

Short Statement of Afghanistan delegation

AS you know
One of the important issue regarding to the data for ~~Afghanistan~~ is Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, which is not included only birth and death, but also cause of ~~the~~ death. The coverage of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Afghanistan *is good* is very low, almost (~~45%~~ ^{45%} percent) and *we have some* there is lot of problem and challenges to cover all over Afghanistan, but it is the top priorities of Afghanistan to cover all Afghanistan by (2024). Afghanistan already started struggling for expanding of the coverage of CRVS by the help of national and international organization. Afghanistan have examined an initiative which is involving religious leader and Imams for reporting of birth and death to the registration office. Because most of Afghanistan's people rely on the religious leaders and elders and they can help the system effectively. It is a starting point and it should be improved.

As you know conflict and war destroyed all infrastructures in Afghanistan, therefore Afghanistan is not able to improve CRVS system independently. We still need technical and financial assistance from international community. We need regional cooperation for improvement of CRVS as well. We need technical personal for identifying cause of death. We need training in this regard. Furthermore advocacy is very important issue for the improvement of the system.

Afghanistan is one of the member of EMRO region. EMRO has already started assessment of capacity of the member countries. According to that assessment, Afghanistan has some achievement in this regards which is:

- Close cooperation between related organizations such as Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Interior and Central Statistics Organization.
- Conducting rapid and comprehensive assessment for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.
- Having legal framework such as new law of CRVS
- Central Statistics Organization is able for data storage and disseminate of CRVS data

These achievements allows us to improve the system in the country with the cooperation of people and international community.

Thanks you very much for your attention.