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Options for a regional framework for CRVS beyond 2024

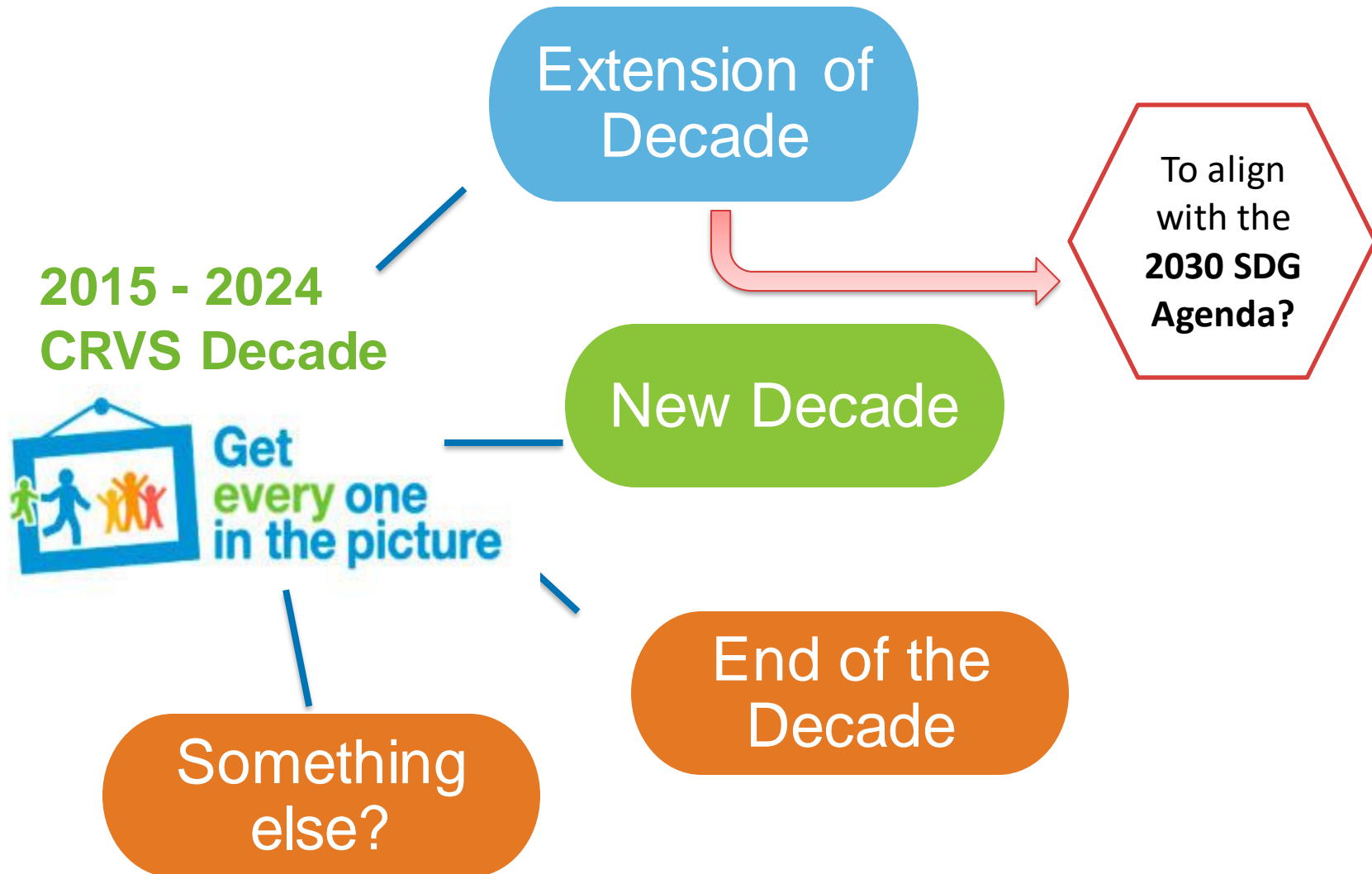
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Continuation of a regional framework for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific ?



Extension 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.

Ending CRVS Decade

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?





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