Why Women and Girls Matter to CRVS and CRVS Matters to Women and Girls

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**CRVS Data:** A crucial input for gender-related SDGs

The need for CRVS data to measure gender-related SDGs should lead to increased political and financial support for these systems.

34 out of the 54 gender-related SDG indicators identified by UN Women benefit from data provided by Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) systems.

This tabulation includes 54 gender-related indicators identified by UN Women. Indicators requiring CRVS identified by Open Data Watch.

Knowledge Briefs on Gender and CRVS
Coverage of Live Births Registration (last update: December 2017, United Nations Statistics Division)

No sex-disaggregated data

Source: UNSD Website
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Source: UNSD Website
No information available on marriage registration
Why CRVS Matter MORE for Women and Girls and What the Session Aims to do
Ministers committed to:

“promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through the provision of documents to prove family relations and civil status, and the production of age-, sex- and geographically disaggregated statistics”
Goal 1: Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;

Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights;

Goal 3: Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated.
This session will:

1) assess the availability of these data in selected countries and explore how it was used or could have been used to inform responses to COVID-1

2) provide recommendations towards eliminating gender-specific barriers to CRVS, and the contribution of CRVS to achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment in Asia-Pacific
Expected recommendations

- Discussion on key findings of the technical paper and whether these are applicable in other countries in Asia-Pacific
- Take note of progress and challenges from a gender perspective, and specific barriers that require urgent action
- Identify recommendations and commit to accelerated action to achieve progress
- Identify key data and research needs, particularly in the context of responding to crises from a gender perspective, and priorities going forward.
- Key messages for the outcome document
Civil registration and vital statistics systems less gender blind and more gender transformative