The relevance of the SDG agenda to CRVS

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At least 15 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) require CRVS Data
Civil Registration and Sustainable Development

Well-functioning CRVS systems are:

- Essential for **planning and implementing** SDGs related to social inclusion, health, education, good governance, etc.
- Best source for continuous and timely data to monitor SDGs related to maternal mortality, NCD related deaths, etc.
- Source of 72+ of 230 SDG indicators

Figure: SDG indicators that have source data from a CRVS system

Source: Data for Health
Target 16.9
By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

Indicator 16.9.1
Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age

Target 17.19
By 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product, and support statistical capacity-building in developing countries

Indicator 17.19.2
Proportion of countries that (a) have conducted at least one population and housing census in the last 10 years; and (b) have achieved 100 percent birth registration and 80 percent death registration
Ensuring basic human rights is crucial for the functioning and government of societies.

Human Rights

Human Rights depends on the existence of a functioning civil registration system.

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Achieving all SDGs, especially related to public health is based on informed decisions and accurate statistics.

Vital Statistics

Civil registration is the best source for accurate and reliable vital statistics.

Civil Registration
SDGs – an opportunity

- 2020
  - Decade of Action
  - High Level Political Forum (July)
  - Asia-Pacific Ministerial (October)

Civil Registration
- as a foundation for vital statistics
- as a foundation for legal identity
- as a foundation for other systems (e.g. Censuses, digital health)
- as a foundation for leaving no one behind
Thank you!

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