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**Resilience for future shocks and climate change:**

**Managing CRVS during the pandemic**

# Impact of externalities – climate-influenced/natural/man-made

- SARS-2 Coronavirus
  - Impacted livelihoods
  - Exposed weaknesses in health infrastructure
  - Associated lockdowns and travel restrictions
    - Disrupted conventional data flows
    - Stopgap arrangements made
    - Consequent data inconsistencies and reconciliation challenges
- But ...
  - Gave an opportunity for change
  - Leveraged technological interventions (telemedicine, WFH, WFA etc)
  - Respect for personal space – concern for hygiene

# Impact on CRVS

- Conventional data flows weakened
- CRVS is vital for assessing mortality
  - Important to **preserve/reinforce** administrative machinery
- Morbidity - health system machinery
- In a disaster-management scenario
  - **Stopgap** arrangements for data flow becomes a **necessity** for management of loss-of-life
- However, **after** situation normalises, provide for dovetailing stopgap data flows through the regular CVRS channel

# Building Resilient CRVS systems ...(1)

## 1. Leveraging Technology

- Centralised vs decentralized systems
- On-line and Off-line systems
- Promote and address nation-wide data sharing and portability challenges
- Develop and Publish APIs for data sharing (2-way) citizen-centric beneficiary schemes
- Preserving and securing data privacy through appropriate security layers
- Periodic data sanity checks

## 2. Manpower augmentation – skilling and reskilling

## 3. Adequate budgetary resources

# Building Resilient CRVS systems ...(2)

4. Removing/Minimizing entry barriers to CVRS
  - Utilitarian approach rather than only administrative approach
  - Enhance touchpoints
    - National ID
    - Health and nutrition
    - Education
    - Social Security
    - Employment
    - Insurance (public/private)
    - Property transaction
    - Taxation
  - Penalties – minimise, eliminate???

# Building Resilient CRVS systems ...(3)

5. Encourage/promote analysis of data by researchers and academia
6. Advance Release Calendar for release of publications
7. Reinforce statistical data flows on the lines of the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
8. Develop a robust disaster management/ business continuity plans or framework which evolves over time

# Q&A

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