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.

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