



# Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Situation in Pakistan

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# Progress in Pakistan

- Pakistan has a population of 217 million, with annual growth rate of 1.3%
- Nearly 45% of the total population is under the age of 18.
- Birth Registration rate 42% for under five children (PDHS 2018).
- Approximately 15 million children's birth registered in Pakistan in last 5 years (digital, manual and hybrid models).
- Revised By-laws for registration of birth, marriage, divorce and death.

## Progress in Pakistan (Contd.)

- Digital Birth Registration in Sindh province in partnership with Telenor.
- Project recently also taken up in Punjab province.
- Local Government access of online- web based CRVS System developed by NADRA (real time verification and data storage).
- CRVS assessment conducted in Pakistan.
- National and Provisional Multi-stakeholder Steering and Coordination Committees on CRVS.

# Progress in Sindh

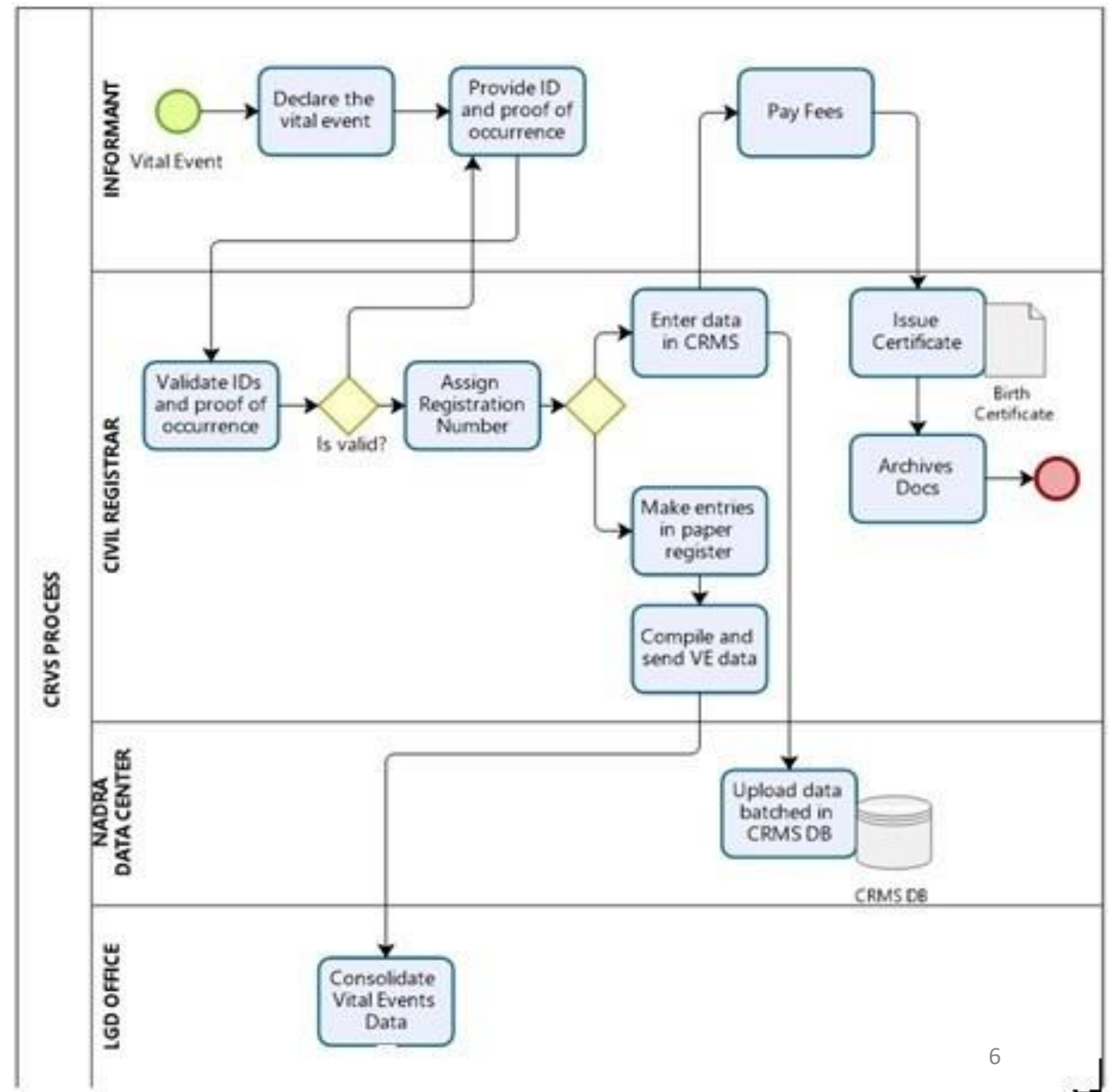
- Sindh province has a population of 48 million. 34% birth registration rate in Sindh, under five children.
- Previous registration module include manual verification by UCs.
- MoU signed between NADRA and Local Government Dept Sindh in 2020 for implementation of new online web based CRMS System
- 100% UC's linked with NADRA online CRMS system, capacity building of UC staff for use of CRMS system.
- Digital Birth Registration cell notified into a CRVS cell by Local Government Dept in Nov 2020.

Total JAN – DEC 2022	PER MONTH AVERAGE	PER DAY AVERAGE
2,056,898	171,408	5713

## Progress in Sindh (Contd.)

- Regular public funds allocated from 2020 for CRVS Cell as part of recurrent budget.
- Facilitation of Birth Registration in Health Facilities through establishment of birth registration desks and linking them with Union Councils → now moving towards integration (EPI...)
- Demand generation through various communication channels (radio, cable, loud speakers, community sessions...)
- Free birth registration certificates for zero-dose, immunization defaulter and polio missed children in high-risk urban areas
- By-laws on registration of births, deaths, marriages, divorces endorsed by Cabinet
- Govt allocated PKR 30 million to register births for free during floods

# BR Process at UC level



# Challenges

- **CRVS is interdisciplinary subject, inter-institutional collaboration across sectors, especially to link health, local govt and statistics departments**
- **Requires legal framework to clarify the functions of the various stakeholders in birth registration**
- **Administrative and management challenges for registration at local level.**
- **Data quality and completeness issues.**
- **Dire need for demand generation as BR is not mandatory**
- **Funding gaps for smooth and effective implementation of CRVS activities**
- **CRVS is relatively a new area, therefore difficult to identify CRVS Expertise/HR.**

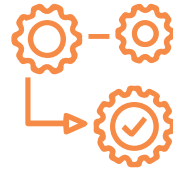
# Opportunities

- **Linking Birth Registration with Expanded Programme for Immunization (EPI) registry mobile application for a health integrated birth registration model – one stop shop**
- **Once integration is achieved, data to be shared with NADRA as the Pakistan’s registry to strengthen CRVS system and reporting on SDG 16.9**
- **Govt funds allocation to register births free of cost during the recent floods – precedence now exists to apply this during humanitarian situations.**
- **Demand generated, particularly during the floods is seen to impact increased birth registration rates.**
- **Curriculum development on CRVS at the Civil Services Training Academy**



# Way Forward

## Strengthening of CRVS & Integration with Health Sector



**Simplified business process using Technology – one stop shop**



Integration with health sector for CRVS - linking immunization registry with birth registration.



**Capacity strengthening of CRVS actors**



**Demand generation and linking of social services with vital events registration**



**Enabling legislation which bridges the existing gaps in CRVS system – clarification of functions of CRVS stakeholders (LG, Health, NADRA)**





**Thank you**