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Implementing Inequality Assessment and Strengthening Demographic Analysis Capacity

Ninth meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific | 10-12 May 2023, Bangkok
Policy decision on Inequality Assessment of Civil Registration:

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

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Yes

Yes

Yes

Decision has been taken to conduct the inequality assessment

Note:
Sixth CRVS Steering Committee meeting (28 January 2021) adopted the decision (No. 6.1) to conduct the inequality assessment keeping in mind the following two areas:

• People who live in hard-to-reach area or communicatively backward areas, and
• Low registration rate of female deaths

Moreover, The refugees and stateless persons (Rohinga people) will not consider in the Inequality assessment.

❖ It will be necessary to validate the Inequality Assessment Report of CR in CRVS steering committee meeting before going to publish it nationally and Internationally.
Background

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 computed.
Variables covered during CR

Table 1: Variables Recorded in Birth Registration

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Table 2: Variables Recorded in Death Registration

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Data Coverage

• 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.
Data Mining from Secondary Sources

- 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.
Way Forward

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

Inception
- Recruited National Consultant
- Inception Workshop in November 2022

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

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

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

Sustainability
- Set up a unit in NSO for VS and IA
- Publication of IA
- Sharing the lesson learnings
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<td>A.1.2 Build demographic and statistical capacity of government officials in implementing the CRVS inequality assessment through the organization of the 2nd national capacity-building workshop in July (4 days, 30 participants)</td>
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**Work plan 2023**
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