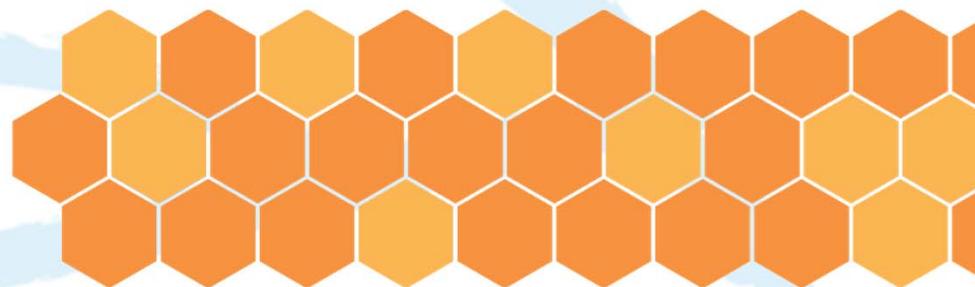




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CRVS in Afghanistan

Afghanistan Central Civil Registration Authority(ACCRA)

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History of VSD

The four decades of war in Afghanistan has damaged all infrastructures and social system, and also has affected the mindset of people.

After Taliban regime(in 2001); VSD started to revitalize the system for registration of five vital event (Birth, death, Marriage, Divorce and migration).

But, did not provide any legal document, just register the events and send the data to Civil Statistic office.

- In 2007, by support of UNICEF, VSD started providing legal documents(birth certificate and death certificate) to the civilians.
- In 2015; a database is developed by support of UNICEF for registration of birth and death but it is functional in capital of each of the 34 provinces but not at district level(400 districts).





Data collection



Data collection and flow of data:

1. Through Vital statistics local staff, there is 400 district staff and working locally with head of villages.
2. Through Health facilities, at central, provincial, district and village level.
3. VSD, received the data of divorces and marriages from supreme court on quarterly bases and migration data from ministry of migration and International Organization for Migration, IOM.
4. VSD collect all data and submit it to CSO annually.



Birth Registration data in 2017



Afghanistan population is estimated thirty millions, the birth registration rate is 42% for < 5 years age (DHS 2015)

416367 birth registered in 2017

17860 deaths registered in 2017



Achievement in 5 years



- *CRVS comprehensive assessment was conducted in 2015*
- *National CRVS strategy was developed and endorsed in 2015*
- *Coordination Committee is established and the members are as following:*
 - General directorate of Afghanistan central civil registration authority (ACCRA)
 - Ministry of public health(HMIS/VSD)
 - Ministry of religious affairs
 - Representative from national statistics office
 - A representative from the world health organization
 - A representative from the UNICEF
 - A representative from the UNFPA
 - CSO/ NGOs
- *Database is developed in 2015 a*
- *CRVS Law revised in 2017 and will be passed by parliament soon*



Challenges and Planned activities



- Lack of Staff at the central and district level
- Lack of capacity of staff
- Lack of people awareness on the importance of birth registration
- Lack of internet at district level
- Insufficient national budget allocation and political will
- No linkage between CRVS and social service delivery
- No linkage between national ID card and birth registration
- Quality of data
- No usage of the CRVS data for improving service delivery

Ongoing plan:

- Expanding and recruitment of new staff at the district and central level
- On the job training for the staff
- Expanding of database to district level
- Strengthening the system for better registration of 5 vital events
- Social mobilization with focus on district governors, head of villages and religious leaders.
- Strengthening functionality of the CRVS nation coordination committee



Opportunities for advancing CRVS work



What are the current opportunities for advancing CRVS in your country?

- The revised CRVS law
- Digitalization of national identity card
- Political will for SDGs
- The new citizen charter and its' implementation
- Support of UNICEF, WHO and others

Thank you



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