



## Status Update: INDIA

- Main national stakeholders *(Who are the national stakeholders engaged in CRVS activities?)*
  - Office of Registrar General India, MHA
  - Department of Health & Family Welfare
  - Department of Women & Child development
  - Department of Panchyat & Local Administration
  - Department of Statistics & Programme Implementation
- International Development Assistance *(Support received to support national CRVS activities)*
  - Financial and Technical assistance has been provided by UNICEF for improving birth registration activities.
  - Training Manual for Civil Registration Functionaries has been developed in collaboration with UNICEF . It is printed in 13 languages .

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## Registrar General office conducts

- Decennial population census
- Coordinates birth and death registration including cause of death
- Conducts sample survey including verbal autopsy for estimating vital rates
- Produces Vital Statistics data for India and the States
- Prepares National Population Register of the Citizens

Ministry of Health supports the civil registration system providing incentives for registration, manpower and logistics support under the National Health Mission

Ministry of IT under e-district programme offer birth and death registration and issue of certificate through PPP

Other ministries are not directly involved

## Role of Stakeholders

- At local level, registration units are functioning in most of the Government hospitals, where registration of birth & death and certificates are issued.
- Notifiers (such as Aanganwadi Workers, ASHA's, Health attendant etc.) are under the control of Department of Health & Family Welfare and Women & Child development, they are responsible for reporting the domiciliary event to the concerned Registrars.
- The Chief Registrars of births and deaths (Head of the States for CRS) are from Health Department in majority of the States (21), from Economics, Planning and Statistics (12) and in remaining States; they are from Panchayat, Local administration and Revenue department



## Implementation steps

- Status of National improvement plan *(Has a national CRVS improvement plan been developed? If not, what is the status of development?)*

- As far as births are covered, the National Action Plan (NAP) envisage a modest increase in the level of registration by 1.5% per year in the first two years (2014-16) and 3% per year over the period 2016-2020. The State Governments have been asked to chalk out their Action Plan for achieving the goals.

- National targets of the RAF *(Status of defining national targets under the RAF?)*

Targets	2014	2016	2018	2020
Level of registration of births	85%	88%	94%	100%
All births registered are accompanied with the issuance of an official birth certificate	60%	80%	90%	100%
Level of registration of institutional death	70%	75%	85%	100%

- National Coordination Mechanism *(Has a national coordination mechanism been established?, who participate?)* The members from Ministry of Health and Chief Registrars of births and deaths from 7 States constitute the national coordination mechanism

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## Activities

- Ongoing/planned activities *(Outline planned and ongoing activities related to one of the action areas of the Regional Action Framework)*
- ACTION AREA: ...Focus is on low performing States , where registration level of birth and death is low or not reached the national average.
- ACTIVITIES: Following Initiatives have been taken , in this regard:
  - Uniform centralized Software for registration of Births and Deaths giving unique national ID for every vital events.
  - SMS based reporting of events by medical institutions integrated with uniform software to ensure cent per cent reporting with call center support.
  - Capacity building of registrars -A Standard Training Manuals have been developed to train the registration functionaries .
  - Linking CRS with National Population Register
  - Preparation of national action plan after comprehensive assessment is under way



## Activities

- Revision of rules and regulations in respect of issuance of certificates
- Issue of certificates through national portal free of cost
- Apply online for birth registration
- Communication with stakeholders towards achieving the goals
- Augmented infrastructure and manpower support to the States for computerization of CRS ensuring flow of electronic data
- Reducing delay in publication of Annual vital statistics report, efforts to obtain data at more disaggregated level
- Expanding coverage of Medically Certified Cause of Death Scheme (MCCD) to all hospitals including rural areas
- Support for data compilation of MCCD report through the software

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