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UPDATES ON STRENGTHENING CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS (CRVS) SYSTEMS
Objectives of the update

- Provide an overview of the status of CRVS systems in GFF countries
- Outline technical and financial support provided for strengthening CRVS systems in GFF countries
- Highlight GFF partnerships at country, regional and global levels
- Present case studies for Rwanda, Liberia and the Democratic Republic of Congo
Strengthening CRVS for RMNCAH-N

- Priority vital events for the GFF, linked to RMNCAH-N:
  - Births, deaths and their causes, and marriages

- Importance of CRVS for RMNCAH-N agenda
  - Availability of data for planning, monitoring and evaluation
  - Protection of the rights of women, children and adolescents
  - Administrative purposes
Status of CRVS: Birth registrations for children <5 years

**With birth certificate**

- Ethiopia (DHS, 2016)
- Somalia (MICS, 2006)
- Chad (DHS, 2013/14)
- Liberia (DHS, 2010)
- Tanzania (DHS, 2010)
- Uganda (DHS, 2016)
- Pakistan (DHS, 2017/18)
- Afghanistan (DHS, 2015/16)
- Zimbabwe (DHS, 2011)
- Mozambique (DHS, 2011)
- Bangladesh (DHS, 2019)
- Rwanda (DHS, 2014)
- Niger (DHS, 2012)
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- Ghana (MICS, 2017/18)
- Côte d’Ivoire (MICS, 2016)
- Cambodia (DHS, 2014)
- Guinea (MICS, 2016)
- Burkina Faso (DHS, 2010)
- Madagascar (MICS, 2018)
- Senegal (DHS, 2015)
- Sierra Leone (MICS, 2017)
- Myanmar (DHS, 2015)
- Mali (MICS, 2015)
- Haiti (DHS, 2016/17)
- Guatemala (DHS, 2013/14)

**Without birth certificate**

- Pakistan (DHS, 2017/18)
- Afghanistan (DHS, 2015)
- Zimbabwe (DHS, 2015)
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Status of CRVS: Adolescents married by exact age 15 & 18

Percentage Married by 18 years: 76
Percentage Married by 15 years: 76

Rwanda (DHS, 2014)
Tajikistan (DHS, 2017)
Vietnam (MICS, 2013/14)
Indonesia (DHS, 2012)
Haiti (DHS, 2016/17)
Cambodia (DHS, 2017/18)
Ghana (DHS, 2015/16)
Pakistan (DHS, 2017/18)
Kenya (DHS, 2014)
Senegal (DHS, 2015)
Democratic Republic of Congo (MICS, 2010)
Sierra Leone (MICS, 2013/14)
Guatemala (DHS, 2014)
Côte d'Ivoire (MICS, 2016)
Uganda (DHS, 2014)
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Liberia (DHS, 2013)
Colombia (MICS, 2018)
Madagascar (MICS, 2013)
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Mozambique (DHS, 2011)
Chad (DHS, 2014/15)
Central African Republic (MICS, 2010)
Niger (DHS, 2012)
Theory of change

**Inputs**
- CRVS resources and partnerships mapping
- Financial resources
  - IDA (incl. P4R, RBF)
  - GFF TF
  - Domestic resources
- Human resources
- International standards
- CRVS assessment reports and strategic plans
- CRVS national steering committee and/or CRVS technical working groups
- Collaboration with partners

**Activities**
- Build new (incl. mobile) and/or renovate CRVS offices
- Procure equipment and registration documents for health and CR offices
- Review organ. structure
- Recruit additional CRVS staff
- Safeguard storage and transfer of CR documents
- Adopt international standards and review CRVS-related legislation and documents (forms, cert.)
- Revise CRVS business processes
- Establish electronic CRVS system and digitize historical records
- Train and build capacity of health and CRVS officials; supervise and monitor
- Undertake advocacy and awareness raising activities
- Undertake research on CRVS

**Outputs**
- Number of functioning CR service delivery points
- Number of secure CR service delivery points

**Short-term outcomes**
- Improved geographic accessibility to civil registration services
- Increased registration completeness of births, deaths and causes of death and marriages
- Strengthened human rights and privileges for children, women and adolescents

**Medium-term outcomes**
- Improved quality (accuracy, timeliness, relevance and comparability) of CRVS data
- Improved governance and public administration services
- Improved availability and use of statistics on births, deaths and causes of death for planning and monitoring of programs

**Impact**
- Improved health and socio-economic status of women, children and adolescents

**Theory of change**
- Revised CRVS processes, CRVS-related laws and standardized CRVS documents
- Electronic / modernized CRVS system
- Number of officials trained, monitored and supervised in CRVS processes
- Increased number of the public and officials (gov., DPs, private sector) with knowledge of CRVS
- Improved knowledge on CRVS
## Key CRVS priorities in ICs and/or WB projects

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<th>COMMON CRVS FOCUS AREAS</th>
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Financing for CRVS through GFF/WB

- Contribution of CAD100 million to the GFF Trust Fund from the Government of Canada
- GFF Trust Fund linked to IDA/IBRD, determined at country level
- Other World Bank financing instruments adopted for CRVS
  - Results-based financing
  - Program for results
  - Advisory Services and Analytics
- Contribution of CAD16 million to the Centre of Excellence for CRVS systems from the Government of Canada
  - Technical assistance to countries, global standards, tools, research evidence, and document relevant good practices
Examples of collaboration with partners

- Design and implementation support of CRVS
  - Uganda, Senegal, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania

- Linking immunization with birth registration
  - Liberia, Ethiopia, Kenya

- Training and capacity building in death registration and cause-of-death recording
  - Country-specific (Uganda, Liberia)
  - Regional: Vietnam (including Cambodia, Indonesia, Liberia and other non-GFF)
- **Resources Library** is a “one-stop-shop” for online learning tools, standards, good practice publications, and other knowledge resources developed for different audiences by CRVS stakeholders.

- **Directory of Experts** to connect those looking for technical support with relevant expertise and support.

- **Online glossary of CRVS systems**, providing terms and definitions used globally in the CRVS community of practice.
New publications

- Country profiles of CRVS systems are being developed in English and French. Profiles of 12 GFF-supported countries have been published.
- Knowledge Brief Series on Gender and CRVS.
- Revised the Handbook on CRVS and Identity Management systems: Communication for development.
- The Nexus between Civil Registration and Social Protection Systems: Five Country Practices.
Country case studies
CRVS strengthening through the health sector: Liberia

- CRVS prioritized in IC and US$1 million allocated from GFF TF
- Partners: Gavi, UNICEF, WHO, Plan Liberia
- Priority areas:
  - Decentralization of CR services (establish services in health facilities, staff, equipment)
  - Standardization of collection tools and business processes
  - Development and integration of electronic systems
  - Training and capacity building
  - Awareness raising campaigns
  - Monitoring and supervision (motorcycles)
- Areas of further improvement:
  - Promoting death registration and recording of causes of death,
  - Expansion of CR services to cover more districts and health facilities
CRVS strengthening through the health sector: Liberia

- Results

**Number of births registered by year: Liberia, 2010–2019**

- Central
- County
CRVS strengthening through social protection: Rwanda

- CRVS prioritized in the IC (National ECD Program Strategic Plan)
- US$3 million allocated from GFF TF; US$6.5 million from the Government
- Discussions underway to include the expansion of CRVS in forthcoming Social Protection operations to be financed by IDA
- Priority areas: birth registration, certification, issuance of unique number at birth
  - Supports implementation of nutrition-sensitive direct support conditional cash transfers for pregnant women and mothers with children <2 years
  - Uniquely identify children, linked to their mothers to access the NSDS
  - Interoperability of civil registration, national ID, health and social protection information systems
CRVS strengthening through social protection: Rwanda

- **Activities supported:**
  - Revision of the Law of Persons and Family, which would allow registration in health facilities
  - Digital birth and death registration modules completed + other vital events
  - Issuance of National Identification Number for children at birth approved
  - Training and capacity building
  - Social and behavior change communication interventions

- **Areas of further improvement:**
  - Increase completeness of death registration and recording of causes of death specifically for deaths that occur in communities
CRVS strengthening through the education sector: DRC

- CRVS prioritized in the IC
- US$10 million from GFF TF & US$10 million from IDA for CRVS
- Financed through Human Development Systems Strengthening Project
  - CRVS strategic plan
  - Increase birth registration and certification through catch-up campaigns in schools
  - Serve to collect data for the student registry, to be established as part of the Education Management Information System
  - Multisectoral approach involving ministries of Primary, Secondary and Vocational Education; Interior and Security; Justice; and Health.
CRVS strengthening through the education sector: DRC

- Registration processes:
  - Staff from the CR office are incentivized to:
    - Collect the necessary information during school registration
    - Deliver the birth certificates to the schools once they are issued
  - Project pays for a special court judgment to facilitate registration after 90 days
  - Electronic CR system (for urban and for rural settings)
  - Training and capacity building

- Areas of further improvement:
  - Expansion to the whole country
Concluding remarks

- The GFF has extended support for CRVS strengthening to many countries, with more encouraged to increase their allocation of resources for CRVS

- Contributed to the development of standards, tools, research evidence, and documented good practices for the CRVS community

- There has been close collaboration with partners at the country, regional and global levels to provide support to GFF countries

- Notable strides have been made by several countries in strengthening CRVS systems

- Further coordination, collaboration and alignment of resources required by all partners to help countries to build well-functioning and sustainable CRVS systems.
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