SDGs: Opportunity to Strengthen CRVS

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Business as Usual → Leapfrogging

Supply picture
- 131 years 1873-2004: 8%
- 12 years 2004-2016: 87%

Demand picture

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What Caused The Dramatic Improvement?

1. Birth and Death Registration Act 2004
2. Electronic registration in 5,000+ LGIs by micro-entrepreneurs
3. Linking to service delivery

1. Supportive policy/law
2. Ease of registration
3. Linking to service delivery is the strongest awareness campaign

Birth registration only 3% within 45 days (law) but 80+% within 6 yrs (primary edu enrolment).
Death registration negligible and very late.
Citizen’s Lifecycle with Government

BIRTH REGISTRATION
A citizen is coming

The citizen is born

The citizen is immunized

Enrolled in school

Completes exams

Becoming a voter

MARRIAGE REGISTRATION
Marrying another citizen

MIGRATION
Migration

DEATH REGISTRATION

Clear synergy between SDG and CRVS

HEALTH SYSTEM

EDUCATION SYSTEM

SOCIAL SAFETY NET SERVICES

VOTER ID SYSTEM

CIVIL REGISTRATION: BIRTH, DEATH, CoD, MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, ADOPTION, MIGRATION IN/OUT, INTERNAL MOVEMENT
Recommendations from Comprehensive Assessment Dec 2012-Sep 2013 by Health with TA from UN-ESCAP, WHO.

1. Establish Registrar General
2. Develop shared and interoperable data, & unique citizens’ ID
3. Include biometric data of citizens
4. Ensure coordination across relevant agencies
5. Reform laws, where necessary
Progress to Date: Coordination

- 2014: National CRVS Steering Committee with Cabinet Secretary as the Chair with 18 permanent Secretaries
- 2015: CRVS Secretariat at the Cabinet Division
- 2016: Office of Registrar General under Local Govt. Division
Progress to Date: Ongoing Integration

- Biometric-based National ID adopted 10-digit Unique ID formulation; all other stakeholders agreed to convert

- Health → Local Government → National ID integration

- Primary Education integration through stipend

- Secondary Education integration through enrolment

- Introduction of digital marriage and divorce registration

- CoD recording and VA with support from Bloomberg D4H
CRVS in Bangladesh → CRVS+

- A database of all population with UID and relationship structure
- A platform connected to all service delivery agencies and statistics offices
CRVS+: The Players

- CRVS Secretariat @ Cabinet Division
- a2i/PMO
- Election Commission
- ICT Division
- Statistics
- Home
- Electronic
- Birth Registration
- Death Registration
- Migration in/out
- Service delivery Platform
- Adoption
- Divorce
- Marriage
- Cause of Death
- Law
- Local Govt.
- Health
- Secondary Education
- Primary Education
- WB
- WHO
- Canada
- UNICEF
- UNDP
- Plan
- Bloomberg
SDGs Clearly Recognizing CRVS

16.9 By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

17.18 By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts.
But CRVS is a LOT More That …

**Health**
3.1: Maternal mortality
3.2: Child mortality
3.4: NCD mortality
3.8: Univ. Health Coverage
...

**Education**
4.1: Univ. primary & secondary edu
4.2: Pre-primary
4.4: Skills and decent jobs
...

**Inequality**
10.1: Accelerate income growth of the bottom 40%
10.7: Safe migration
...

**Gender**
5.1: Gender parity
5.3: Early marriage
5.a: Asset ownership
...

**Infrastructure and Innovation**
9.b: Domestic R&D
9.c: ICT-supported innovations
...

**Sustainable economic growth**
8.3: Job creation
8.5: Inclusive decent jobs
...
SDG Tracker
Shift Planning from Statistics to Persons

- **WHO?**
  - DROPPED OUT?
  - Poverty
  - Database
  - Health
  - Database
  - SSNP
  - Database
  - Education
  - Database
  - with UID

- **WHY?**
  - DROPPED OUT
  - Expand statistics to
  - • Nutrition facts vs education quality
  - • Poverty vs education etc.

- **Even expand to**
  - • Attendance
  - • Exact number of books distribution

**VS Supports Many SDG Targets**
Possibilities for the Regional Level

1. Link SDG goals/targets to CRVS goals
   - May help in making the concept of CRVS more meaningful and relevant because SDGs are seen as relevant and have political buy-in

2. Deploy SDG Tracker (better if digital) and make it “CRVS-ready”
   - Countries can track SDG and CRVS progress side-by-side
   - The achievement in one can influence the other

3. Embed CRVS messages in SDG communication channels
   - Global forums such as Global High Level Political Forums
   - National strategy drafting and presentations for policy makers
   - Traditional/social media communication/awareness for general citizens

4. Coordinate within ESCAP and with other UN agencies especially UNDP

5. Develop institutional capacity within countries
Thinking SDG and CRVS Together

- **Why should CRVS care?**
  - Because SDG will make CRVS more meaningful and give it more ‘teeth’

- **Why should SDG care?**
  - Because without CRVS, SDG cannot be achieved (or achieved unsustainably)
Thanks