

## Webinar launch of Strategic programme framework on Strengthening CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

Millions of children in Eastern and Southern Africa remain invisible in official systems, denied the legal identity that unlocks access to education, healthcare, and protection. The Strategic Programme Framework for Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) offers a bold, evidence-driven roadmap to close this gap.

Grounded in regional realities and aligned with global and African commitments, including SDG 16.9, Agenda 2063, the African Union Digital Transformation Strategy, and UNICEF's contribution to Africa's Development Agenda, the framework focuses on three accelerators: interoperability, decentralization, and digitalization. These are key to building inclusive, efficient, and sustainable CRVS systems that reach every child, including the most vulnerable. Listen to leading experts explain how concrete country examples from the ground demonstrate how these three accelerators operate to ensure that every child has a legal identity in the region.

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