Meeting of the Civil Registrars of South Asia: National CRVS Coordination Mechanisms

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CRVS system organization in country

Centralized/Decentralized? CRVS system of Sri Lanka are decentralized up to grass root level. Sri Lanka divided into 938 registrars divisions and Registrars are appointed to every registrar division to capture all events occurred throughout Sri Lanka.

What are the different agencies (e.g. civil registrar, health, statistics) involved at what administrative levels (e.g. national, subnational, local)? Civil Registrars and Health agencies are involved at local level and Departmental officers are involved at National, subnational and local levels. Department of Census & Statistics officers are involved at national level for preparation of vital statistics.
What are the **main roles and responsibilities** of the agencies and levels?

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CRVS coordination mechanism in country

- **Is there** a high-level CRVS coordination mechanism and at **what level**? Yes, National level

- **What** are the objectives of the mechanism? Reporting civil registration events, Registering civil registration events, Collecting Information, Preparation and Dissemination of vital statistics

- **Who** are part of national level coordination mechanism (including high-level, if exists)? Registrar General, Director General of Census and Statistics, Director General of Health

- Who are **other agencies** involved in coordination at various levels and why? State superintendent are involved coordination and reporting for birth & deaths occurred in an estate. Coroners are involved for reporting local level sudden death
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How does the CRVS Coordination mechanisms work:
- across agencies (horizontal) Registrar General Department, Census and Statistics Department, Health Department
- within agencies (vertical) at each level - Registrar General, Assistant Registrar General, District Registrar, Registrar of birth & death

Are these formal mechanisms (i.e. legal/administrative orders)?
There are provisions to register births & deaths in Birth & Death registration act and issue administrative order to civil registration events.

Is there a terms of reference? Yes. Civil Registration is one the main function of Registrar General.
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- How do the agencies **communicate** across and within? Meetings, Workshops, Circulars and many more

- How is the coordination monitored? Random meetings
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How effective have these coordination mechanisms been?

- Important gains - Capture all registration event, streamline information gathering systems
- Challenges – Dissemination real time course of death data due to lack of trainee staff
  - Quality of course of death data outside the hospitals
  - Timeliness of collecting information's