Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
in Asia and the Pacific

Some issues about widespread use of ID and PII-related problems

In I.R. Iran, registration of status the of population, is an integration of the systems of civil registration, population registration, vital statistics and identity management and access, based on national legislations.

From the administrative & executive point of view, systems of civil registration and identity management and access are regulated by separate deputies. Vital statistics system and population registration are regulated by Bureau of demographic and migration statistics.

Principles for the protection of Personally Identifiable Information have been considered in the Legislations for the Registration of Personal Status in Iran, since the development of the responsible organization (a century ago).

act34: disclosure of information registered in civil documents is impermissible, unless for the owner of the document, Competent Judicial and Government Authorities.

However, in the last decade, by computerizing paper documents & records and identity services, spreading applications of National ID in all databases of human information and setting up personal information inquiring services, some challenges are emerged:

A. What action should be performed to prevent organs that inquired ID-based information from developing local databases of personal information, without notifying the systems of Civil registration and Identity management & access and/or the principal's consent.
As a primitive approach, Iran's civil registration system tends to replace such ID-verification services by issuance of time-limited licenses that verify one's personal information.

B. How should aware persons about the processes and procedures for data exchange and web-based identity services? A one by one permissions for each service, or a general notification that caution about probable situations that their personal data may be requested, accessed and used.

C. What would be the best mechanism for the announcement and issuance of authorization for services based on dual events (marriage and divorce) information?

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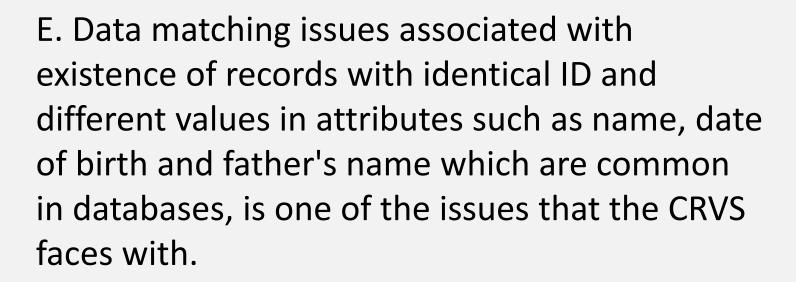
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Another legal challenging aspect is "Who is responsible for verification of linked records as a family?"

E. Data matching issues associated with existence of records with identical ID and different values in attributes such as name, date of birth and father's name which are common in databases, is one of the issues that the CRVS faces with.

The Legislations for the Registration of Personal Status in Iran, returns to the time before the digitization and establishment of Personal information inquiring services.
On the other hand, citizenship rights induce some requirements that make it difficult to design civil registration and identity management and access to cyberspace.

It seems that with the growing number of electronic transactions based on civil registration information, it is necessary to make civil registration as a more interactive process with citizens in such a way that each transaction be accompanied by explicit citizen authorization.

This, of course, imposes a great deal of cost and time on the system and is actually a major challenge.

However ID allocation will be the basis for development: ID4D; electronic requirements for the development of civil registration and identity management procedures and Culture of personal data disclosure and protection, are essential for protection of personally identifiable information more than ever before.

At the summit, it is suggested to pay more attention to the need to align laws about civil registration and identity management and access, proportionate to the requirements of PII .

According to the achievement of successful platforms such as OpenCRVS and ID4D in developing civil registration and applications of ID Partners should be justified about the variety of problems and issues raised after the widespread use of ID.
In Designing platforms, Partners should put development of ID-based services in countries that have passed the ID allocation phase, in the agenda.

Thank you for the opportunity given to me

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