Role of Legislative Reforms in Vital Events Notifications
Thematic Areas to strengthen CRVS System in Pakistan
Importance of CRVS Legal Framework

- Well-designed legislation gives clear guidelines and rules for the registration of vital events and creation of vital statistics.

- Civil registration has two basic functions (legal function & statistical function) and both should be reflected in the law.
  - **Legal Function** that registers vital events and provides identity documents.
  - **Statistical Function** that generates national and subnational vital statistics data.

- CRVS law should provide guidelines on how to register vital events, define the role of stakeholders in the system, and outline the services it provides.
Key Legislative Issues Identified

- No clarity in roles and responsibilities.
- Poor Enforcement and understanding
- Inconsistent Application of legislation.
- Contradictory or outdated legislation.
- No provisions about data protection.
- Late registrations issues
- Complexity related to payments.
- Fragmented & inconsistent legislation.
- Lack of clear definitions.
Needs and Requirements from CRVS Legal Framework

Legislation, rules, regulations and bye-laws/SOPs need to:

- provide definitions of vital events;
- make the civil registration of vital events compulsory;
- define the functions, duties and responsibilities;
- make registration free of charge, or charge a low fee for late registration.
- ensure access to registration for all without discrimination.
- protect the confidentiality of data in civil registration records
- ensure quality, timeliness and completeness of vital statistics
- put in place measures to protect the integrity of civil registration records
- align certification of deaths with international standards
- ensure uniform implementation of regulations across Pakistan.
to establish a robust mechanism under the National Framework to revamp and reform the civil registration of vital events and ensuing vital statistics to support informed policy making in social, economic and health sector for the fulfillment of basic human rights.
Role of Legislative Reforms in Vital Events Notification - Salient Features

- Policy Shift
- Inclusion of Key Definitions
- Assignment of Roles & Responsibilities
- Timeframe and Procedure for Notification
Salient Features

- Use of Prescribed Standardized Forms for Notification
- Flow of Information & Data Security
- Use of Digital Application for Notification
- Capacity Building
Revamped legal and institutional framework will be effectively applied through;

- restructured design and implementation of CRVS operational procedures and practices to ensure the essential function of civil registration in providing:
  - legal identity,
  - civil status,
  - family relationships,
  - nationality, and other rights.

- These will facilitate the transmission of data to the approved departments for the production
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