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It's Tuesday morning and these children are warming up for a day of study at a primary school in the heavily populated neighbourhood of Abobo, in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Once they pass 5th form, they will have to present their Birth Registration papers.

This means that at least half of them will not be able to present the state exams and continue their schooling.

These statistics get worse in the North and Northwest of the country, where UNICEF estimates that between 6 to 9 children out of ten are unregistered.

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A strict and complicated administrative process means parents don't often pull it together to register a child.

SOUNDBITE: (English) Maarit Hirvonen, UNICEF Representative: "The problem is a child has to be registered during the first three months of his or her life. And normally that's the father who should do that. And many times, mothers are waiting for the father to do it, and many times they just don't get it done. Then it means you have to go to the court after three months, and that's a very expensive and difficult exercise."

Even if a parent had the time and money it would cost to do the registration, many cannot travel the distance required to make the formalities in the birth place of the child.

**Shotlist**

1. MS Children in class with teacher
2. WS, street scene
3. CU, kids clapping and singing
4. CU kids clapping and singing 2
5. WS kids sitting near house
6. MS kids sitting next to house
7. SOUNDBITE (French): Victoirine Coulibaly, student:  
"They told me to come with my papers, but I didn't have them. They told me to bring it the next day, otherwise I wouldn't pass the exams.
8. MS teenager walking with child
9. SOUNDBITE: (English) Maarit Hirvonen, UNICEF Representative:  
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10. WS Administrative building
11. MS Administrative building
12. MS Adama Coulibay
13. MS, kids on street
14. SOUNDBITE: (French) Adama Coulibay:  
"They are asking me to go there, to the tribunal in Korogoro. 600 kilometers from Abidjan – to make the request at the judge, who will then give me an appointment, requiring the presence of the two parents, plus the child."
17. MS children working
18. MS children welding
19. WS, kids playing soccer
20. MS kids playing soccer
21. CU registration papers
22. SOUNDBITE (English): Maarit

	<p>Adam Coulibay is the caretaker of his unregistered nephew, whose father denied paternity at birth.</p> <p>SOUNDBITE: (French) Adama Coulibay: “They are asking me to go there, to the tribunal in Korogoro. 600 kilometers from Abidjan – to make the request at the judge, who will then give me an appointment, requiring the presence of the two parents, plus the child.”</p> <p>Children chased from school are more likely than not forced to work. This often means technical work as a labourer, mechanic or seamstress. Yet many children left to their own devices slip off the grid and slide under the radar.</p> <p>With the elections coming at the end of November this year, UNICEF has developed a plan that would work on a strategic national level to register millions of children.</p> <p>SOUNDBITE: Maarit Hirvonen, UNICEF Representative: “We will try to improve the civil register system, and also and also strengthen the registering system at the community level, so it’s more accessible to the population.”</p> <p>UNICEF is preparing for the moment when they can give an identity to the future of the Ivory Coast one child at a time.</p> <p>This is Eva Gilliam in Abidjan, Ivory Coast</p>	<p>Hirvonen, UNICEF Representative: “We will try to improve the civil register system, and also and also strengthen the registering system at the community level, so it’s more accessible to the population.”</p> <p>23. Medium girl standing alone 24. MS, young boy walking on road</p>
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