

2 - Makulu APOLO [Screenshot of BDM database entry form]

Basic Details

Island of Registration: Registration No:

Surname: Christian Name:

Sex: Date of Birth:

Place of Birth: Married Deceased

Birth Certificate Details

Birth Registration# **CHILD**

Sex of Child: When Married:

Place of Birth: Where Married:

Christian Name: First Name:

Surname: Surname:

Sex: Age: Place of Birth:

DECEASED

First Name: Occupation:

Last Name: Citizenship:

Address: First Name:

Occupation: Surname:

Relationship to Child: Age:

Place of Birth:

Occupation:

Citizenship:

Medical Notes:

PROGRESS MADE

- Most registrations / certificates completed from hospital birth and death records ('old' deputy registrar form, right) on paper – perhaps 5% to do

Entry of registrations into MSAccess database:

- 929 birth records to date = approx. 60% of present population in Tokelau
- death records yet to be done

CHALLENGES FOR TOKELAU

- Very small island population (1,383 at last headcount in 2013)
- Because numbers are so small, no 'regular practice' by officials
- Mobile population / Tokelau Patient Referral Scheme - some births and deaths registered overseas
- Distance and operational challenges – support services based in Samoa
- Small teams with multiple responsibilities, staff turnover
- Paper records lost through natural disaster (office flood in 2012)

WAY FORWARD

- Improve coordination among administrators
- Reassign duties to individuals within responsible departments
- Clear the backlog of registrations in BDM database system
- Fix database for registrations and use on the network
- Communicate need for BDM registration clearly in villages
- Organise another registration day on each island, in succession
- Get better input from parents and families
- Keep tabs on progress, avoid procrastination.....



QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS? FAKAFETAI - THANK YOU!

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