Options for a regional framework for CRVS beyond 2024

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Continuation of a regional framework for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific?

- Extension of Decade
  - To align with the 2030 SDG Agenda?
- New Decade
- End of the Decade
- 2015 - 2024 CRVS Decade
- Something else?
Extension to 2030

PROs

- Allows time for countries to accelerate progresses towards the targets
- Opportunity to revise targets upwards towards universal goals.
- Possibility to introduce new themes and national targets to account for new CRVS priorities.
- Time and resources to improve data availability, accuracy and completeness.
- Aligns with 2030 Agenda and preparation for the post-2030 Agenda given overlap with indicators and importance of CRVS for SDG indicators
Extension to 2030

**CONs**

- Questions on accountability and commitments to the Decade timeline.
- Needs sufficient data to estimate the amount of time needed to achieve their targets.
- Risk losing focus on targets under existing Decade by introducing new themes.
- Extension to 2030 might still not give us enough time to achieve all goals and targets.
- Conclusion of CRVS Decade may be overshadowed by the completion of the 2030 Agenda.
New CRVS Decade

**PROs**

- Resources can be reallocated to more efficiently realize new goals and targets.
- More flexibility to design a new CRVS Decade which is more relevant to the latest needs.
- Opportunity to obtain renewed political commitments and initiate work on themes such as links to ID, digitization, inclusivity, and resilience.
- Accountability to the existing CRVS Decade timeline.
- Builds on achievements of the existing CRVS Decade.
New CRVS Decade

**CONS**

- Requires significant resources and time to design and implement a new Decade.
- For lagging targets that are not included in the new Decade, there is a risk of stagnation or regression.
- Potential missed opportunity to align the new CRVS Decade with the end of the 2030 Agenda and design of a new one.
- Could lead to loss of momentum and commitment while the design of the new CRVS Decade is underway.
Ending CRVS Decade

PROs

- Acknowledging progress to-date and committing to the initial timeline for the 2014-2025 CRVS Decade.
- Opportunity and time to conduct a comprehensive review of the Decade, including a possible independent assessment.
- Ability to join the post-2030 Agenda discussion and integrate the post 2030 Agenda goals and targets into an updated/new regional framework for CRVS beyond 2024.
CONs

- Potential gap in commitments and initiatives on CRVS
- Possible stagnation or at worst regression of CRVS impacts and coverage
- Current inequalities of CRVS impacts can exacerbate.
- Resource and time required to re-engage key national stakeholders and development partners can be substantial.
- Losing the momentum and engagement of the Decade
Is there another option? Any ideas?

- What would be the pros?
- What would be the cons?
Thank you!

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