

Innovations in Monitoring Vital Events: A scalable intervention using mobile phone SMS support for vital registration coverage



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1 Introduction

Civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems generate information that is essential for national policies and planning. In developing countries, the CRVS system is often of poor quality and has low coverage. Processing is largely manual and information is available only after details have been keyed into digital databases.

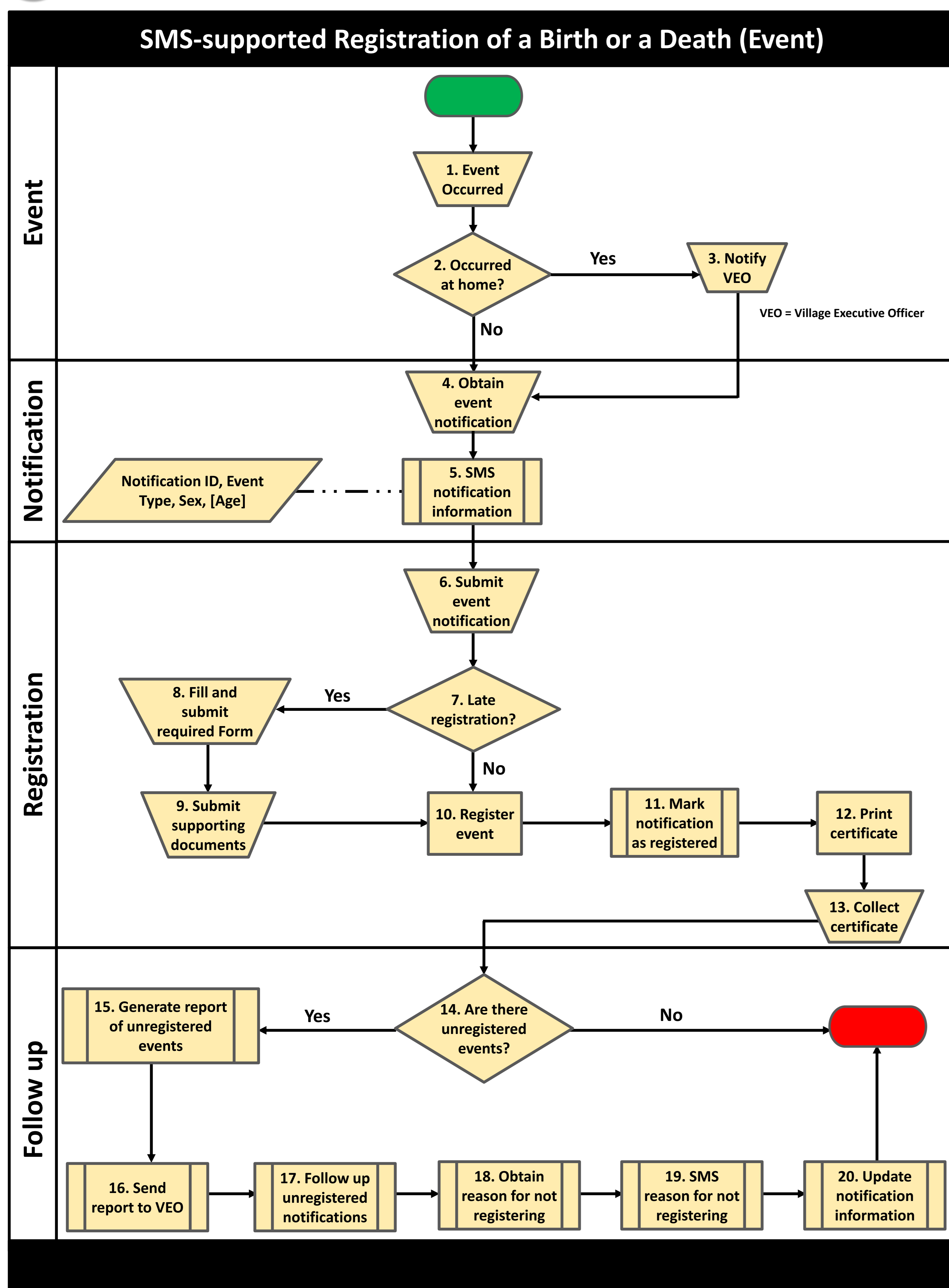
2 Objective

To test an intervention for accelerating vital registration using mobile phone SMS messaging.

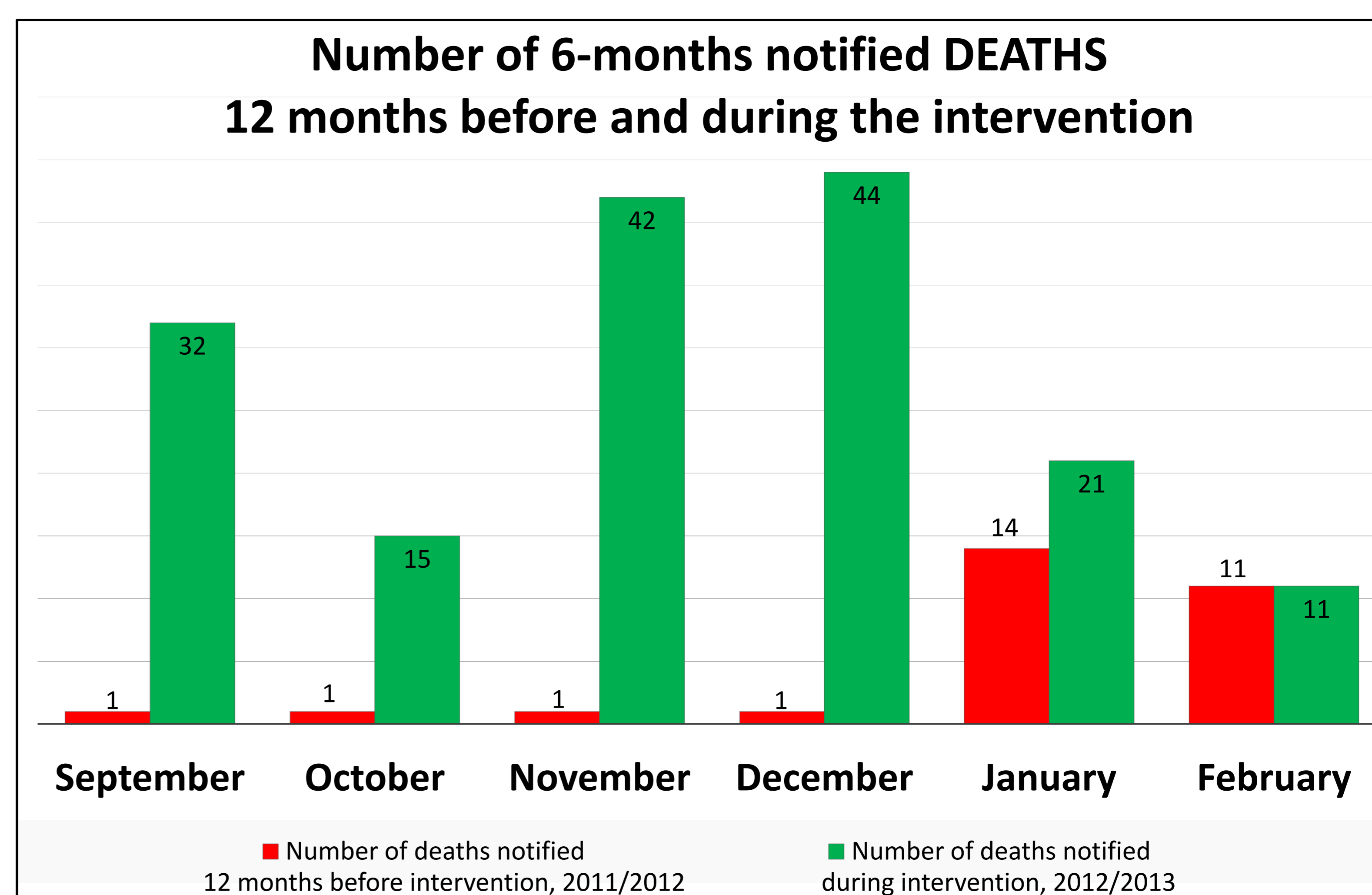
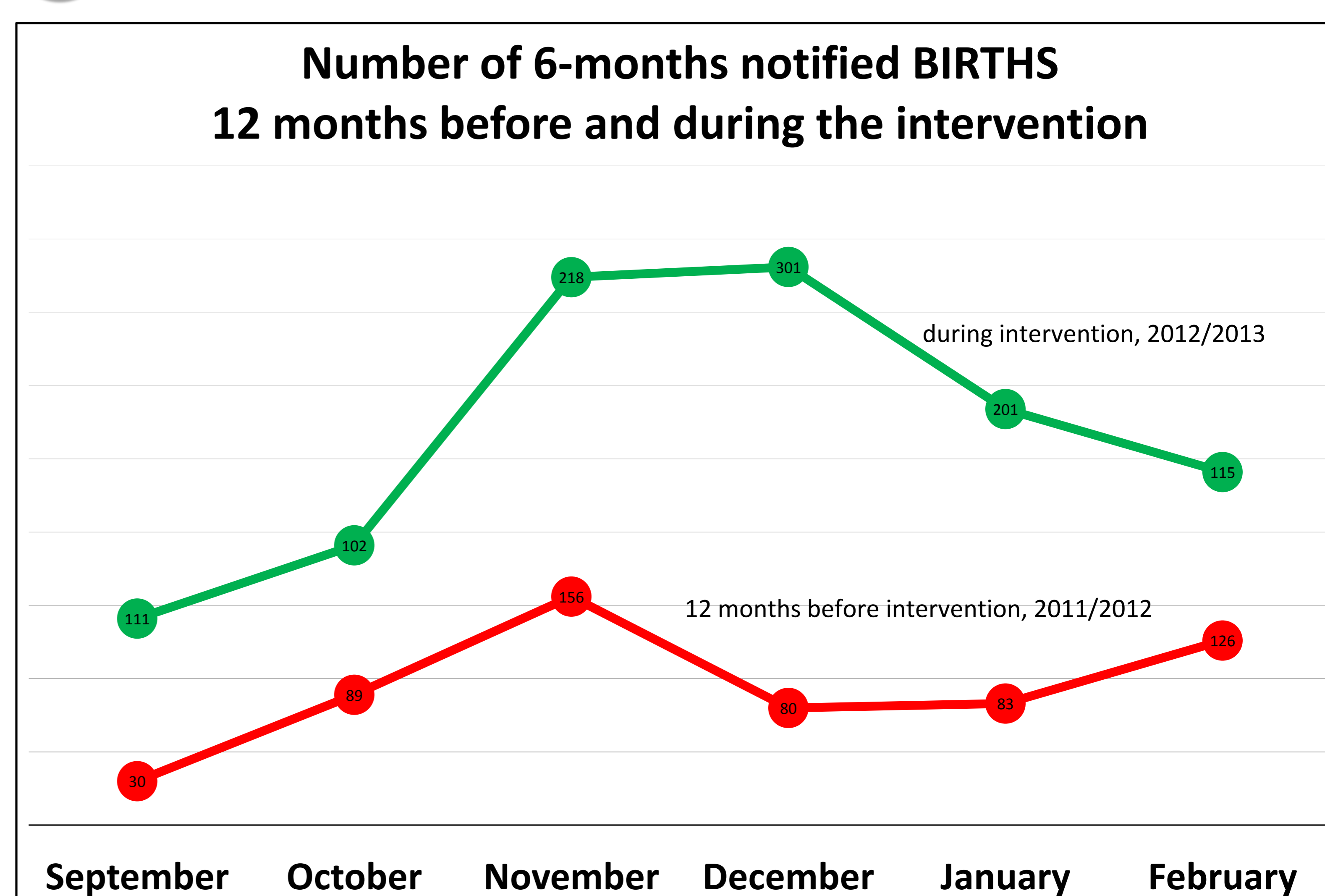
3 Design and Study Area

This was a 6-month SMS-based active reporting of prospective births and deaths in a district with a population of 230,000 from Sep 2012 to Mar 2013.

4 The Intervention



5 Results



6 Intervention's Utility and Future Value

- The intervention provides visibility of vital events information in real time and simplifies and strengthens the process
- This intervention has shown encouraging signs of a scalable innovation to accelerate and increase coverage of civil registration and vital statistics in developing countries