

Script of Videomessage of Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan for 2nd Ministerial Conference in Bangkok

The Potential of the Health Sector to Accelerate Improvement in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems

- I would like to congratulate the United Nations for successfully organizing the 2nd Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
- The unique value of such a registration is in the achievement of a number of different things and on universal and continuous reporting of births and deaths (along with causes of death) on an ongoing basis o it also ensures citizens can get legal documentation as required for their own vital events, it also allows Governments to extract and analyze critical data for maternal and infant deaths and on other health parameters that would be very useful on responding to pandemics and other challenges and ultimately paves the way for evidence-based response planning and monitoring. The COVID-19 immunization drive was a great example of how such a system can be leveraged and used a reused case
- While COVID-19 poses challenges and has posed challenges, such a registration must be an ongoing process and an ‘essential service’ mandated throughout the pandemic o although physical offices may have some curtailed hours but the functionality and function must continue as much as possible o The resilience of such a system during an emergency depends on the scale of the emergency and the capacities of the health system or such a system
- The role of the health sector is critical for implementation and smooth running of such a system. o and The Ministry of National Health in Pakistan is working closely with our Technical Support Unit (TSU) under the Ministry of Planning, and this is to enhance the capacity of the necessary human resource and of course, technical systems as well o National level procedures have been developed for use in hospitals, standardizing well awaited birth and death notification forms which have been endorsed by the Ministry of NHSRC, the provincial health departments as well as WHO ICD-11 is also in place to

be used in pilot district hospitals CRVS would now provide comprehensive information to the health sector on births, deaths by age, sex and cause.

- Thus, we have the laid the groundwork that will enable us to achieve our vision by 2030 of a comprehensive documentation of data on births and deaths by age, sex and cause

Thank you very much