Designing and Implementing Inequality Assessment in Bangladesh

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Landscape of Bangladesh
(1) The State shall endeavour to ensure equality of opportunity to all citizens.

(2) The State shall adopt effective measures to remove social and economic inequality between man and man and to ensure the equitable distribution of wealth among citizens, and of opportunities in order to attain a uniform level of economic development throughout the Republic.

(3) The State shall endeavour to ensure equality of opportunity and participation of women in all spheres of national life.

Article-19, Constitution of Bangladesh
Sixth CRVS Steering Committee on 28 January 2021 took decision to conduct inequality assessment.

It will cover People of hard-to-reach areas.

It will also investigate into the cause of low registration rate of female deaths.
Opportunity to streamline and synchronize the civil registration processes being administered by different government agencies with the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (the official vital statistics producer).

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is connected to this holistic system to facilitate generation of Vital Statistics (VS).

The coordinating body, Cabinet Division, has assigned BBS to implement the inequality Assessment Project in with support ESCAP.

BBS is implementing CRVS inequality assessments using secondary data in Bangladesh.
CONTEXT OF CRVS INEQUALITY ASSESSMENT

Who might be left out?- Factors affecting civil registration and Hard-to-reach and marginalized populations

Overlapping vulnerabilities

Asia Pacific CRVS decade: 2015-2024

The regional goals for the Decade

Regional Action Framework and midterm review

Impact of COVID-19

the inclusion of hard-to-reach people

Contributing for generating the vital statistics in this issue

Capacity for demographic analysis to undertake the Inequality Assessment
METHODOLOGY FOR INEQUALITY ASSESSMENT

Using data sources from different census and surveys conducted by BBS
Register based data
Correlate with Numerator and Denominator
Sources of Denominator
CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS (CRVS) SYSTEMS

- CR is administered by different government agencies while ORG facilitate its service delivery to the public by providing birth and death certificates.
- Appropriateness of these data for generating vital statistics may deem challenging since the variables recorded under the registration process are very few in numbers.
- Using denominators estimated from external sources, and also adjusting for the completeness of the CRVS, the measurements like CBR or CDR can be exercised.
- Measurements like ASFR, TFR, sex ratio at birth or life expectancy at birth etc. will not be possible to compute.
Variables covered during CR

**Table 1: Variables Recorded in Birth Registration**

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Bangladesh is enriched with over 25 health and demographic surveys in the last 2 decades.

Nationally representative sample surveys are routinely carried out by BBS, NIPORT, etc. (SVRS, MICS, BDHS, BMMS, UESD, HMSS, etc.)

The reports of the Sample Vital Registration System (SVRS) produced by BBS provide national and regional data on population, births and deaths, causes of death, and life expectancy.

Incorporating these survey and surveillance data with the CRVS data in generation of vital statistics as well as in assessing the inequality in civil registration and vital statistics systems.
Consultation was undertaken on the availability of the data sets and their usability in assessing the inequality in civil registration and in generating vital statistics.

Looked into the depth and breadth of the data by examining the variables considered and their suitability in assessing the inequality in CRVS.

Conducted a quick quality assessment of the proposed data sources.

A primary assessment of the quality of the death data by evaluating their methodologies was in depth discussion.
Ensure Access To All Microdata Including CR Data In Usable Format.

Engage The IA Team And Analyze The Data.

More Capacity Building Is Required To Institutionalize The IA.

Establish A Dedicated Vital Statistics Unit In BBS To Analyze The Different CRVS Data.

Regular Monitoring Of The CR Through Inequality Assessment.
Roadmap of Inequality Assessment

Under IA Project of ESCAP

Development
- Data Mapping and Need Assessment
  - 1st Capacity Building Workshop

Future Events
- 2nd Capacity Building Workshop
- Analyzing the data

Inception
- Recruited National Consultant
- Inception Workshop in November 2022

Work in Progress
- Preparation of 2nd Capacity Building and LoA Workshop
  - Data Sharing Agreement

Sustainability
- Set up a unit in NSO for VS and IA.
- Publication of IA
- Sharing the lesson learnings
## Work Plan 2023

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