Afghanistan Central Civil Registration Authority (ACCRA)

- Lead agency in all CRVS related issues.
- Independent authority
Cross border collaboration

• Close collaboration with NADRA to register half a million Afghans for issuance of Pakistan ID Cards.

• Work with Saudi Arabia to change identities of around 8700 thousand afghans who were holding Pakistani Passport.

• Work with Iranian counterparts in exchange of identity related services.
Additional Collaborations

• MOUs with Australian, Americans, Finish, Canadian, Swedish authorities in exchange of identity verification services.
• Assisting IOM project in verifying CRVS documents for the British Government.
• Assisting local embassies in verification of identity related documents.
How did we do it?

• Much of the collaboration has arisen from mutual needs of the partnering countries.
• MOUs to bypass lengthy legal hurdles.
• Simplifying procedures to share data and provide services.
• Regular meetings with international community representatives assessing needs/progress, challenges and solutions.
Challenges

• Legal roadblocks to data sharing.
• Structural and administrative differences of CRVS authorities in the countries.
• Political issues overshadowing CRVS cooperation.
• Lack of IT platform in transfer of data.
Recommendations

• Identifying the right focal agency in South Asian countries for purposes of data sharing, as the main interface for all CRVS services.
• Identifying legal obstacles and providing legal solutions for the respective governments.
• Drafting of a comprehensive data sharing protocol to be signed and sanctioned by political leaders of south Asian countries.