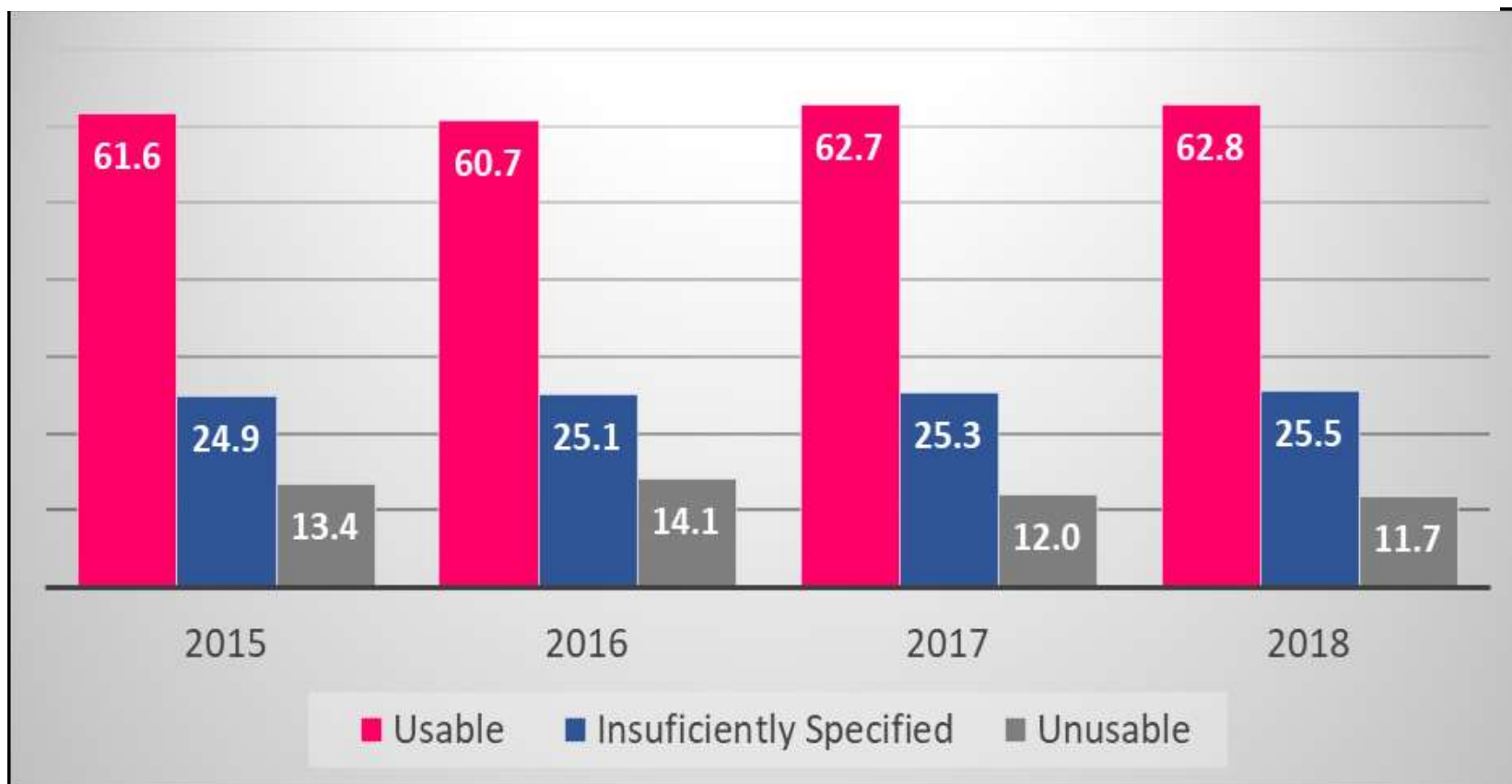
## Unusable and Insufficiently Coded Causes of Death:

**Figure 9.** Broad Causes of Death Groups, Eastern Visayas: 2015-2018



Source: PSA CRS-VSD / ANACONDA

**Figure 10.** Quality of Causes of Death, Eastern Visayas: 2015-2018



Source: PSA CRS-VSD / ANACONDA

**Table 6.** Priority Action Areas for Improving Data Quality, Eastern Visayas:

2015-2018

Priority Action Areas (Based on VSPI)	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quality of Cause of Death Reporting	82.7	82.1	83.4	84.1
Quality of Age and Sex Reporting	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Level of Cause-Specific Death Available	96.2	96.2	96.2	96.2
Completeness of Death Reporting	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Biological Plausible COD	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: PSA CRS-VSD / Generated via ANACONDA

# CRVS Initiatives

**RAF GOAL I** - These are the different initiatives conducted by the Inter-Agency Committee on CRVS and other stakeholders to improve and increase the level of birth and death registration.

- ❖ Free registration of vital event on birth and death
- ❖ Conduct of mobile registration
- ❖ Conducted an information and education campaign program on CRVS to the Local Chief Executives and Sanguniang Members
- ❖ Conduct annual “*serbisyo sa barangay*” to minimize or eradicate non registration of birth

- ❖ Issued Local Ordinance on free issuance of certifications
- ❖ Free issuance of death certificates
- ❖ Information dissemination
- ❖ Issued Memorandum Circular to the concerned LGU on compulsory registration of vital events
- ❖ Requiring learners for their PSA Birth Certificate for the release of their records (DepEd).
- ❖ Advocate on the importance of civil registration to IPs and other 4Ps households through the conduct of Family Development Session (DSWD)
- ❖ Conduct an information and education campaign program on CRVS to the Local Chief Executives and Sangguniang Members



- ❖ Sponsoring financial assistance on registration of death events
- ❖ Conducted trainings/seminars/workshops to medical attendants in the proper accomplishment of death certificates including the cause of death certification and continuous training on ICD 10 mortality coding for physician
- ❖ Build partnership with medical associations to improve death certification among physicians
- ❖ Partnership with funeral parlors in registering with death certificates
- ❖ Conduct annual “*serbisyo sa barangay*” to minimize or eradicate non-registration of death.

**RAF GOAL II** - These are the different initiatives conducted by the Inter-Agency Committee on CRVS and other CRVS stakeholders to give emphasis on the importance of birth and death certificates to a person's life.

- ❖ For validation of identity of social protection and financial assistance
- ❖ As requirement for school enrollment
- ❖ Conduct of information dissemination

**RAF GOAL II** - These are the other mechanisms implemented by the Inter-Agency Committee on CRVS and other CRVS stakeholders in support of CRVS activities.

- ❖ Issuance of Memorandum Circular to the concerned LGU on compulsory registration of vital events
- ❖ Issuance of Local Ordinance on free registration of vital events for indigent and marginalized populations for a specific period
- ❖ Implementation of LGU BREQS system where local constituents can get copy of civil registry document
- ❖ Regular Meetings between LCRs and Health Facility staff
- ❖ Establishment of Inter-Agency Committee on CRVS Committee

**RAF GOAL III** - These are the initiatives implemented by the Inter-Agency Committee on CRVS and other CRVS stakeholders to help in the dissemination of results of vital statistics on births and deaths for planning and decision-making and for the government's program implementation.

- ❖ Utilize social media such as FB page, website, bulletin boards, etc. for vital statistics data dissemination
- ❖ Printing of tarpaulins on Civil Registration Month Celebration
- ❖ Conduct of Civil Registration Quiz / Kahoot Quiz in schools / institutions / community

## Summary of Findings

- ❖ Trends in total births registered from 2015 to 2019 is declining and number of births registered late is also decreasing;
- ❖ Trends in total deaths registered from 2015 to 2019 is increasing while deaths registered late is generally decreasing;
- ❖ Total number of registered births in all six provinces in Eastern Visayas decreased from 2015 to 2019;

- ❖ The province of Northern Samar got the highest percentage in terms total births registered late, while the province of Southern Leyte got the lowest percentage of total births registered late;
- ❖ Total number of registered deaths in the provinces of Biliran, Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, and Samar increased except for the province of Southern Timely registered deaths increased while deaths registered late decreased from 2015 to 2018 but increased in 2019;

- ❖ Timely registered deaths increased while deaths registered late decreased from 2015 to 2018 but increased in 2019;
- ❖ The provinces of Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, and Samar were among the highest in terms of percentage of deaths registered late to the total registered deaths, while Biliran and Southern Leyte were the lowest.
- ❖ Gradually decreasing but generally around 38% of the broad causes of death falls under the “Unusable and Insufficiently Specified” of garbage codes group; The quality of the causes of death in terms of usability increased;

- ❖ The quality of the causes of death in terms of usability increased;
- ❖ Priority action areas for improving quality death data are “Quality of Cause of Death Reporting” and “Level of Cause-Specific Death Available”;
- ❖ CRVS stakeholders including among others the RIACCRVS member-agencies and LCROs are actively supporting and initiating CRVS activities targeting to meet the 3 Goals of the Regional Action Framework by 2024.



## Conclusion:

It can be viewed that the various initiatives conducted by the RIACCRVS and other CRVS stakeholders positively affected the public's awareness in terms of the importance and value of civil registry documents which in turn created demand for registration of vital events. These initiatives can further be viewed to slightly narrowed the gaps and challenges in birth and death registration but there are still more work to do on the declining number of registered births, improve the number of registered deaths and the coding of causes of death, and further minimize or eradicate delayed registration of births and deaths in Eastern Visayas.

## Recommendation:

Concerned agencies and all CRVS stakeholders should intensify collaboration and harmonization of programs to address the decreasing birth registration and eradicate delayed registration of births and deaths, assess current initiatives and strategies to meet the Regional Action Framework goals by 2024 and narrow CRVS gaps. Policies and structural adjustments should be implemented to channel more resources to different health programs and projects that affect birth and death registration in the region. Further in-depth studies should be conducted to actually pinpoint which aspects of CRVS in Eastern Visayas is weak or lagging behind and the factors affecting birth and death registration.

# Pictures of CRVS Initiatives:







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The streamer (tarpaulin) for the 2018 Regional Civil Registration Quiz posted outside the venue was sponsored by LGU Samar

Siehr C. Maureal of Ichon National High School, Macarhon, Southern Leyte, emerged as champion, followed by Ralph John Y. Delima as 2nd place and Troy B. Sumalingog as 3rd Place, who were both from Bato School of Fisheries, Bato, Leyte.



Winners of the 2018 CRM Poster Making Contest (L-R): Bradlee Vanz M. Porquez, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; John Patrick N. Casio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; and Michael Roy Eclipse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place









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