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**Support for strengthening civil
registration and vital statistics**



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Introduction

- Results measurement approach agreed at third Investors Group meeting (Geneva, June 2016)
 - Agreement on core and additional indicators to be included in each country's Investment Case (*aligned with EWEC, SDG processes*)
 - Programmatic, health financing, health systems strengthening, M&E capacity
 - Core programmatic indicators:
 - Maternal mortality ratio
 - Under-5 mortality rate
 - Neonatal mortality rate
 - Adolescent birth rate
 - Percentage of women of reproductive age who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods
 - Prevalence of stunting among children aged under-5 years

Results measurement for the GFF

- Many GFF-supported countries have inadequate monitoring and evaluation systems
- GFF prioritizes strengthening of national systems
 - CRVS systems have the potential to provide much better measurement of mortality, including comprehensive data on causes of death
 - CRVS prioritized as a previously under-funded data source

Background on CRVS

- **Civil registration (CR)** – the continuous, permanent, compulsory and universal recording of the occurrence and characteristics of vital events pertaining to the population
- **Vital statistics (VS)** – the collection of statistics on vital events (e.g., births, deaths [and causes of death], marriages, divorces) in a lifetime of a person as well as relevant characteristics of the events themselves
- A **well-functioning CRVS system registers all births and deaths**, issues birth and death certificates and compiles and disseminates birth and death statistics, including cause-of-death information

Importance of CRVS

■ Legal documents

- Prove identity, citizenship and rights over property
- Realization and protection of human and civil rights

■ Real-time data

- Estimating population size and growth
- Implementing and evaluating public, maternal and child health programs
- Understanding economic and social dimensions of population
- Producing development indicators

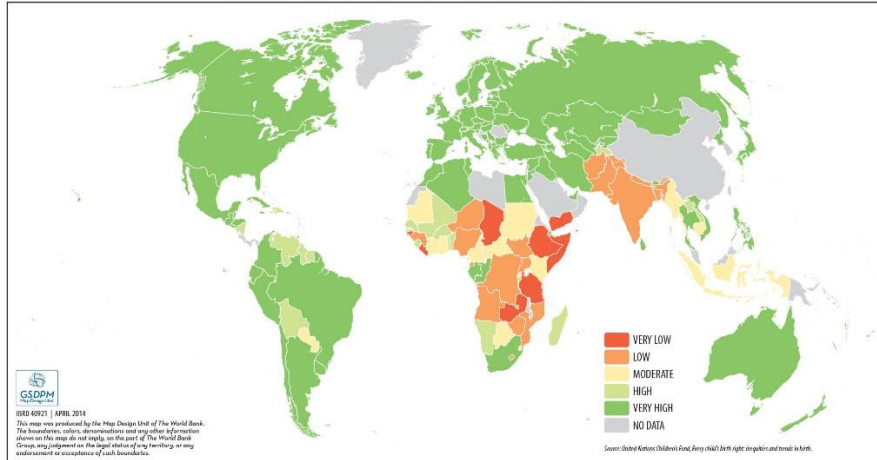
Source: UN, 2014

Importance of CRVS for the health sector

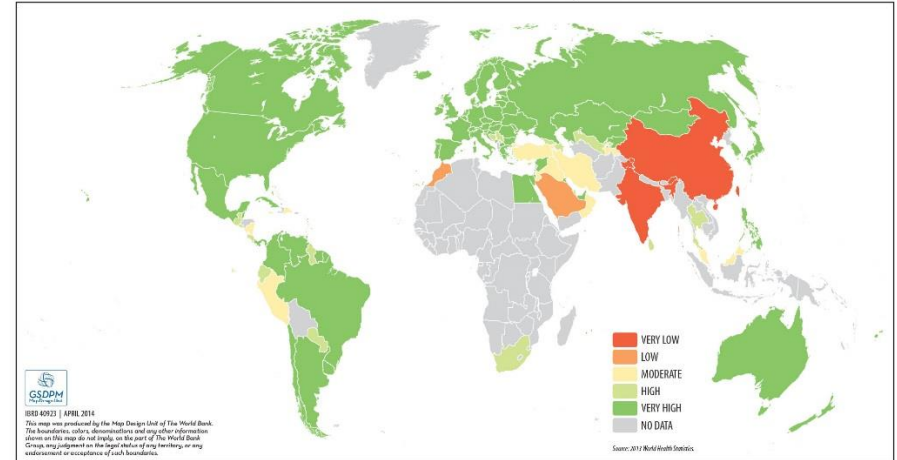
- Gold standard for measurement of fertility; and child, adolescent and adult mortality
 - E.g., infant and child mortality rates, maternal mortality ratio, communicable and non-communicable diseases, TB, HIV, adolescent birth rate
- Planning, monitoring and evaluation of health programs
- Data available at lower levels of geography for adequate planning of current and future needs
- Other uses:
 - Evidence that CRVS can have positive health outcomes (birth registration and immunization)
 - Data from CRVS may also be used to provide signal of potential shortcomings in the health system

Status of CRVS and cause-of-death statistics

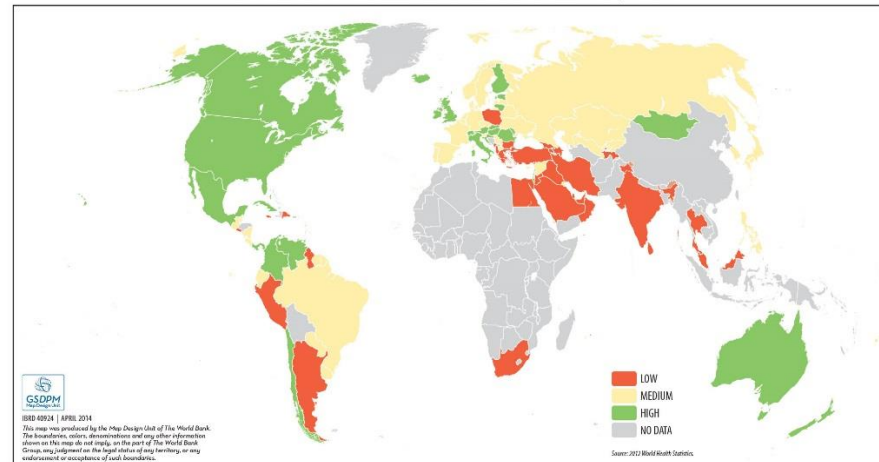
BIRTH REGISTRATION COVERAGE, DECEMBER 2013



DEATH REGISTRATION COVERAGE, 2013



QUALITY OF CAUSE-OF-DEATH STATISTICS, 2012



Towards strengthening CRVS

- Calls for efforts to build functional, integrated and sustainable CRVS systems
- 2015–2024 declared “Decade of Civil Registration” in Africa, Asia and the Pacific by CR Ministers, with the goal of registering all vital events
- Many countries have completed assessments of CRVS systems and costed national CRVS strategic plans
- Substantial financing gap: “Global CRVS scaling-up investment plan: 2015–2024” estimates gap at ~US\$2 billion
 - GFF countries largely “high” or “moderate” need

Partnerships for CRVS

- National governments
- GFF Trust Fund + IDA/IBRD: Countries qualify for up to US\$10 million from GFF Trust Fund when matched with IDA/IBRD financing
- Development partners and donors at country level
 - UNICEF
 - WHO
 - UNFPA
 - Global Fund
 - Gavi
 - GAC
 - CDC
 - USAID
 - World Bank Group
 - Plan International
 - MEASURE Evaluation
 - PATH
- Private sector

Partnerships: the case of Mozambique

- Registration indicators: birth registration = 48%; death = 12%; cause-of-death = 9% based on hospital deaths
- Key priorities: increase birth and death registration; generate vital statistics; revise legislation and increase awareness
- CRVS financing gap in 2014: US\$31 million
- Government partnerships
 - Inter-Ministerial Working Group on CRVS
 - Key CRVS Ministries: MISAU, MINJUST, INE
 - Others: Interior, Public Admin; to include Science, Foreign Affairs, University of Eduardo Mondlane

Partnerships: the case of Mozambique

- UN Task Team on CRVS
 - UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNDP
 - Technical support and financial support
 - Coordination of CRVS support and harmonized advocacy agenda among UN agencies
 - Ensure integration of CRVS into UN planning exercise
- WHO and UNICEF facilitated Global Affairs CRVS project worth C\$19 million over 5 years
- GFF processes
 - CRVS prioritized for monitoring and evaluation of RMNCAH programs
 - Plans underway to include CRVS in the Investment Case

- Investment Case
 - Ensures CRVS is included in countries' Investment Cases
 - Advocacy for CRVS: births, deaths and causes of death, marriages
 - Results monitoring and realization of human rights
 - Provides technical support for strong CRVS components in the Investment Case (in collaboration with other partners)
 - Priorities informed by nation health and development strategies and plans, including CRVS
 - Aligned to RMNCAH priorities

GFF support for CRVS

- Reinforced dialogue between ministries of health and CRVS ministries/agencies
 - Many ministries of health have not been participating adequately in CRVS activities
- Improving efficiency in delivery of health and registration services
 - Use of health facilities to facilitate notification/registration of vital events
 - Training of medical staff in ICD guidelines (e.g., maternal and perinatal death audit committees, certifiers)
 - Using other established health structures to improve registration (e.g., immunization, community health workers)
 - Linking health and registration systems

GFF support for CRVS

- Facilitate re-prioritization of CRVS activities within national CRVS investment cases
 - Increased financing for CRVS: GFF Trust Fund + IDA/IBRD
 - Countries able to make progress in strengthening CRVS
- Facilitate collaboration between development partners and donors
 - Through the process of preparing Investment cases
 - Identification of partners; resource mapping
 - Multiple stakeholders – coordination and integration of activities
- Close collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems

Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems

- GFF investment in “*global public goods that support RMNCAH results at the country level*”
- \$16 million in seed funding from the Government of Canada, and housed at the International Development Research Centre
- **Mandate:**
 - **CRVS in Investment Cases:** support countries to develop and implement CRVS systems strengthening plans in RMNCAH Investment Cases
 - **Global resource hub:** broker access to technical assistance, global standards and tools, and good practice
- **Value-added approach:**
 - **Coordinate** with CRVS development partners to **complement** and contribute to new and existing initiatives and capacity building
 - **Convene** stakeholders to support exchange of knowledge and expertise

Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems

Approach		Role at Country Level
<p>Convening, coordinating, complementing in practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate to design a digital platform that makes CRVS resources easily accessible Coordinate the development of a CRVS Systems taxonomy Contribute to and complement CRVS capacity building efforts Convene CRVS stakeholders to support Investment Case development and implementation Explore mechanisms for leveraging expertise and facilitating access to technical assistance 	<p>Developing Investment Cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and resources: share tools and standards and document good practice Peer learning and exchange: support exchange of lessons learned and good practice across countries Technical assistance: facilitate access to expertise and capacity building
		<p><i>Investment Case Approved/ GFF Financing Secured for CRVS</i></p>
	<p>Implementing Investment Cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation research: generate evidence to address bottlenecks or other implementation challenges Training: facilitate access to/support training and capacity building Technical assistance: broker access to technical expertise to support sustainable implementation Peer learning and exchange: support peer learning and exchange within and across countries

Key issues for CRVS

- Current status of CRVS systems require substantial investments in many countries
 - Limited domestic resources available for CRVS
 - GFF unable to meet high expectations for financial support required
 - Competing priorities between RMNCAH programs and strengthening of CRVS systems

Concluding remarks

- GFF process at country level:
 - Growing momentum towards strengthening CRVS systems
 - Building coordinated partnerships among development partners and donors to support country-led priorities
 - Significant investments in CRVS
 - Focus on strengthening links between CRVS systems and the health sector
- More efforts required as there remain significant challenges in CRVS
 - Especially for death registration and causes of death
 - Accessing and developing CRVS expertise

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