



TANZANIA NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION AUTHORITY



BRIDGING THE GAP: TANZANIA'S INTEGRATED CRVS-ID JOURNEY

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COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

Tanzania's CRVS, ID & Digital Readiness

DEMOGRAPHICS CONTEXT



Population: 61.7 (2022 Census)

- Rural: 40.2 Mil (65.1 %)
- Urban: 21.5 Mil (34.9%)
- Below Poverty line: 26 %

CRVS & ID COVERAGE



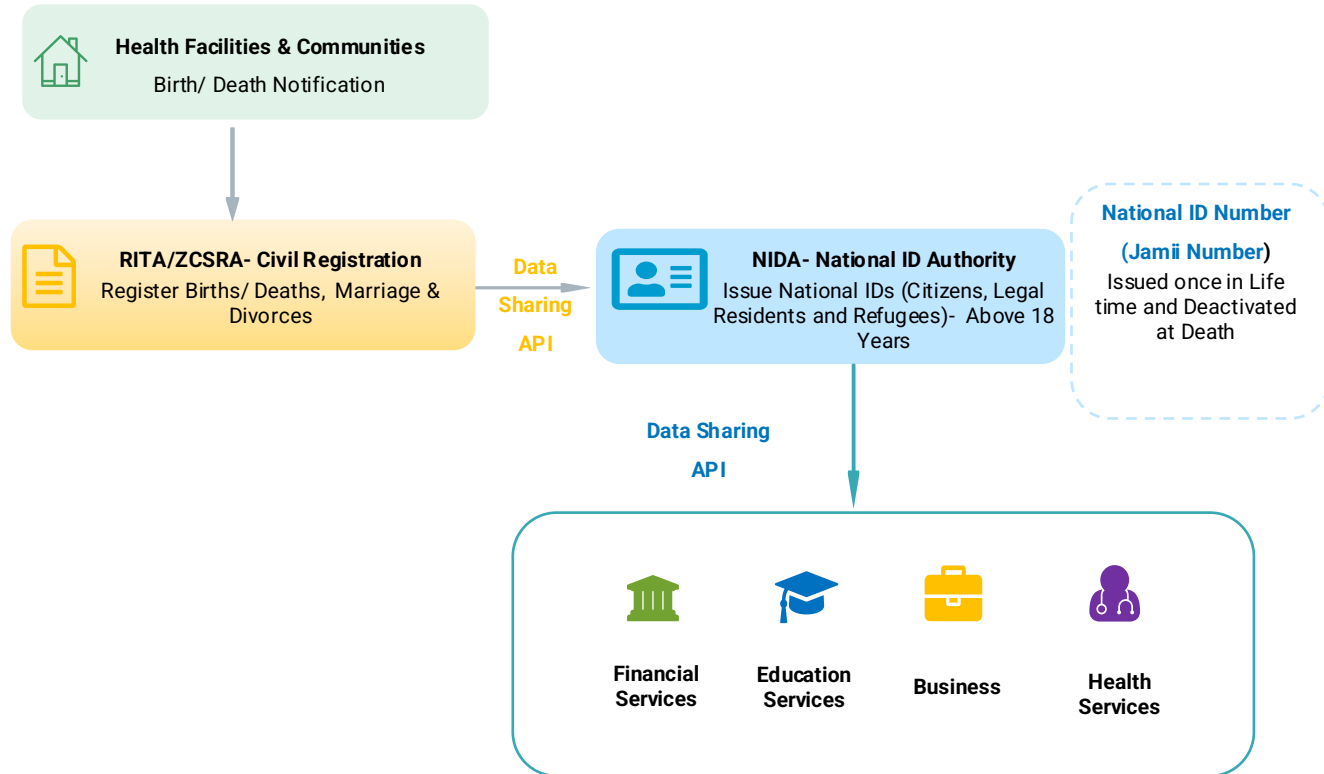
- Birth Registration: 21.8 Mil (32.1 %)
- Death Registration: 1.0 Mil (5 %)
- National ID Coverage (18+): 27.1 Mil (87%)

DIGITAL & INFRASTRUCTURE READINESS

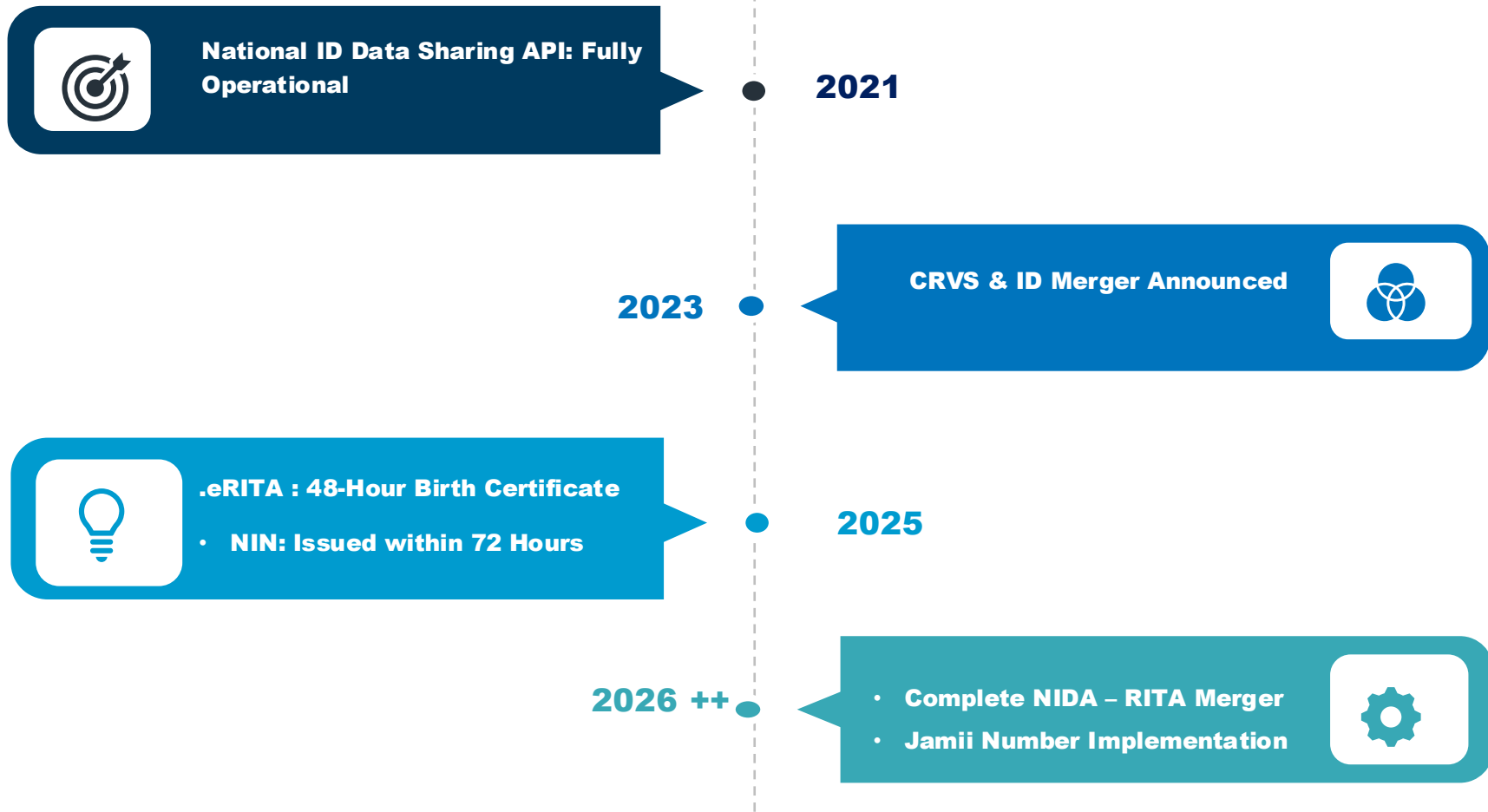


- Electricity Accessibility: 85.5%
- Internet Penetration: 70.2%
- Mobile Penetration : 113%

TANZANIA CRVS-ID INTEGRATION – SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



WHERE TANZANIA STANDS TODAY – PROGRESS OVER 5 YEARS



STRATEGIES THAT WORKED

Field Registration

5,000 registration kits deployed to all villages across Tanzania

*Bring services to the people – not people to the services.
Accessibility + Simplicity + Tangible Benefits = Results*

Strategic Use Cases

- Linkage NIN with key services – drives demand for National ID
- Birth certificate required for health insurance, school enrollment

*Under-5 registration: 13% → 68%; 9.4M+ children registered;
National ID Coverage: 27.1 Mil (87%)*

Digital CRVS & ID

- Online applications;
- Records digitized;
- Real-time data transfer

48-hours birth certificate and 72-hours NIN achieved

Decentralization

Registration at health facilities + Ward offices – "One Step, One Visit"

Registration happens at local health facilities and ward offices

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY

Yes, you can integrate late – Tanzania is proof. But the price of waiting is high: millions of unregistered Children. Databases that don't connect. Years of playing catch-up instead of moving ahead.



Merge CRVS & ID before establishing NIDA: Create a single “Identity for Life- Jamii Number ’ Authority from day one



Issue ID at birth: Eliminates the 18-year identity gap; child enters all systems (health, education, social protection) with a permanent identifier



Establish data protection laws before integration begins – Create legal framework for consent, access controls, audit trails, and redress mechanisms before any personal data flows from CRVS and ID systems



Introduce strategic use cases at the very beginning: Creates immediate, practical demand for registration; citizens seek ID because they need services – not because government mandates it



Strong public awareness from day one – National campaigns on why birth certificates and National ID matter for health, education, employment, and legal protection



Early digitization of key systems – Digitize CRVS and ID systems simultaneously from inception; Prevents massive backlog of paper records (millions of hand-written birth certificates)

GOOD PRACTICES & KEY LESSONS FROM TANZANIA

"Tanzania integrated late – and succeeded. But the cost was real. Learn from us: merge first, issue ID at birth, create demand early, and protect data before you connect."



Merge First, Build Later: Establish a single 'Identity for Life' Authority from day one with CRVS and ID designed as one continuum, not two systems to be merged later



ID at Birth, Not at 18: Issuing National ID only at age 18 left children invisible to the system for nearly two decades



Create Demand First, Not Later: Strategic use cases (SIM-NIN linkage) came mid-journey; public awareness grew slowly



Protect Data Before Connecting Systems: Data protection laws came after systems were already operating – implementation is still catching up



A scenic view of Mount Kilimanjaro with snow-capped peaks and a giraffe in the foreground. The mountain is the central focus, with its snow-covered ridges and valleys. In the foreground, a giraffe stands in a savanna landscape with green acacia trees. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

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