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CRVS and Statelessness

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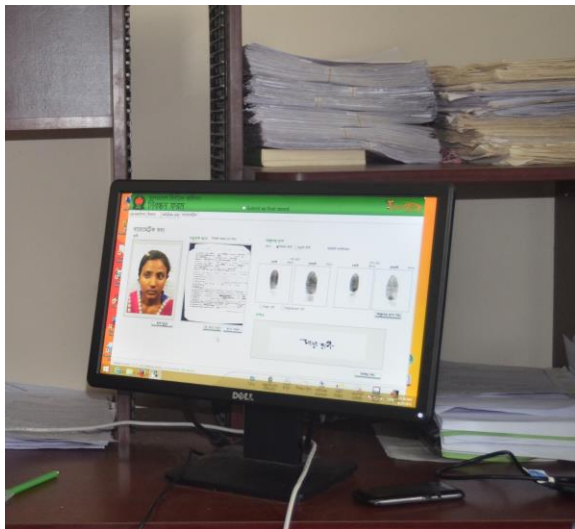
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What does it mean in the context of CRVS?

- ◆ Giving EVERYONE a legal identity
- ◆ Counting EVERYONE: inclusive and disaggregated statistics



Connection with statelessness

◆ Limited access of stateless people to civil registration

◆ Barriers to birth registration increasing risk of statelessness

Birth registration

- ✧ Birth registration is the first vital event recorded within a civil registry
- ✧ Birth registration involves entering the vital event into the states CRVS system and issuing the child with a birth certificate.
- ✧ A birth certificate is a child's first form of legal identity documentation, supporting their recognition as a person before the law and creating a formal relationship with the state.
- ✧ A birth certificate provides legal proof of a child's name, date and place of birth, and parentage which helps a child establish a claim to nationality, reducing their risk of statelessness.
- ✧ A birth certification enables a child to be recognised, protected and provided for from birthUser

States have an obligation to register ALL births that occur in their territory

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TARGET 16.9:

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

5 GENDER
EQUALITY



SDG GOAL 05:

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Importance of birth registration

- ◆ Birth registration provides official documentation of where a person was born (relevant where nationality is acquired by jus soli, i.e. birth on the territory); and
- ◆ Birth registration provides official documentation of who a person's parents are (essential for acquisition of nationality by jus sanguinis, i.e. based on descent).

Who may be at risk?

- ◆ People living in border areas where the lack of birth registration may lead to confusion as to whether they are nationals of one State or another;
- ◆ Minorities and people who have perceived or actual ties with other States;
- ◆ Nomadic or semi-nomadic populations whose territories cross international borders;
- ◆ Children of refugees and asylum-seekers born abroad;
- ◆ Migrant populations in which difficulties to prove nationality of the country of origin may occur when one or more generations of children are born abroad (a risk that increases with each successive generation);
- ◆ Children born to undocumented parents.
- ◆ Can be intersecting vulnerability

Specific identification needs of stateless people



Stateless IDPs

- Registration of births and other life events
- Assistance to acquire nationality and related ID documents (usually in country of residence) or, if not possible, the status of stateless person
- Social protection

Stateless refugees

- Registration of births and other life events
- Assistance to acquire nationality or status of stateless person, and refugee status or other form of temporary protection
- Provision of ID documents from country of residence
- Social protection

Others stateless people

- Registration of births and other life events
- Assistance to acquire nationality or status of stateless person
- Provision of ID documents from country of residence
- Social protection

Move to digital identity

- ◆ Potentially will increase number of children able to prove identity – could reduce statelessness
- ◆ BUT there will remain stateless population not able to prove identity or citizenship
- ◆ These people may become increasingly marginalized and hard to reach – digital divide
- ◆ Compounded by identity management systems



In practice - Birth registration and the 3AQ model

- ◆ *Availability* of a birth registration system
- ◆ *Accessibility* – non-discriminatory; affordable (free), physically accessible and supported by information accessibility
- ◆ *Acceptability* – consider different cultural, religious groups etc
- ◆ *Quality* – appropriate staff and proper systems to maintain integrity and confidentiality of birth registration system



Other vital events

- ◆ Focus on birth registration due to link with provision of legal identity and SDG 16.9
- ◆ BUT need to FULLY include in CRVS systems for protection, services and statistics/policy response
- ◆ Lagging for deaths and even more for marriage, foetal deaths.



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