

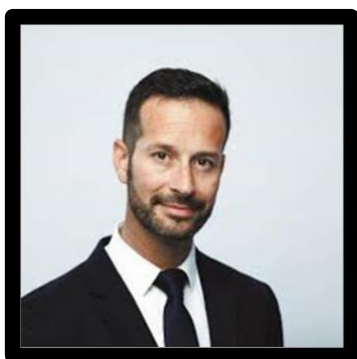
# Stateless

## The Invisibility of Unregistered Children

“One in three children under the age of five do not officially exist”

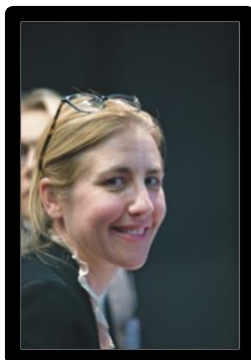
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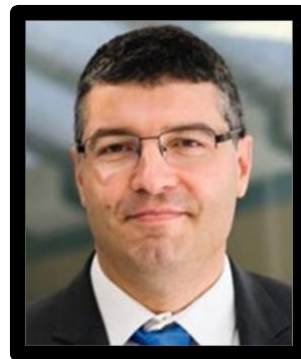
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The international Covenant on civil and political rights of 1966 states that every child must be registered immediately after birth and must have a name. This statement is also highlighted by the international Convention of New York on the rights of the Child. **Yet over 230 million children under the age of five worldwide are not registered by their country's authorities. The consequences for these children include massive difficulties in access to education and health.**

They will have no protection from child labour, early marriage or forced enlistments as soldiers. They will become easy prey for such vile forms of trafficking as forced labour, criminal and prostitution networks, and adoption trafficking.

The process of shining a light on administrative darkness, into which some unfortunate children have been plunged, is underway. **It is a battle that can be won, particularly with the help of new technologies, which are already streamlining birth registration procedures in many remote areas.**

Come listen to this Panel of Notary experts speak on the issue, what can be done, and how to get involved!

