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OVERVIEW

The total number of births registered by the Births and Deaths Registry for the period 2012 yielded 475,731. The figure represents a decrease of 4% less the 2011 figure of 493,872. Of the total number of births registered for the period under review, 243,943 representing 51% were males while 231,788 representing 49% were females.

The Registry however projected to register 798,711 births for the period 2012 but ended up registering 475,731. The registered figure therefore works out 60% births registration coverage for the period under review.

In real terms 40% of births that were delivered in 2012 could not be registered by the Births and Deaths Registry. The births data showed that Ashanti region registered the highest number of births totaling 86,985 representing 18%, Greater Accra registered 81,606 representing 17%. Upper west region on the other hand accounted for the least number of births registered with a total of 14,729 representing 3% of total births reported for registration.

The data further indicate that western region registered 50% of its expected births; central region registered 70%, GT Accra 62%, Eastern 51%, Volta 49%, Ashanti 56%, Brong Ahafo 54%, Northern 83%, Upper East 59% and Upper West 66%.

The data revealed that mothers within the age group of 25-29 years registered the highest number of births with a total of 145,851 representing 31%. This was followed closely by mothers in the age group of 20-24 years with a total of 124,223 births representing 26% and mothers below the age of 15 years registered 290 births representing 0.6% of all total births registered

The data further established that 74% of births registered within the period under review occurred in a health facility while 26% of total births registered occurred outside a health facility.

On the other hand, death data collected between January to December 2012 stood at 54,551. Out of the total number of deaths registered 30,420 representing 56% were male deaths while 24,131 representing 44% were female deaths. In 2011 however, 58,399 deaths were registered. This signifies a 7% drop of death registration in 2012. The death data showed that GT Accra region registered the highest number of deaths with a total of 15,871 representing 29%. Ashanti region registered the second highest of deaths with a total of 10,944 representing 20% of all reported deaths for registration.

In terms of death registration coverage, the Registry registered 21% of its expected deaths of 259,321 for the period under review. The death data however suggest that an overwhelming 79% of deaths that occurred in 2012 were not registered. The regional death data showed that western region registered 13% of its expected deaths; central region registered 20% of its expected, Gt Accra 37%, Eastern 32%, Volta 21%, Ashanti 22%, Brong Ahafo 18%, Northern 5%, Upper East 2% and Upper West 4%

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Again, data for registered deaths by age of the deceased revealed that the highest number of deaths occurred to the age group of 70 years and above with total of 18,285 representing 34% of reported deaths for registration.

Infant death registration for the period stood at 872 representing 2% of total deaths registered.

Under 5 year deaths registered for the period was 620 constituting 1% of registered deaths.

The percentage share of deaths that occurred in a health facility was 61% while the remaining 39% occurred outside a health facility.

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