



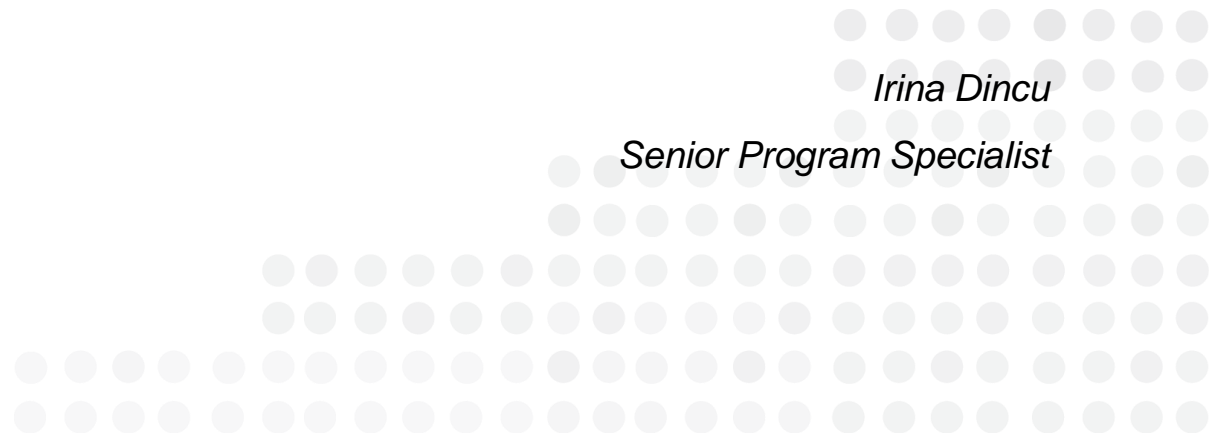
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## Fulfill the promise – why CRVS matter more for women and girls


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# CRVS Data: A crucial input for gender-related SDGs



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34 out of the 54 gender-related SDG indicators identified by UN Women benefit from data provided by **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)** system



This tabulation includes 54 gender-related indicators identified by UN Women. Indicators requiring CRVS identified by Open Data Watch.



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**CRVS is the basis to achieve the 2030 Agenda**



**WHO?**

**WHERE?**

**WHY?**

**HOW**



# Investing in **CRVS**: The key to gender empowerment



The benefits of investing in CRVS systems for women and girls far outweigh their costs.



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Scaling up **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)** systems requires investment but offers significant impacts in economic growth, political engagement, and empowerment of women.

**1.5 billion USD**

*(matched by equal domestic funding)* required to build CRVS systems in 77 of world's poorest countries.



This is **1 percent** of current official development assistance (ODA).

Benefits of CRVS investment include:



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**Financial Inclusion**



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**Political Participation**



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**Health Services Access**



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# Why CRVS Matters for Women

- Birth registration is far from complete – averages do not tell us the entire picture
- Birth registration could protect against child marriage
- Women are less likely than men to have national ID, reinforcing women's exclusion
- ID can act as a gateway to improving women's political voice
- Women are more at risk of statelessness than men
- For migrant women it is critical to have access to documentation, as they might be more prone to abuse
- Complete CRVS data can be used to track and make visible those women and girls left farthest behind



# Why Women matter for CRVS

- Averages mask gender inequalities in birth registration and access to legal ID
- Unrecorded marriages and teen and unwed motherhood have intergenerational costs
- Gender inequalities in death registration can be large and further entrench these inequalities
- Gender intensifies constraints to civil registration and national ID
- Financial incentives help close gender gaps in CRVS and ID coverage





# Gender consequences of CRVS exclusion



**Excluding women and girls from CRVS systems has significant impacts on the visibility and legal rights of women around the world.**

Photo: Mohamad Al-Arief/World Bank



A life-course approach to **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)** systems encompasses birth and death registration and the often-neglected areas of marriage and divorce registration. Examples of the disproportionate impact of non-registration on women and girls exist all over the world.



**Sex-selective delays in birth registration in China pose social protection risks for women and girls.**



**Under-registration of marriage of Syrian refugees can impact registration of future vital events.**



**Low registration of female deaths misinforms public health interventions to improve women's health.**



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# Making CRVS systems work for women



**Barriers to registration are particularly problematic for women who lack access to resources and have limited autonomy.**

Photo: John Isaac/World Bank

A **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)** system provides legal documentation of identity, civil status, and family relations. Solutions are needed to overcome gender-based barriers to registration.

- ▶ Delegate responsibilities to the local level, close to where women live and work.
- ▶ Draw on the health services that women and girls use to facilitate civil registration.
- ▶ Make registration and the issuance of certificates free of charge.
- ▶ Remove legal, regulatory and customary barriers that inhibit civil registration for women and girls.



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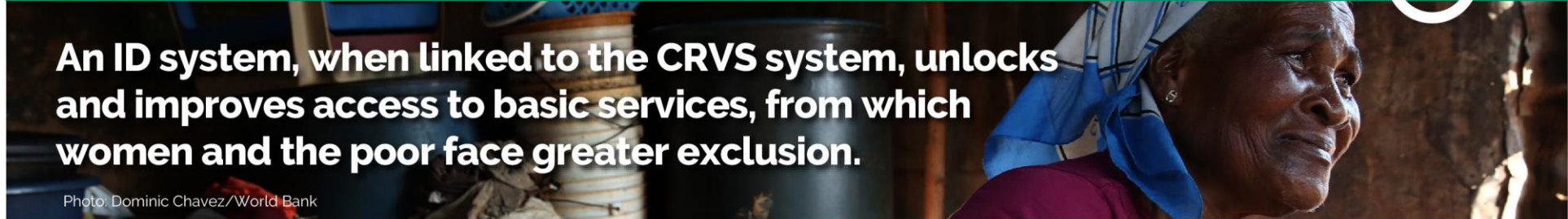


# Linking ID and CRVS systems for women



**An ID system, when linked to the CRVS system, unlocks and improves access to basic services, from which women and the poor face greater exclusion.**

Photo: Dominic Chavez/World Bank



A **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)** system includes data on birth, death, marriage, and divorce events of individuals. A well-functioning CRVS system can make a national ID system more inclusive.



## Legal Identification

is a gateway to lifting women's political voice, increasing agency, and reducing gender gaps in the economy.

## Updating mechanisms of a National Identity System (NIS)



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# Gender Dimensions of CRVS

**Civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) and ID systems matter (more) for women.**

**A gender lens should inform the development, implementation, and monitoring of vital statistics and identity documentation.**

**Women are uniquely poised to be agents of change for universal civil registration and ID systems that “leave no one behind.”**

**Disaggregated data show gender inequalities in CRVS and ID coverage.**

**A CRVS and ID data, research, and action agenda informed by a gender lens** includes improving data on marriage registration and certification; improving death registration and recording with a gender lens; investigating inequalities in coverage of vital events within countries; investigating gender related supply-side barriers to registration, including legal restrictions; testing cost-effective interventions to increase coverage and reduce gender gaps; and designing programs with a human-centered design approach that seeks to benefit women and girls.



# Conclusion

- **Prioritization**
- **Funding and finances**
- **Partnership and collaboration**
- **Knowledge and research**
- **Balance**



**Make civil registration and vital statistics systems less gender blind and more gender transformative**



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