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## Maximizing completeness of data and instilling trust in birth registration in Afghanistan: Findings from three provinces

Action area B. Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics (SB3)

### **Data completeness and uses**

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### Problem

- Low coverage of birth registration 42%, Demographic and Health Survey Afghanistan (DHS 2015)



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### Objective

- To identify enablers and barriers to birth registration



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# Methodology

- Qualitative study design (Focus Group Discussions and In-depth Interviews)



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### Findings

- High level of knowledge about importance of birth registration (planning and setting strategies)
- Low awareness of health staff on birth registration policies (legislation and policy guidance)
- Poor health system responsiveness and management (workload)
- Poor parents awareness and participation in birth registration
- Distance and transportation cost



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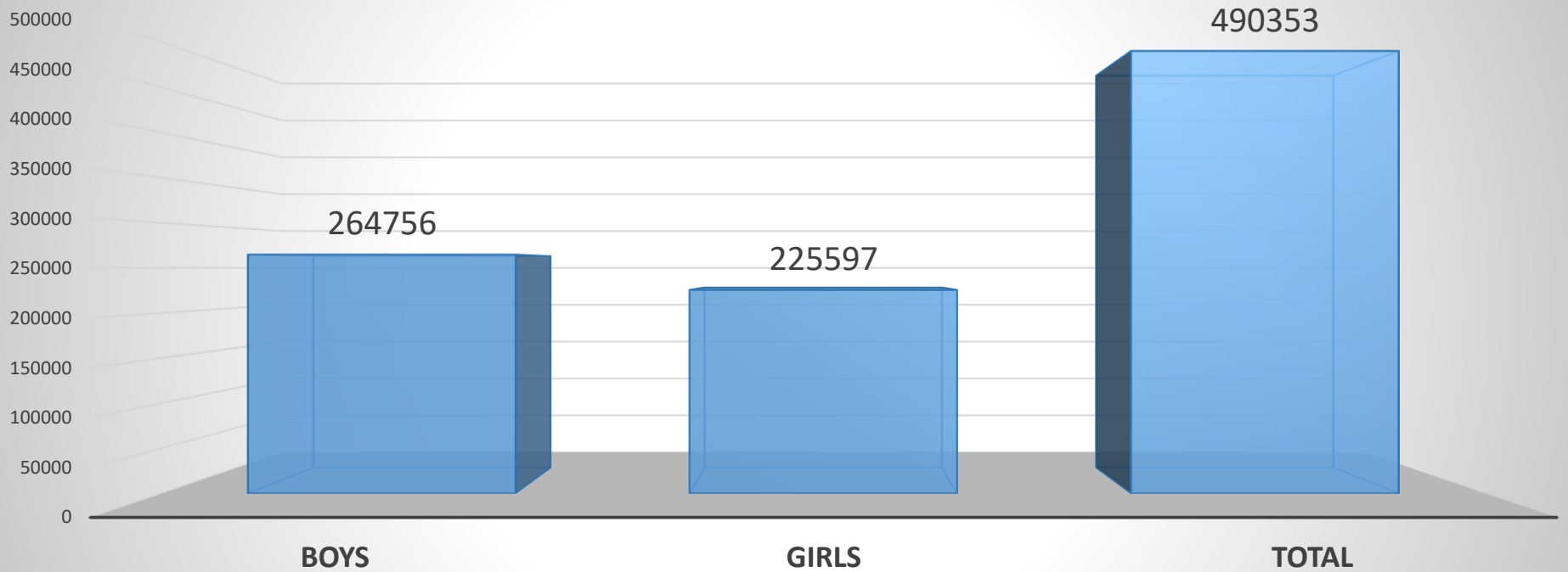


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## Birth Registration in 2019



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### Conclusion

- Complete and quality birth registration data are vital for planning purpose in Afghanistan.
- The existing policy documents, both national and international, pave the way to execute legitimate birth registration in Afghanistan.



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# Recommendations

- Implement current statistics law
- Make available of birth registration standard operating procedure and guidelines
- Add birth registration to monitoring system
- Raise public awareness about the importance of birth notification
- Ensure adequate resource allocation



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# Thanks



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