

CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

"Mother's Day is celebrated every second Sunday of May annually. As defined by Wikipedia, it is a celebration honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society".

This year Statistics Botswana has every reason to celebrate Mother's Day; Moms have ensured that the country reaches an astonishing 100% birth registration rate, by registering the birth of their babies. Registering a child's birth is a vital step towards their protection. It is fundamental to helping them access their individual rights, such as basic social services and legal justice. It is essential in enabling them to exercise their fundamental right of social services and justice.

Birth registration was estimated at 100 percent in 2018 indicating that all births that occurred in the year were registered. This is a phenomenal achievement for the country.

It signifies that Botswana is on track to achieving the SDGs **Goal 16**

Target 16.9: Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030.

Indicator: 16.9.1 Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age.

MOTHERS AGE 12 YEARS AND ABOVE (2018)

