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Why Women and Girls Matter to CRVS and CRVS Matters to Women and Girls

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CRVS Data: A crucial input for gender-related SDGs



Photo: Dominic Chavez/World Bank

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



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



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Don't need CRVS
Need CRVS

Knowledge Briefs on Gender and CRVS
<http://bit.ly/GenderCRVS>



Coverage of Live Births Registration (last update: December 2017, United Nations Statistics Division)



No sex-disaggregated data

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Source: UNSD Website



Coverage of Death Registration (last update: December 2017, United Nations Statistics Division)



No sex-disaggregated data

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Source: UNSD Website



No information available on marriage
registration



Why CRVS Matter MORE for Women and Girls and What the Session Aims to do



Ministers committed to :

“promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through the provision of documents to prove family relations and civil status, and the production of age-, sex- and geographically disaggregated statistics”



Goal 1: Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;

Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights;

Goal 3: Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated.



This session will :

- 1) assess the availability of these data in selected countries and explore how it was used or could have been used to inform responses to COVID-1
- 2) provide recommendations towards eliminating gender-specific barriers to CRVS, and the contribution of CRVS to achieving gender equality and women's empowerment in Asia-Pacific



Expected recommendations

- Discussion on key findings of the technical paper and whether these are applicable in other countries in Asia-Pacific
- Take note of progress and challenges from a gender perspective, and specific barriers that require urgent action
- Identify recommendations and commit to accelerated action to achieve progress
- Identify key data and research needs, particularly in the context of responding to crises from a gender perspective, and priorities going forward.
- Key messages for the outcome document



Civil registration and vital statistics systems less gender blind and more gender transformative