The civil registry: A neglected dimension of international development and security

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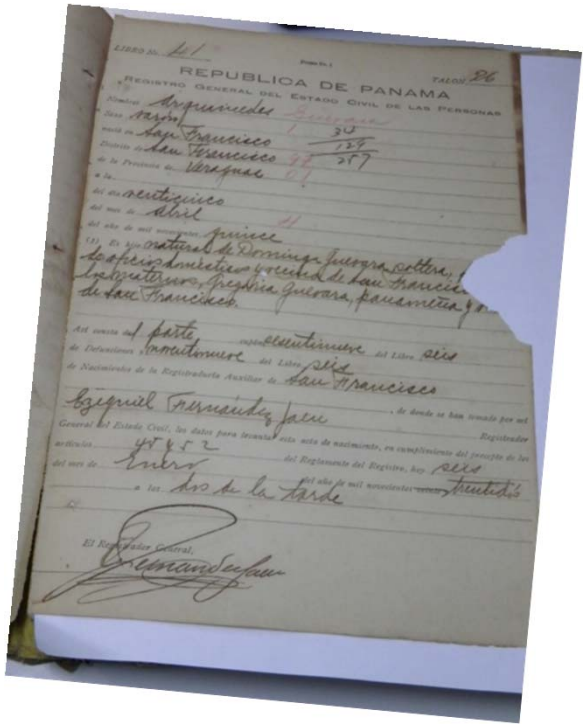
A critical issue for the IDB

"The right to a legal identity, unique and safe is a fundamental right which gives access to other important rights".



Important for economic development

Social development

Public service delivery

Security

Governance

Pro poor growth

Aid efficiency

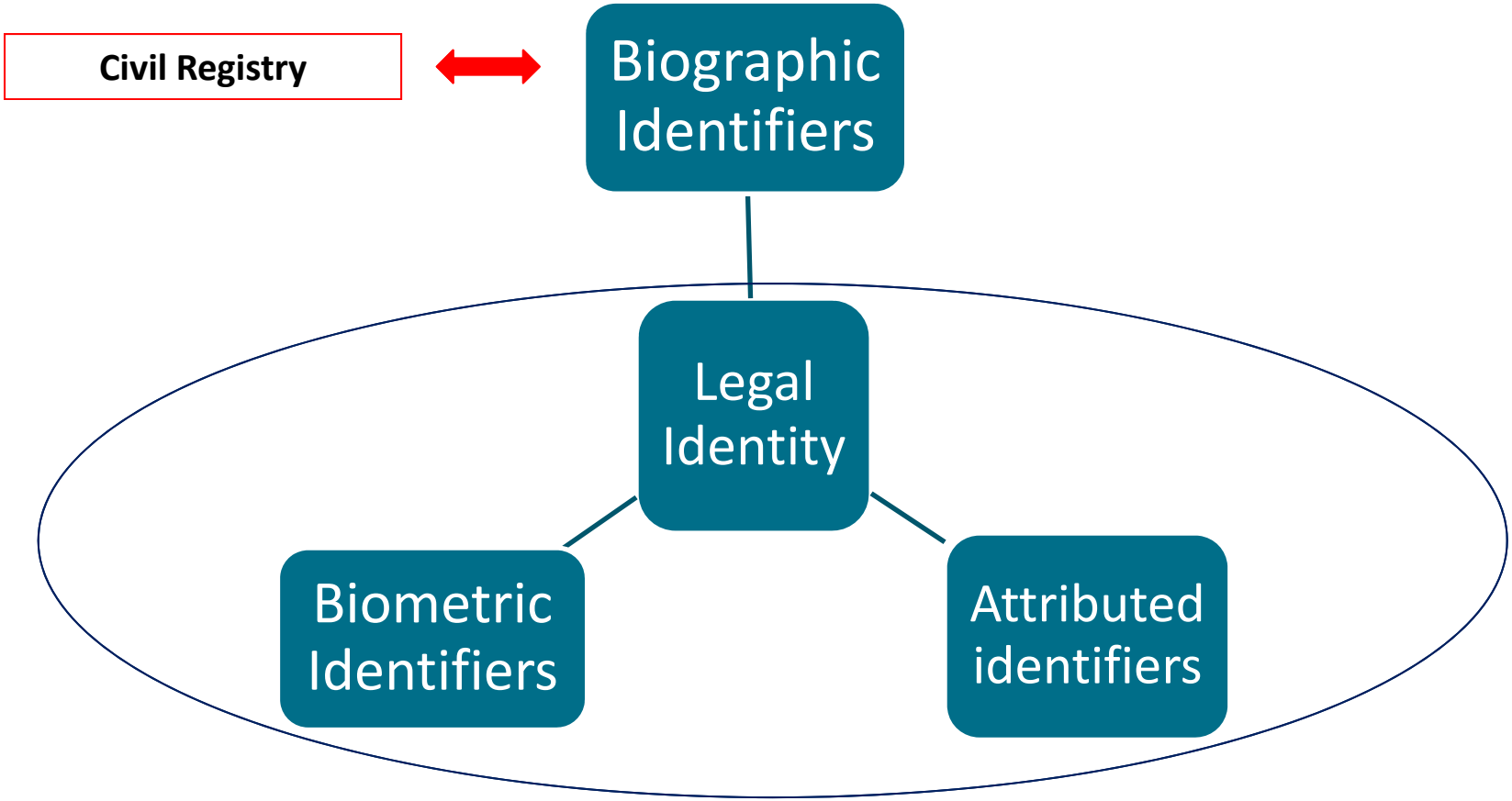
Microfinance

Climate change

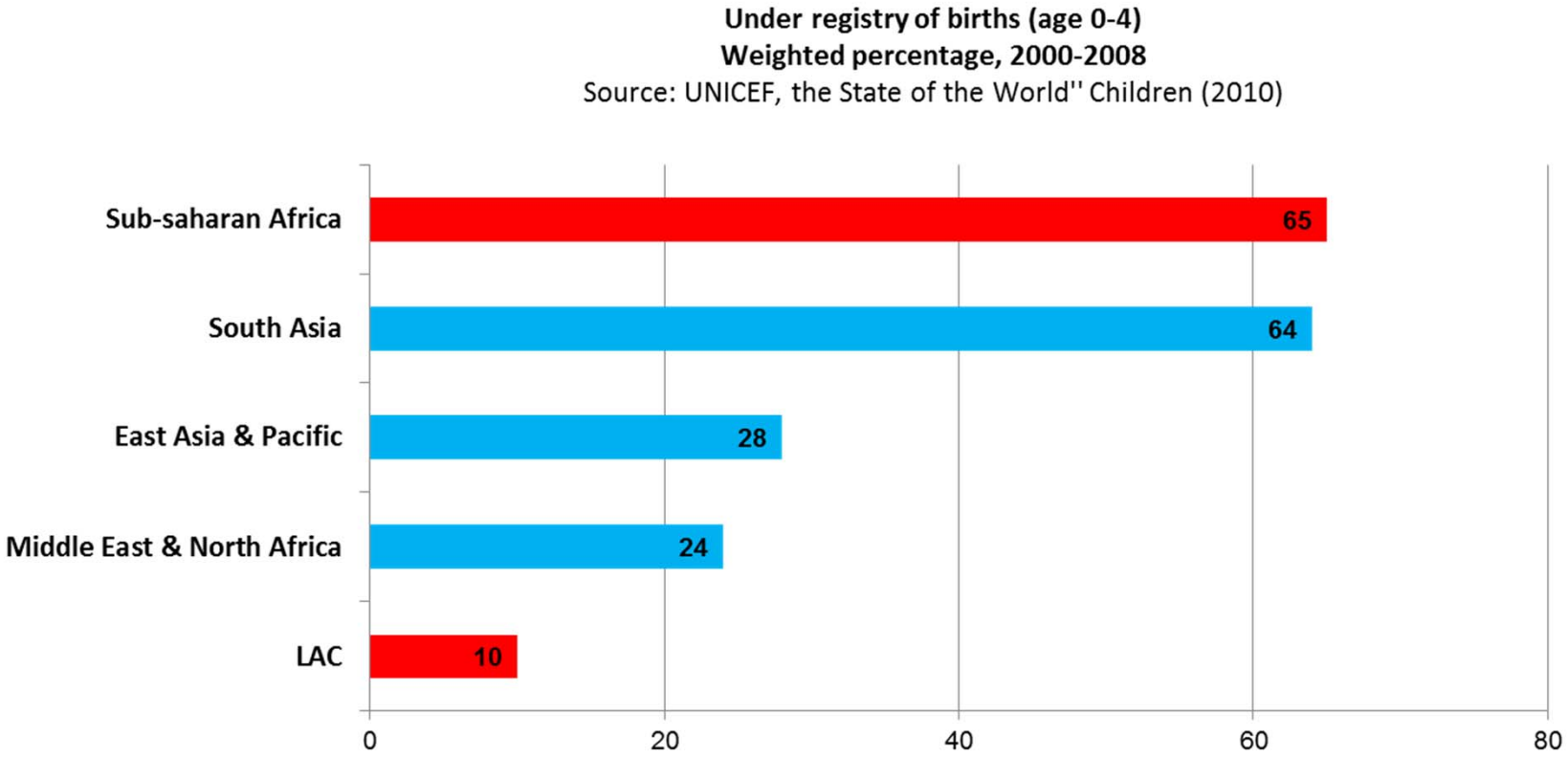
Accountability

Information and Communication Technology

Legal Identity: unique and secure



In Latin America we know that approximately 10% of our children are not registered…



Supply side issues

- Lack of information about importance of civil registry
- Decision makers not well informed

- Outdated legal frameworks
- Cumbersome procedures

- Institutional weaknesses and asymmetries
- Inadequate economic resources
- Limited institutional presence

- Unsystematic and unsustainable technological solutions
- Human resource limitations

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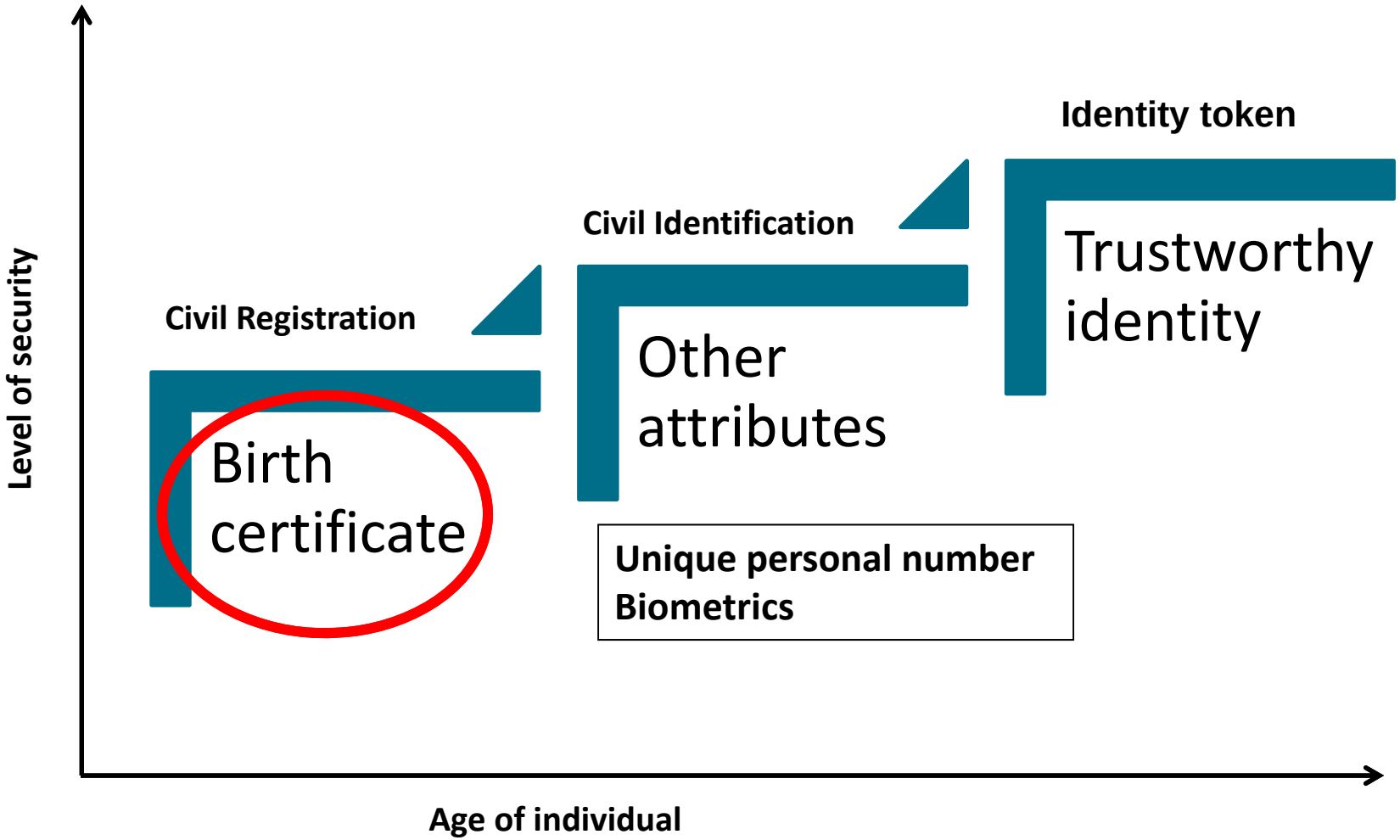
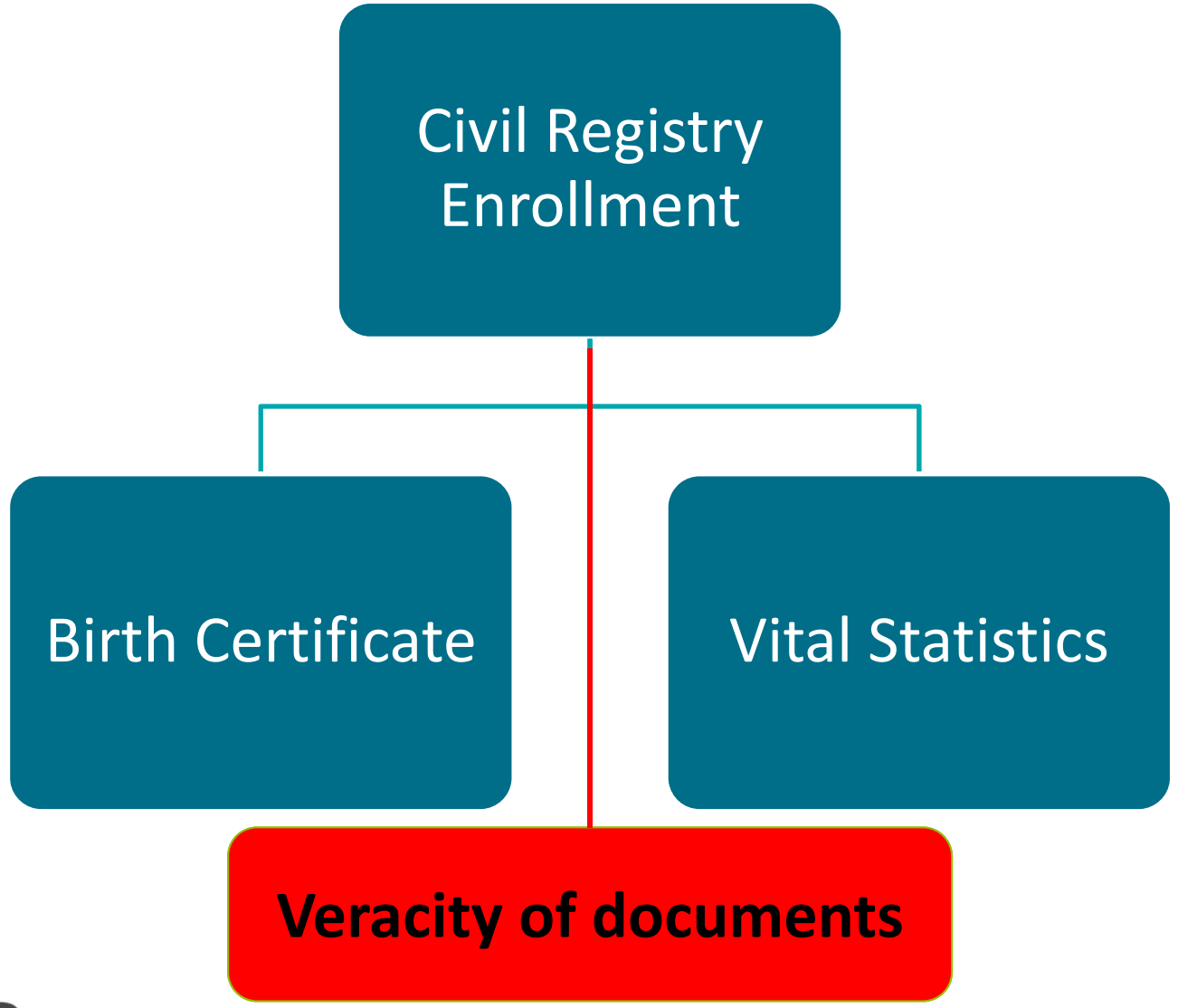
CERTIFICACION

The ugly duckling of public institutions?

ID-Management chain



The role of the Civil Registry



Foundations of an efficient civil registry

ICT

Use of standards ISO, IEEE, ICAO

POLICY

Buy-in from decision makers – and citizens

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Revision and update of legal framework governing CR&CI

Immediate steps

- **Develop National Identity Management Policy**
- **Shorten the distance to the civil registries**
  - Creation/redistribution of civil registries
  - Information campaigns—impact evaluation
  - Cultural sensitivity
- **Coordinate with other public services**
  - Hospitals—vaccination centers
  - Primary schools
  - Ministry Of Social affairs/gender
  - Ministry of Planning and/or Finance
- **Develop communication strategies**
- **More research – better data – better results**

Thank you

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