# Civil Registration & Vital Statistics (CRVS)

# CRVS Initiative: Historical Overview & Next Steps



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#### Pakistan at a Glance

#### Population Age Structure

Median Age Years: 22.5Years

Under 5 Years: 14.80%

**0**-14: 35.4%

**15-64: 60.4%** 

65 and above: 4.2%

Population by Areas

Total Population: 207,774,520

Urban:75,584,989(Sex Ratio:107.47)

Rural:132,189,531(Sex Ratio:103.72)

Population Density

250.0 per km2 (647.5 people/mi2)

Literacy Rate: 58.7%

Administrative Units: (4 Provinces, 3 Areas)

Divisions: 34, Districts :149



# **Basics of CRVS Uplift Process**



#### **Shared Vision**

By 2025, all people in Pakistan will benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development.

#### **CRVS Assessment**

 Ministry of PDR in close coordination with Provincial Departments, NADRA, the WHO country and regional offices, Plan international, UNICEF and other partners organized 'Rapid and Comprehensive Assessments of the CRVS" in Pakistan mainly to ascertain the current status of CRVS implementation in Pakistan.

 These studies were based on internationally accepted global tools of CRVS assessment developed by WHO and University of Queensland, Australia.

#### **CRVS** Assessment

# These assessments have revealed serious weaknesses in our CRVS:

- National data for birth and death registration are exceptionally low, where only 34% births are being recorded with almost no death registration mechanisms.
- Cause of death information is lacking and ICD- 10 for coding cases of deaths in hospitals is not being practiced.
- Resultantly, very little vital statistics generated from the civil registration systems and country has thus obliged to resort to expensive and tedious community based surveys (Population census, DHS and MICs etc)

#### **CRVS** Assessment

- These assessments called for the for <u>promotion of CRVS in the country with formulation</u> of strong coordination mechanisms at National/Provincial levels
- These assessments also recommended development and adoption of a uniform CRVS law, in place of current fragmented laws
- There is need for implementation of ICD coding for cause of death with inclusion of private health care providers in loop
- Studies recommended promotion and training in ICD mortality coding practices

#### **CRVS Coordination Mechanisms**

 National Steering and Coordination Committee on CRVS <u>notified in September 2014</u> under the Chair of Hon'ble Minister for PDR comprising all sectors, including civil registration authorities, provincial and local governments, health and other relevant sectors, statistics authorities, development partners and civil society

 At regional level, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform has been declared as Focal Point to coordinate with regional initiatives of UNESCAP, WHO, UNICEF etc. for CRVS

# **SC Terms of Reference / Scope**

- To steer, discuss, develop and implement a Comprehensive Multi stakeholder National CRVS Strategic Plan/ National Action Framework.
- To supervise subgroups for specific technical work (e.g legislation, inter agency coordination, sensitization/CRVS Capacity Building, procedures e
- To recommend TORs of CVRS thematic area and oversee their performance.
- To discuss the modalities of analysis and recommendations by stakeholders and of rapid/In depth Assessment of CRVS.
- To set National target value for each target, in coordination with all relevant stakeholders for the comprehensive
- To oversee development of CRVS Action Plans.
- To assess inequalities related to CVRS experienced by subgroups of population and marginalized population and geographic areas..
- To oversee the overall developments, resource mobilization and help in arranging expertise and resources.
- To develop ownership/ Investment of respective provincial/ special area governments.

#### **Five Year Plan CRVS Goals**

Goal 1: Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;

Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights;

Goal 3: Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated.

## Targets - Goal 1:

(Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;)

- 1A: By 2024, at least 100 per cent of births in the territory and jurisdiction in the given year are registered.
- 1B: By 2024, at least 100 per cent of children under 5 years old in the territory and jurisdiction have had their birth registered.
- 1C: By 2024, at least 100 per cent of all individuals in the territory and jurisdiction have had their birth registered.
- 1D: By 2024, at least 80 per cent of all deaths that take place in the territory and jurisdiction in the given year are registered.
- 1E: By 2024, at least <u>80</u> per cent of all deaths recorded by the health sector in the territory and jurisdiction in the given year have a medically certified cause of death recorded using the international form of the death certificate.

## Targets - Goal 2:

(All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights;)

2A: By 2024, at least 100 per cent of all births registered in the territory and jurisdiction are accompanied with the issuance of an official birth certificate that includes, as a minimum, the individual's name, sex, date and place of birth, and name of parent(s) where known.

2B: By 2024, at least 100 per cent of all deaths registered in the territory and jurisdiction in the given year are accompanied with the issuance of an official death certificate which includes, as a minimum, the deceased's name, date of death, sex, and age.

## **Targets - Goal 3:**

(Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated;)

3A: By 2024 (year), annual nationally representative statistics on births – disaggregated by age of mother, sex of child, geographic area and administrative subdivision – are produced from registration records or other valid administrative data sources.

3B: By 2024 year), annual nationally representative statistics on deaths – disaggregated by age, sex, cause of death defined by ICD (latest version as appropriate), geographic area and administrative subdivision – are produced from registration records or other valid administrative data sources.

**3C:** By 2024, at least 80 per cent of deaths occurring in health facilities or with the attention of a medical practitioner have an underlying cause of death code derived from the medical certificate according to the standards defined by ICD (latest version as appropriate).

# **Provincial Progress**

 We need to know if Provincial CRVS Steering Committees are formed and Meetings held.

Nominations for CRVS Thematic Sub Groups.

# Thematic Areas for Development of National Strategies

- **►** Legal Framework
- Resources for Civil Registration
- Registration Practices, Coverage, and Completeness
- Death Certification and Cause of Death
- **► ICD Mortality Coding Practices**
- **▶** Data Access, Use and Quality Checks

# **Formation of Technical Sub-Groups**

- For each of the thematic area, a technical subgroup has been formed with representation of experts from both public and private sectors
- Each subgroup shall compile its recommendations for consideration of the National Steering and Coordination Committee
- Provincial and Area Governments are to convey their nominations for each of the technical subgroups from public and private sectors so that deliberations could be started

# Potential Next Steps 2018-2019.

- Demand Generation/ Advocacy Campaign.
- Nomination & Organization of Provincial Steering Committee Meetings.
- Indepth Assessment of Provincial CRVS Situation.
- Technical Sub-Groups on thematic areas for development of national CRVS strategy.
- Initiation of CRVS Legislative Reforms.
- Formulation of National/Provincial CRVS Strategic / Workplan (2018-2022).
- Other important activity?