

‘RITA ON THE WAY TO IMPROVE DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM’.

The Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) is intended to make deaths registration improvements at the beginning of March this year to facilitate access to accurate death statistics and its reasons for helping government and stakeholders to take action on these problems.

The Government continues with technological and Legal frame work improvement through the National Civil Registration and Vital Statistical Strategy (CRVS- Strategy) which provide a solution and satisfy the requirements of the registration of births, deaths and causes, marriage and divorce. The Agency started with birth registration improvements in a children under the age of five and have already been successful implemented in nine regions and so far on March this year will be implemented in Mara and Simiyu Region.

Speaking today in Dar es salaam at a meeting with stakeholders from various Institutions and International Organizations the Director of Legal Right Protection Lina Msanga has said that the use of Information and Communications technology (ICT) to facilitate the registration of deaths and its causes will also to be recorded as soon as it happens at home and health facility centers where registration will take place in Ward Offices and Medical Centers.

" Currently the statistics of deaths are not satisfactory in particular considering these incidents continue to occur in our communities and we are all witnesses we are in funeral and we do not see any one take an effort of the death registration unless the deceased left the property." said Msanga.

Areas of improvement including the whole system for registering such events from paper based forms and moving to Information and Communications technology (ICT) where mobile phones will be used to register the incidents of death and its reasons then the information will be sent directly to RITA data base instead of sending hand-filled forms.

On the other hand, a representative from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) Helen Mtove has said that death statistics will show a real picture to the Government by having a large or small number of her people losing lives every day and thus helping to find out why and to take an action to deal with the reasons of deaths.

" For example, we realize that many African countries have a problem with the deaths of pregnant women and children under the age of five, so it is finest to have a real figure to enable the Government to take immediate action." Said Mtove.

The delegates include the Office of the President -TAMISEMI, The Ministry of Health, Social Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, The Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs , The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), National Identity Authority (NIDA), International Organization for Child Care (UNICEF) and the World Bank (WB). Both of them have proposed to make adjustments in the current deaths registration forms and cooperation between the stakeholders with the aim of achieving such productive improvements in the Nation.

