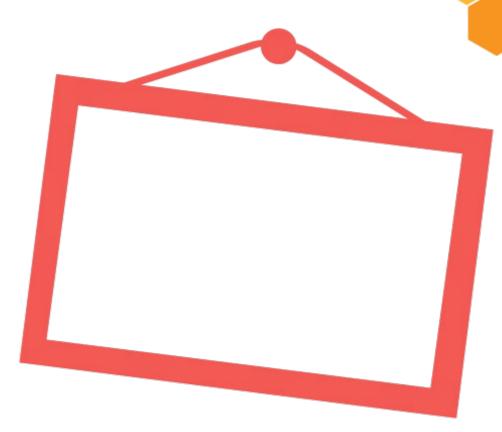
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Practices and Legal and Practical Barriers to Birth Registration in Nepal

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- It gives an objective assessment of the underlying legal, practical, and social barriers to registering a birth in Nepal, as well as pragmatic recommendations.
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Introduction

- In the CRVS system, birth registration is paramount as it is the foremost document that aids in securing subsequent vital events registration like marriage and migration.
- The birth registration rate in Nepal has significantly increased from 35 percent in 2006 to 77 percent in 2019 for children below five years.
- By 2030, the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16.9 aspires to guarantee legal identification to all. 15th periodic place of Nepal Government
- However, achieving 100% birth registration still faces several challenges.
- The following the specific objectives:
- ✓ To identify cultural, political, geographical, and perceptional barriers that prevent one from accessing and receiving birth registration.
- To provide a list of practical solutions and recommendations for legal reforms, capacity enhancement, incentive and motivational schemes, and other programs at the local level.

Methodology: Mixed method approach

Desk Review

Focus Group Discussion- 16 FGD with 130 participants

Consultation-1 with 30 participants

In Person Survey- 395 parents/adult members

Findings

- About 30 percent of the participating parents/ guardians registered childbirth within 35 days
- Birth of boy child registered more (12%) as compared to that of girls (4%).
- Barriers to Birth Registration
- ✓ Lack of Citizenship of Parents Prevents a Child's Birth Registration
- \checkmark Children born out of Early and Child Marriage
- \checkmark Problems of requiring evidence of parent's whereabouts
- \checkmark Single mother's child prevented from birth registration
- \checkmark Limitations on the correction of personal details
- \checkmark Family members not cooperating with the women and child
- \checkmark Distant registrar office and no time availability

Conclusion

- Even with constitutional and legal mandate for birth registration, children are denied access to this right due to procedural impediments in online and offline registration.
- Practical and legal barriers are intertwined with each other. Without addressing legal barriers practical barriers will not be resolved.