

Draft Agenda & Workshop Preparatory Notes
Training On Medical Certification of Causes of Death
5-7th December 2018
Venue: Tonga

Summary of Topics to be covered:

1. The importance of cause of death data
2. Factors that affect the quality of cause of death data
3. Overview of the medical certificate of death and underlying cause of death
4. Common errors in medical certification & local examples
5. Certifying external causes
6. Certifying maternal deaths
7. Certifying child deaths
8. Certifying perinatal deaths
9. Case studies and practice
10. Dealing with medical uncertainty
11. The role of the review committee
12. Social and organisational influences on reporting of cause of death
13. Overview of medical-legal cases
14. Local reporting requirements and processes
15. Giving evidence in legal proceedings
16. Dealing with social influences
17. Data and privacy of cause of death information
18. Challenges and potential solution for Institutionalisation of certification training into national medical training programmes
19. Conclusion and summary.

Materials to be brought by countries:

1. Forms used in the medical certification of deaths [Adult, child, perinatal deaths]

Day 1

Time	Topic	Facilitator/ presenter
8:00 – 8:30	Registration and arrival of participants	
8:30 – 8:45	Opening and welcome remarks - Statistics for Development Division, SPC	David Abott
8:45 – 9:00	Introduction of workshop participants	All participants
9:00 – 9:15	Introduction and overview of national CRVS commitments	Gloria Mathenge
9:15 – 10:00	The importance of COD data and how it is used	Lauren Moran and Sue Walker
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 – 11:00	Factors that affect the quality of cause of death data	Lauren Moran
11:00 – 11:30	Overview of the medical certificate of death and underlying cause of death	Sue Walker
11:30 – 12:00	Common errors in medical certification & local examples	Dr. Steve Lumasa and Dr. Chris Dereveke

		(Solomon Islands)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:30	Certifying maternal deaths	Dr. Ilisapeci Kuboabola Pulane Tlebere
2:30 – 3:00	Certifying external causes	Dr. Iris Wainiqolo
3:00 – 3:30	Coffee break	
3:30 – 4:30	Case studies and examples continued	

Day 2

Time	Topic	Facilitator/ presenter
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	N/A
8:30 – 9:00	Recap of case study examples	Sue Walker
9:00 – 10:00	Institutionalisation of certification training into national medical training programmes, country practices, regional support options Discussion	Romain Santon, Dr. Ilisapeci Kuboabola
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 – 11:00	Certifying child deaths	Dr. Dina Uliate
11:00 – 11:30	Certifying perinatal deaths	Lauren Moran
11:30 – 12:30	Case studies and examples	All facilitators
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:00	Dealing with medical uncertainty (Including case studies)	Emma Torrens
2:00 – 3:00	Group work and report back	All facilitators
3:00 – 3:30	Coffee break	
3:30 – 4:00	The role of the review committee	Dr. Ilisapeci Kuboabola
4:00 – 4:30	Review and Wrap up (Day2)	Dr. Iris Wainiqolo

Day 3

Time	Topic	Facilitator/ presenter
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	N/A
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome and recap of day 2	Dr. Ilisapeci Kuboabola
9:00 – 10:00	Overview of medical-legal cases (incl. group work on Local reporting requirements and processes)	Dr. Dina Uliate
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 – 12:00	Engaging with legal proceedings; case studies and practice	All facilitators
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:30	Social and organisational influences on reporting and certification of cause of death (Introduction, Group discussions, report back)	Sue Walker and Lauren Moran
2:30 – 3:00	Country group work: Planning for improvements in COD reporting and data	All facilitators
3:00 – 3:30	Coffee break	
3:30 – 4:00	Feedback on plans for improvement, recommendations for regional support (Introduction, Group work, report back)	Gloria Mathenge
4:00 – 4:30	Closing remarks	BAG partners
	Conclusion and Wrap up	Gloria Mathenge