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MESSAGE FROM PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY, M/o PDR

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Government of Pakistan is fully committed to ensure that every citizen of this country attain his legal and political identity from responsive Civil Registration system. In this context, process of transforming Islamabad into CRVS model district, is initiated that would be replicated at larger scale throughout the country. In addition, substantial technical as well as financial support from partner agencies is being acquired. Government of Pakistan has kept CRVS in its priority agenda and would not let any stone unturned in way of responsive uniform Civil Registration system.



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Pakistan International Summit on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics -

November 28-29, 2019



Pakistan hosted 1st International Summit on CRVS during November 28 - 29, 2018 in Islamabad. The summit was inaugurated by Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, Development and Reform, Ms. Kanwal Shauzab. Participation was drawn from multiple Federal Ministries and Provincial Departments of Health, Planning, Local Governments, Law and Justice, Information Technology, National Registration Authority (NADRA), Universities, Research organizations and International Partner Agencies mainly UNICEF, WB, DFID and WHO. The summit was also attended by delegates of Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. The event is expected to accelerate the efforts of governments and development partners to ensure that by 2025, all the citizens in the country benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems. It is hoped that in near future CRVS Pakistan would become at par with other nations, offering universal civil registration coverage to all individuals.

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South Asian Regional Meeting of Civil Registrars – November 30, 2018



Technical Support Unit – CRVS, MoPDR hosted a meeting of Civil Registrars of eight countries from South Asia (CR8) in collaboration with UNICEF on November 30, 2018 in Islamabad. The prime objective of the meeting was to boost the CR8 network and provide inputs to make it efficient, understand CR systems of the eight countries from South Asia to find common grounds for working together. This high-level regional meeting was attended by technical expert from Afghanistan, Bangladesh (online), Maldives, Pakistan. Whereas participants from Nepal and Sri Lanka mission, and senior officials of Provincial departments and heads of international agencies also attended the meeting.

United Nations ESCAP 75th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific – May 29, 2019



Pakistan and UNESCAP co-organized a panel discussion 'Civil registration and identity for all - a pathway to SDGs' during the 75th Session of the Commission. Moderated by Deputy Executive Secretary (Mr. Hongjoo Hahm), the panel constituted Malaysia (Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician), China (Mr. Li Hong, Permanent Representative to ESCAP), Pakistan (Dr. S.M. Mursalin, Ministry of Planning Development and Reform), UNICEF (Ms. Kendra J. Gregson, Regional Adviser Child Protection) and UNESCAP (Ms. Gemma Van Halderen, Director Statistics Division). Welcome speech was given by H.E. Mr. Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative to UNESCAP. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP also participated in the event and offered the closing remarks.

UNESCAP Workshop on Vital Statistics Report Writing Jan – Apr 2019

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), with support from the Bloomberg Data for Health Initiative (D4H), conducted workshop to improve the capacity of national Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) systems in producing and disseminating vital statistics. The Project supports the implementation of the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, in particular Goal 3 of SDGs which stipulates that accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced, based on registration records, and disseminated. This multi-phased Project consists of two sequential training workshops between January and April 2019 that enabled the participating countries i.e. Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan and Thailand, in creating a complete, national vital statistics report.

CRVS Study Visit Peru – May 13-17, 2019



A delegation of representatives from MoPDR, provincial governments and UNICEF country office visited Republic of Peru to study and observe their Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System which has reputation of digitally optimized system for efficiency of yield. The delegation was led by Dr. Muhammad Asif, Chief Health/ National CRVS Focal Person. Study team observed processes and SOPs of different divisions of Registro Nacional de Identificación y Estado Civil (RENIEC), a municipality in Lima and had detailed interaction with representatives of Peruvian Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion and Ombudsman Office. Dr. M. Asif expressed appreciation to the RENIEC for their significant contributions to the effective revamping of vital events registration system which serves a good example of copying with multidimensional development challenges while at the same time increasing their collective impact. He also apprised that Pakistan is perusing a well-defined roadmap for CRVS uplift where we intend to finalize our national strategic framework on CRVS by the end of this year.

NATIONAL MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

Study and Consultation on Comprehensive & Uniform CRVS Legislation in Pakistan

A sound legal framework is the basis of a universal and responsive CRVS system, but unfortunately existing provincial laws for registration of vital events are not comprehensive enough to include all the relevant happenings in a person's life. Towards this end, an in-depth study was further organized by TSU-CRVS (Nov.2018- Feb 2019) to review current legislation for CRVS both at National and Provincial levels and a feasibility for enactment of CRVS Universal law. This study focused upon the review of pre-independence and post-independence laws including the legislations for registration of births, deaths, marriages and divorces and strengths and weaknesses of the legislation.



Based on results of study, a consultative meeting was held on March 04, 2019 to share findings of in depth review and to build consensus of provinces and stakeholders for development of umbrella CRVS Law. After that, again on April 22, 2019, an exercise was organized by Technical Support Unit at University of Health Sciences, Lahore for 'Rapid Assessment of CRVS Legislative Process' based upon an international tool being currently used in some other countries for assessment of Legal Framework. The results depicted various issues including poor enactment, no clarity on roles and responsibilities and certifying cause of death.

Consultative Workshop on Data Repository for CRVS – May 02, 2019



A consultative workshop on Data Repository for CRVS was organized by Technical Support Unit (TSU) in PPMI complex, H-8 Islamabad. The objective of the meeting was to get clear understanding about the existing "Data Sources" in Pakistan, scope, data collection and compilation practices. In addition, to discuss the data requirements for development of **"National Annual CRVS Report" and "Mid-Term Review of the CRVS Decade 2015-2024"**. Representatives from multiple Federal Ministries and Provincial Departments of Health, Planning, Local Governments, Information Technology, National Registration Authority (NADRA) and International Partner Agencies mainly UNICEF, DFID and WHO participated in the workshop. NADRA agreed to assist in providing information they have in their database. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) would assist in conveying the Denominator figures for all the desired targets from Census 2017. It was decided that once Technical Support Unit (TSU) consolidated all the information separately for National and Provincial levels, this would be shared with provinces for their comments and observations, if any, before the finalization of National Document and presentation at Ministerial Conference (Planned 2020).

Consultative Meeting on Draft National Policy to Revamp and Reform CRVS System in Pakistan

Recognizing the existing situation of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) System in the country, Planning Commission decided to embark upon revamping the CRVS in Pakistan in the context of adjusting to new realities and challenges. For this purpose, a National Consultative Meeting was held on 26 June, 2019 to share and discuss the draft National Policy to revamp and reform Civil Registration System in Pakistan. Participation was derived from Federal Ministry of Planning Development and Reform, National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Capital Development Authority (CDA), UNICEF, UNHCR, World Bank and Provincial Local Government and Rural Development Departments.

During meeting, it was decided that draft National CRVS Policy Framework along with proposed Registration mechanisms for vital events (births, deaths, marriage and divorce) will be shared with all relevant stakeholders and focal points for their feedback and to build consensus on proposed policy actions. At ICT level, policy shift will be implemented through PC-1 on "Development of ICT into CRVS Model District" and the project would be replicated in other provinces in future.



CRVS Assessment Workshop, April 11, 2019

CRVS Assessment Workshop was conducted with the aim to orient participants on In-Depth Assessment of CRVS System in Punjab that is being conducted to assess the current situation of CRVS functioning with special reference to such information generation, transmission, consolidation, analysis and its use by various departments. CRVS International Consultants from UNICEF (Mia Elisabeth Harbitz and Sebastian Rohr) were among the main facilitators and the workshop was participated by representatives from national ministries, provincial departments and international partners. This workshop will provide a reference for implementation of such activity in other provinces also.

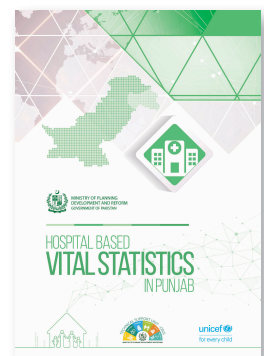


ASSESSMENT STUDIES

Study on Availability, Registration and Quality of Hospital Based Records of Vital Statistics (Births & Death) in Punjab.

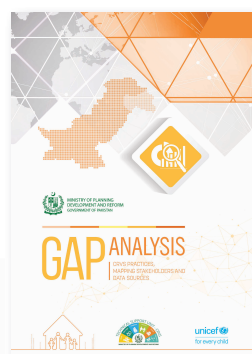
Technical Support Unit organized a short term study during Jan – June 2019 to identify current arrangements or readiness available in terms of physical, human / training, IT Support, capacity and other resources available in Tertiary and Secondary Hospital of Punjab province. Second part of study is mainly to address current practice of birth, death and CoD registration with ICD coding, Birth Registration and Mortality Data Analysis and trends.

Two questionnaires were developed in consultation with the stakeholders and contents were based on the study objectives. A purposive sampling technique was used for selection of data collection sites (health facilities). However, the focus was on major 25 Tertiary care and DHQ hospitals of the Punjab province. The study depicted that no standardized data format with ICD-Coding is available. So for this limitation data on causes of death was collected from Lahore based hospitals, where in total 64,296/- deaths records were analyzed by hospital, disease and age group.



Study of GAP Analysis of current CRVS practices, mapping stakeholders and potential data sources both at Federal and Provincial; levels

The study has conducted to map stakeholders, identify various data sources and perform a gap analysis of current CRVS practices in Pakistan. Literature has reviewed and analyzed to identify various sources of births and deaths data in Pakistan. The stakeholder mapping is carried out using the stakeholders' matrix under the framework of their roles and responsibilities involved in CRVS process. The results have been presented in the five key areas of CRVS System. These including reporting, registration, certification, data analysis/storage, and demand creation.



Assessment of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics practices, resources and functioning in ICT, GB and AJK

Keeping the aforementioned challenges in perspective, this study aims to review the existing practices in reporting of vital events and generation of vital statistics by the national and provincial authorities. The study also examined the existing data sources including the existing health information that can be utilized to monitor the SGDs indicators. The study analyzed mechanism commonly used to generate vital statics including growth rate, fertility rate, mortality rates etc, and provided evidence for policymaking and programs development.

