Progress on Goal 1: universal registration of births and deaths

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Goal 1 on universal registration of births, deaths and other vital events

Goal 1 targets
- 1A: birth registration within a year
- 1B: birth registration under 5 years old
- 1C: birth registration of all individuals
- 1D: death registration of all individuals
- 1E: death registration with CoD certification

Related Implementation steps
- (a) comprehensive assessment of
- (e) inequalities assessment
Progress in the Asia-Pacific

Achievements

- Notable improvements in registration especially in South Asia and the Pacific
- Strong country initiatives and partnership support
- Political support

Challenges

- Completeness and inequality assessments
- Cause of Death – certification and coding
- Coordination and user engagement
CoD certification (Target 1E): 30 countries reported data; 17 above 98%; 7 below 20%
Regional Snapshot: registration completeness

Challenges: assessing completeness

- Registration completeness: \( \frac{\text{number of registered events}}{\text{estimated number of total events}} \times 100 \)

- Many countries had difficulty identifying baseline data Goal 1 targets
  - Lack of (reliable) data
  - Outdated data (e.g. last census was 5+ years ago)
  - Data not available (coordination among agencies)
  - Limited capacity and resources to carry out proper completeness (and coverage) assessments
Ways forward

How to

- Build and sustain progress
- Address shared challenges
- Better assess completeness

Through

- Knowledge sharing
- Concrete advice and products from RSG and the broader partnership
- National coordination mechanisms and comprehensive strategies
Ways forward

Discussion

・ What challenges do countries face in achieving the targets on universal registration of births and deaths as set out in their national CRVS improvement plans/strategies?

・ How can results of completeness and coverage assessments be used to inform national efforts to achieve universal registration? How can they be used to strengthen national CRVS improvement plans/strategies?

・ What can be the way forward to ensure more data is available on measurements of completeness across Asia and the Pacific?

・ What are potential challenges and opportunities for countries to conduct completeness and coverage assessments?

・ What types of regional collaboration can enhance national efforts to achievement universal registration, including conducting completeness and coverage assessments?