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Subject: Birth certificate

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The request is submitted by HelpAge International.

Lack of legal identity and erroneous information such as incorrect date of birth on a document restrict an individual's access to services including financial services and social protection and participation including civic participation, including electoral participation.

In 2016 in Zanzibar 30 per cent of older people didn't have a birth certificate and 25 per cent had incorrect birth date on their ID card. These were the two main reasons given by older persons for not receiving the universal pension to which they had an entitlement at the time. [ref. HelpAge International, 2018. Voice and accountability in the Zanzibar Universal Pension Scheme.]

It is important to identify population groups who are denied access to a legal identity and, consequently to services due to lack of adequate identification.

Therefore HelpAge International requests that:

- i. Existing question 20 on birth registration of children aged 0-4 (Household schedule) is revised to include any form of identification such as ID card, passport, social security card, digital ID, etc., and
- ii. Information on access to proof of legal identity is collected for of all members of household regardless of age as inability of one member of the household to claim his/her rights has wider implications for the household.

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