Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

An Update on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Pakistan

Introduction of Technology in CRVS in Pakistan

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CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM
A system government uses to record vital events as required by laws or regulations of the country

Main purpose – To establish the legal documents required by law

Goal – To record all vital events occurring in the country as they occur

VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM
The process of collecting, compiling and analyzing information from vital events filed through the civil registration system

Main purpose – Presentation of vital event data in statistical form

Goal – To have accurate data from all vital events occurring in the country
Pakistan lacks universal civil registration of vital events, contributing to the “Scandal of Invisibility.”

Information gaps exist regarding:
- Age
- Gender
- Disability
- Minorities
- Socioeconomic status

Currently, only 42% births while less than 5% deaths are being registered in Pakistan.

No Culture of Availability and Use of Vital Events Info. in Decision Making.
CRVS IS CRITICAL FOR GOVERNMENTS.

- **Modern legal base** – including legal and national identity

- **Provides population information for planning across government and non-government sectors**

- **Applicable information for most areas of governance and policy, including economic, social and development**
CRVS Historical Overview

2013:
- CRVS Comprehensive Assessment - (June-August 2013)

2014:
- First National Steering Committee Meeting – (Nov 18, 2014)

2017:
- Establishment of Technical Support Unit for CRVS - (Oct-2017)

2018:
- Fourth National Steering Committee Meeting – (Jan-17, 2018)
- Formation of Provincial CRVS Steering Committees – (Nov, 2018)
- Pakistan International CRVS Summit – (28-30 Nov, 2018)

2019:
**PAKISTAN’S CRVS ARCHITECTURE**

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<th>Provinces</th>
<th># of SCM</th>
<th>Periodicity of meetings</th>
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Legend:
- 2019
- 2018
- 2017

Two territorial governments

ICT-
National Steering Committee

Autonomous Provinces
5 Million
CHILDREN BORN EVERY YEAR

60 Million
CHILDREN REMAIN UN-REGISTERED

1.6 Million
CHILDREN ADDED EVERY YEAR TO THE COHORT OF UN-REGISTERED CHILDREN

By 2025
MORE THAN 100 MILLION CHILDREN WILL BE UN-REGISTERED

BIRTH REGISTRATION RATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS

1% FATA
<10% KP
73% PUNJAB
<10% BALOCHISTAN

23.3% GB

29% SINDH
DISPARITIES ACROSS URBAN VS RURAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, ILLITERACY OF MOTHERS

HIGHEST # OF UNREGISTRATION CHILDREN IN THE REGION

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<th>Multan</th>
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<td>Punjab</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>54%</td>
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<td>Sindh</td>
<td>97%</td>
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REGISTRATION FROM LOWER INCOME QUINTILE

- Rich families: 91%
- Lower income: 45%

UN-EDUCATED/ILLITERATE PARENTS

- 91% of children whose birth is registered belong to educated mothers
- 59% from un-educated mothers
2019 600,000 children to be registered
Collaboration with Departments

- MOU signed for registration of Vital Events with NADRA.
- Coordination meeting with health department for registration of newborn children in Hospitals.
- Quarterly CRVS Provincial steering committee meeting in collaboration with P&D.
- Coordination with education department for registration of children in schools.
- Community mobilization and increase in demand generation for birth registration.
DIGITAL REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Facilitator approaches household
2. Facilitators fill out application form through App and captures supporting documents through the mobile camera
3. Facilitators submit application forms on mobile and transfer through Mobile internet/USB to UC Secretary

Confirmation/Reminder SMS to parents/facilitators for rejection/pending/approval and periodic mHealth advisories to beneficiaries in Roman Urdu.

4. All application forms visible to UC secretary's tab via dashboard for approval/rejection approaches franchises
5. All application forms loaded manually into UC computer CRMS; CRMS number generated
6. Birth registered BRC issued subject to completion of formalities at UC
DBR Mobile Application Steps

1. Install DBR app on the Smartphone of the Agent
2. Log-in with credentials
3. Agent selects Birth Registration
4. Agent fills details (including name, DoB etc.)
5. Information is sent to Union Council

POTENTIAL CHALLENGE: Despite the expanding footprint of wireless connectivity in most countries, in remote areas connectivity can pose a significant challenge to the project, making it difficult for registrars to submit forms or impeding the use of online services at UC offices.
Output 1: By 2022, Birth registration is up scaled in at least two provinces

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<th>Indicators</th>
<th>Baseline 2018</th>
<th>Target 2019</th>
<th>Status June 2019</th>
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| Number of districts that have birth registration services | 2 districts in Sindh
2 district in Punjab
1 district in KP | Pakistan 15
Punjab 3
Sindh 4
KP 8
Balochistan 1 | 19
3
4
8
4 |

**Legend**

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<th>2019</th>
<th>2 districts and 1 urban center (Lahore)-2019 additional districts (DG Khan and Multan)</th>
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<td>2018</td>
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<td>3 districts and 1 urban center Karachi,</td>
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DIGITAL BIRTH REGISTRATION PROJECT

- Partnership with Ministry of Planning Development and Reform, Provincial Local Government Departments, Social Welfare Department, Planning and Development Department, Education Department, Health Department and Telenor (Private Telecom Provider)
- Pilot in 2015 and 2016 in one Union Council (Kebele) where registration increased to 300 percent.
- 2017 Digital Birth Registration was initiated in 2 districts of Punjab and 2 districts of Sindh
- Target for December 2017 was 0.6 million children to be registered
- Target for 2019 is 600,000 children through the project
- Overall 0.93 million have been registered in 2019 with the overall target of 1 million children

Digital platform of DBR

APPLICATION:
The digital version of the birth registration form is an exact replica of the paper-based form authorized by the Provincial Departments of Local Government. All birth registration bye-laws and processes currently valid in Punjab & Sindh are also applicable to any birth registration application submitted digitally through the DBR process.
PERFORMANCE OF BIRTH REGISTRATION FACILITATORS SYSTEM GENERATED REPORTS
2017 - DBR HAS MADE SOME RIPPLES GLOBALLY!

Digital Birth Registration Project results in Mobile World Congress Award Nomination

Every person should have the right to a name and nationality. However, for poor, marginalized or displaced families from countries where systems of registration are not implemented or functional, there is a staggering number of births worldwide that go unregistered. To combat this, UNICEF in collaboration with provincial governments and Telenor

ICT For Results
Quarterly Newsletter
Information and Communication Technology

Telenor Nominated for GSMA Global Mobile Awards for its Digital Birth Registration Project

The Digital Birth Registration (DBR) project from Telenor Pakistan has been nominated for two prestigious GSMA Global Mobile Awards 2017 in the Outstanding Mobile Contribution to the UN SDGs category.
Institutional arrangements for strengthening of CRVS have been initiated both at federal and provincial level. This has brought CRVS to a take off stage. This could now be extended to district, sub-district and below.

CRVS awareness campaigns for multiple related departments/stakeholders has been organized and national & provincial managers/decision makers have been sensitized.

Baseline studies on CRVS Thematic Areas have been launched and have started producing results to become basis for long term CRVS strategic planning.

International partners working for CRVS are now keen to align their strengths with the government plan.
- Technical Coordination for CRVS Development & Promotion.
- Facilitate organization of National/Provincial Steering Committee Meetings and follow-up actions.
- Facilitate Assessment Studies, Surveys, Research, Innovative Solutions desired for CRVS strengthening.
- Facilitate Strategic Planning Process for CRVS.
- Promote capacity building for multiple CRVS disciplines.
- Promote inter agency and stakeholder's coordination.
PAKISTAN 1ST INT’L CRVS SUMMIT (NOV 28-29, 2018)
SOUTH ASIAN DELEGATIONS COMPRISING OF MALDIVES, BANGLADESH, AFGHANISTAN AND NEPAL
DFID, WORLD BANK GROUP AND UN AGENCIES FORMED PARTNERSHIP AROUND CRVS AGENDA
INTERNATIONAL CRVS PARTNERSHIPS IN MAKING

- **Agreement of Understanding** signed with the RENEIC Government of Peru to initiate diplomatic ties with Ministry of Foreign Affairs for formation of knowledge sharing CRVS platforms under South - South learning.

- **South South CRVS Consortium** in making on CRVS including Peru, Myanmar, Vietnam, Bangladesh and hopefully Ethiopia!

- **UNICEF Global Agreement** signed with Telenor Global for birth registration
CRVS COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

- National legal framework for CRVS
- Practice, coverage and completeness of registration
- Forms and Data Quality
- Data storage, Tabulation, Access and Dissemination
- ICD – 10 Coding
- Registration protocols
- Data Quality
- CRVS Strategic Plan
### Pakistan CRVS Roadmap 2019-2024

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Stage Setting</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2021</th>
<th>2022</th>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>Stage Setting</td>
<td>Enabling Environment</td>
<td>Design &amp; Pilot</td>
<td>Consolidation</td>
<td>Roll out</td>
<td>Roll out completion</td>
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<td>• Institutional / Setup/TSU</td>
<td>Gap analysis / Assessment studies</td>
<td>• Operationalization plan</td>
<td>• Pilot districts consolidation / results</td>
<td>• Approval and launch of Investment case</td>
<td>Roll out continue and completed</td>
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<td>• Sensitization Drive / Consensus</td>
<td>Legal framework review</td>
<td>• Finalization of Legal Framework / Orientation</td>
<td>• Consensus on roll-out strategy</td>
<td>• Roll out plan execution</td>
<td>M&amp;E &amp; Audit Strategy</td>
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<td>• Strengthening Inter-sectoral coordination committees</td>
<td>Development National Strategic Plan</td>
<td>• Interoperability Model SOPs / Resource Material</td>
<td>• Develop investment case</td>
<td>• Mass Capacity Building</td>
<td>Constant knowledge sharing with MOU partners</td>
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<td>• Donor Alignment</td>
<td>Creation and Launch of Model Districts</td>
<td>• Pilot Model Districts/Forms/Application</td>
<td>• Negotiation Partners for CRVS Investment Case</td>
<td>• Vital statistics being Produced and used</td>
<td>Production &amp; use of Vital Event in Decision Making</td>
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#### Upcoming CRVS Events
- 2020 – Pakistan’s National CRVS Caucus Launch February.
- 2020 – year of CRVS
- Upscaling – Increase in Public allocations
Lessons Learnt

▪ **Political ownership**
  ✓ CRVS Parliamentarian Caucus

▪ **Design Phase**
  ✓ Engagement of multiple stakeholders
  ✓ Scale and Gravity of the issues
  ✓ Core Champions

▪ **Experts Pool**
  ✓ CR vs VS
  ✓ CR vs ID management

▪ **Methodology**
  ✓ National Comprehensive Assessment
  ✓ Provincial [Regional] Comprehensive Assessments

▪ **Sustaining the Momentum**

▪ **Financial implications** [International/National experts]
  ✓ In kind contribution
THANK YOU