COUNTRY-POWERED INVESTMENTS FOR EVERY WOMAN, EVERY CHILD.

Support for strengthening civil registration and vital statistics

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FOURTH INVESTORS GROUP MEETING
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

Introduction
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

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| **Convening, coordinating, complementing** in practice:  
- 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 |  
- **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 |
| **Developing Investment Cases** | **Investment Case Approved/ GFF Financing Secured for CRVS**  
- **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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