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**National CRVS
coordination mechanism
In Iran (Islamic Republic Of)**



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◆ Main national stakeholders (*Who are the national stakeholders engaged in CRVS activities?*)

◆ **As CRO: National Organization for Civil Registration (NOCR)**

◆ **As Health Sector: Ministry of Health and Medical Education (MOHME)**

◆ **As NSO: Statistical Centre of Iran (SCI)**

◆ **Other relevant stakeholders such as:** Ministry of Interior, Municipals, Legal Medicine Organization, I.R. Iran Medical Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Consulates: for abroad Iranians), Universities, Ministry of Agriculture , Ministry of Education , Ministry of culture, ...





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◆ International Development Assistance (Support received to support national CRVS activities)

◆ WHO

◆ UNFPA

◆ UNICEF





The legal basis



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- ◆ level of cooperation: National and Sub-National
- ◆ Legal referrals: Article 5 of the Civil Registration Act 1976 and Regulations and its Implementing Regulations adopted in 2006





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◆ **Article 5. Civil Registration Agency, in the execution of its tasks, may be made uses of the employees of the governmental organizations and the agencies and institutions of the Islamic revolution.**

◆ **Note 1: The Government employees and Hospital staff are required to cooperate with the National Organization for Civil Registration in the performance of its legal duties.**





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◆ **In implementing this Regulation, in each province, a council, as the Coordinating Council, chaired by the governor and by the secretary of the province Civil Registration Agency, with the participation of all stakeholders, would be held in a seasonal basis, in order to discuss the problems of Civil Register system and planning and tracking the Implementation Issues.**

◆ **the council will be held in the same way in every county (the smallest political unit) and will pursue similar agendas.**





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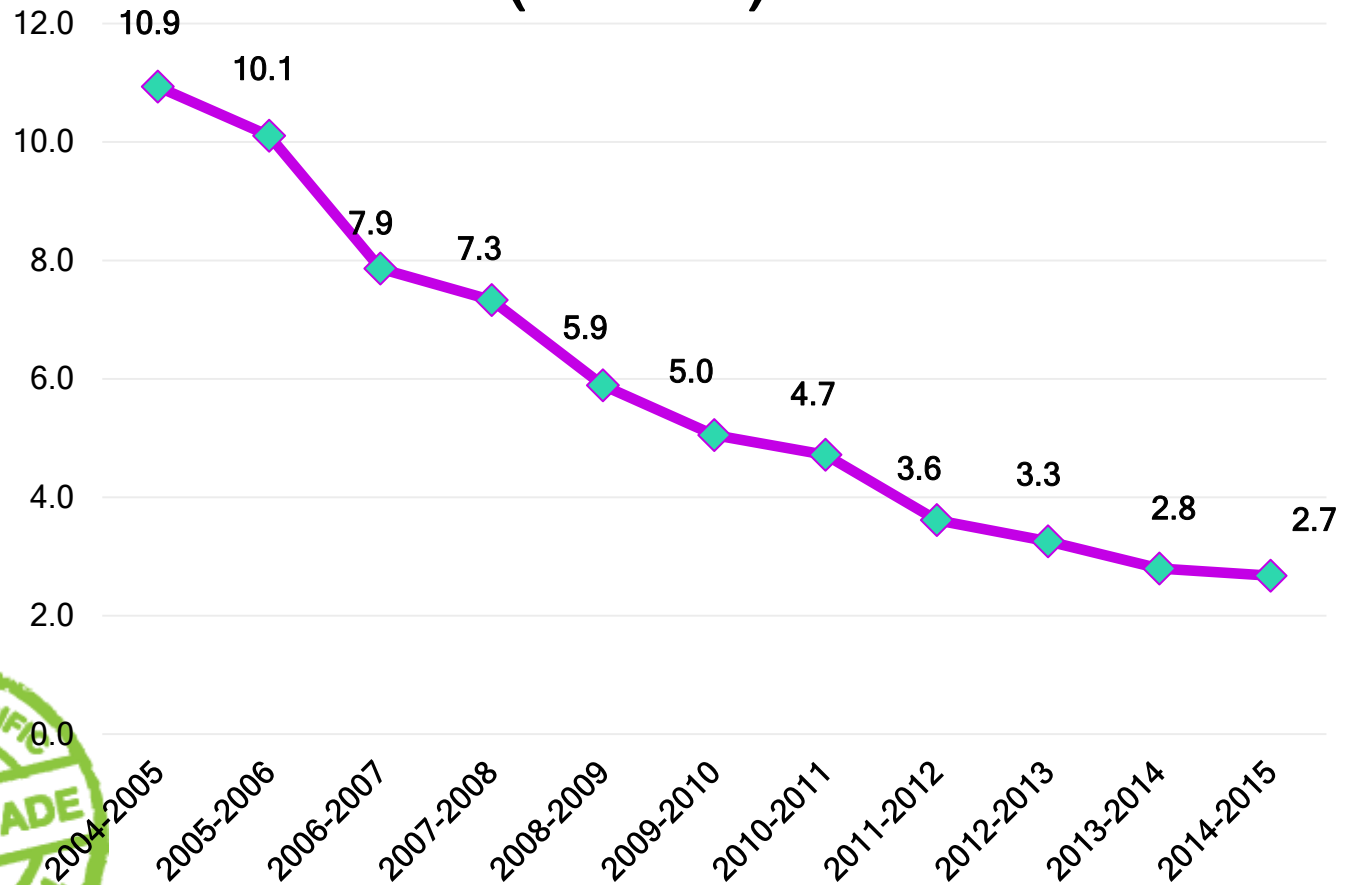
◆ Since 2006 , that the provincial and city councils have been formed, the “coverage of vital events Registration” has been clearly improved in the country, so that the regular procedure of registration in the country has increased every year.





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Delayed Registration of Birth (Percent)





**Exchange of
Letters of Agreements
between various
government departments**



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◆With regard to the legally binding materials, according to the recommendations of the United Nations, particularly with the aim of improving the quality of birth, death and, in particular, cause of death data, a program devised for improving the coordination between Government agencies, in national and provincial level.





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- ◆ **“National Strategic Plan”** has been developed after rapid and comprehensive assessments and stakeholders’ participation in workshops held by Prof. Alan Lopez and Dr. Lene Mikkelsen in 2014.

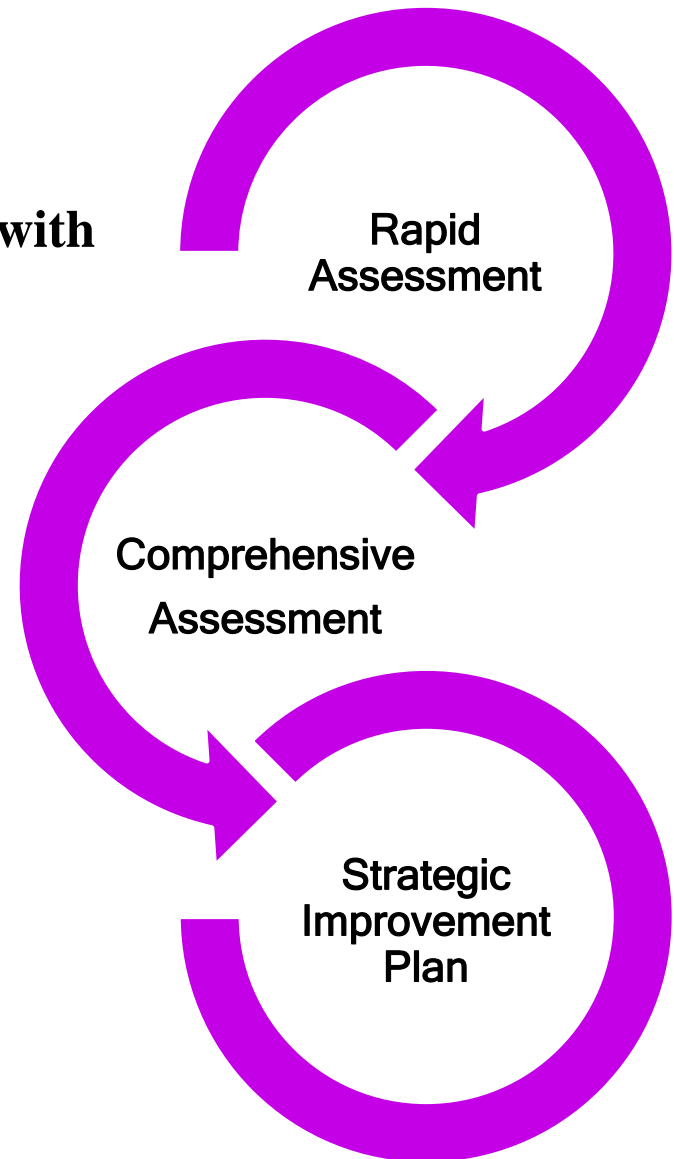




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◆ 12 Goals and Strategies with
Action Table

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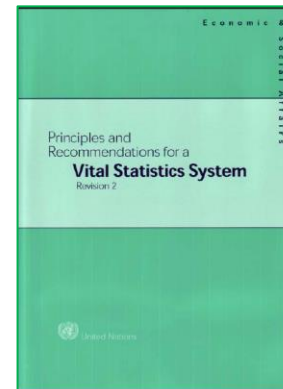
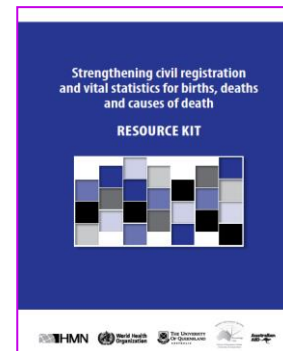
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I.R. Iran Improvement Goals and Strategy

Priority

Improve the quality of birth and death statistics	1
Improve cause of death data for out-hospital deaths	2
Strengthening of intersectoral coordination	3
Improve medical certification	4
Improve ICD coding quality	5
Improve the timeliness of notification and registration of vital events	6
Update legislation and introduce new Act on CRVS	7
Reduce under-registration of child death	8
Improve Health information system at hospitals (IT based)	9
Develop current Civil Registration database into a population register	10
Enhance accuracy of maternal death registration	11
Improve access to registration	12



No. of goals	Improvement goal	Strategy to achieve goal (steps and actions)
1	Develop current Civil Registration database into a population register	1.Improve information about usual residence 2. Standardize definitions and glossary of vital events 3. Link services to address of usual residence 4.Timely notification of change of address 5.Include the foreign population in the database 6. Compile information on population movement (internal and external migration estimates) from register
2	Update legislation and introduce new Act on CRVS	1.Establish multiagency working group to facilitate legislative change for improving CRVS 2. Establish subgroups in each agency 3. Advocate in parliament for Act for CRVS 4. insure appropriate confidentiality
3	Improve access to registration	1. Increase number of points for registration in poorly served areas engaging private sector 2. increase number of CR staff in hospitals and cemeteries
4	Improve the timeliness of notification and registration of vital events	1. Conduct public awareness campaigns to improve registration of vital event 2. Incentives network reporting
5	Reduce under-registration of child death	1. Improve registration of stillbirth and early neonatal death 2.Contrast data from different sources to improve data collection to increase vital events.
6	Strengthening of multi-sectoral coordination	1.Improve collaboration with NGOs and private sector to increase completeness of vital events. 2. Improve data exchange and information between organizations 3. Remove duplication of task where necessary
7	Improve medical certification	1. Improve causes of death certificate training for medical students
		2. Strengthen knowledge about public health importance of causes of death data among physicians
		3. Train doctors in correct medical certification including legal medicine organization
		4. Design and implement M&E System
8	Improve cause of death data for out-hospital deaths	1.introduce verbal autopsy for all deaths not attended to by doctors
9	Enhance accuracy of maternal death registration	1. Carry out research study to investigate completeness of maternal death reporting
10	Improve ICD coding quality	1. Carry out periodic checks on the quality of causes of death coding and implement improvement measures 2. Provide standardized training for coders
11	Improve Health information system at hospitals (IT based)	1. improve Electronic Medical Record for in-patient, including in private hospitals
12	Improve the quality of birth and death statistics	1. Form a committee to assess quality of birth and death information/Ask for an external evaluation of quality of birth and death statistics
		2. Use CR data to improve population estimates for small area population
		3. Improve capacity to use new mortality analysis methods for life tables and population projections



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◆ additionally, in 2015, by holding numerous meetings and conferences between the National Organization for Civil Registration , Ministry of Health and Statistical Centre of Iran (SCI), a memorandum provided, approved and prepared for signing.







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◆ **As a result of the measures taken, there will be hope to improve even more cross-sectoral cooperation.**

◆ **Thank you for the opportunity given to me**



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