CRVS in Bangladesh and COVID-19 Response

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Presentation Outline:

- CRVS history in Bangladesh;
- CRVS coordination mechanism;
- Initiatives to strengthen the CRVS System in Bangladesh;
- Civil Registration and ID integration;
- Bangladesh Government’s initiatives respond to COVID-19
- How Civil Registration (CR) data used in COVID-19 Response?
CRVS history:

- 2010: HPM instructed to look at citizens’ database issues to develop a Population Register.
- 2013: Comprehensive assessment by ESCAP and WHO.
- 2014: Formed CRVS Steering Committee and Coordination mechanism.
- 2016-2021: Technical Support for CRVS System improvement in Bangladesh supported by the Vital Strategies.
National CRVS Coordination Mechanism:

CRVS Steering Committee

To Establish a holistic CRVS approach in Bangladesh
- Headed by the Cabinet Secretary.
- The high-level committee consists of 25 members, including 19 secretaries of ministries for policy support.

CRVS Implementation Committee

To support the Steering Committee and coordinate the CRVS implementation activities in Bangladesh
- Headed by Secretary Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division.
- This Committee consists of 14 members of CRVS implementing agencies and departments.

Technical Committee

Legal Review Committee

Coordinating ministry of CRVS in Bangladesh: Cabinet Division
Birth and Death Registration

- **1873**: Birth and Death Registration Act was enacted under British rule of the subcontinent in 1873.
- **1971**: Bangladesh became independent in 1971.
- **2004**: Bangladesh repealing the Act of 1873 and enacting the Birth and Death Registration Act 2004, which was came into force in 2006.
- **2010**: Government has started piloting Birth Registration System (BRIS) in the country since October 2010 and gradually moving away the manual system.
- **2018**: Birth and Death Registration Rules, 2018 (amendment).
- **2020**: Online Birth and Death Registration System (BDRIS) established all over the country.
### Status of Birth and Death Registration in Bangladesh: Online BRIS 2019, 2020 (ORG)

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Marriage and Divorce:

Legal provisions for Marriage and Divorce:
- The Muslim Marriages and Divorces (Registration) Act, 1974 for Muslim people,
- The Hindu marriage registration Act, 2012 for Hindu people, and
- The Christian Marriage Act, 1872 for Hindu people.
- The Muslim Family ordinance, 1961 and
- The Special Marriage Act, 1872.

- Law and Justice Division is taking initiatives to introduce online the marriage and divorce registration, till now these data are capturing manually.
- In the proposed initiatives marriage and divorce Data will be integrated with birth and death registration data to identify the legal age for bride and groom.
Cause of Death

Introducing VA at the community level to determine cause of death that occur in the community (approximately 80%).

- First time in Bangladesh a VA pilot was introduced in January 2017.
- VA pilot scaled up in 13 sub-districts of different Districts in 2019
- Cumulative number of completed VAs since the commencement of the project is 35,171.
- Plan for scale-up in the nationally representative sample sub-districts by 2024.
VA-2017-2020 Data Analysis and Leading Cause of Death (By the Health Service Department)
Introduction of Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCOD) to determine cause of death that occur in the hospitals.

- First time in Bangladesh MCCOD piloted in in January 2017.
- MCCOD scale-up in 122 hospitals up to 2019 in all over the country.
- Cumulative number of MCCOD completed in different hospitals since the commencement of the project is 2,38,913, SMoL data entry 1,68,004.
- Plan for scale-up the MCCOD in the half of the total government hospitals in the district and subdistrict level by 2022.
- Plan to incorporate certification into medical school curricula
Top 10 Underlying Cause of Death (MCCOD Data-2020)
## Initiatives to strengthen the CRVS System in Bangladesh

- Political commitment for improving its CRVS system.
- Bangladesh has prioritised strengthening its CRVS system.
- Registering births and deaths within 45 days of the event became law.
- Developed the Birth and Death process mapping (Enterprise Architecture).
- Decision has been taken to conduct the inequality assessment.
- Necessary steps are taken to include the Birth and Death registration targets included in the Annual Performance Agreement (APA) of all Upazila Nirbahi Officer and Deputy Commissioners of the country.
- Bangladesh government is taking necessary steps to increase the demand for birth and death registration.
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<td>• ORG introduced web based online Birth and Death Registration Information System (BDRIS)</td>
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<td>• During the COVID situation ORG conducted online training for district, sub-district and union level officials, registrars and people’s representatives, number of trainee near about 10,000.</td>
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<td>• Online workshop, seminar and sensitization meeting to expedite the CRVS activities.</td>
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Scaled-up of Kaliganj Model to increase the birth and death registration.

Filled up birth & death registration application form by

Verified by at H&FWC/CC

Submitted the forms

HA

or/and

FWA

Asstt. Health Inspector

Family Planning Inspector

Union Council/ORG

Verbal Autopsy done

Collect Registration Number

BRN

Issue and distribute registration certificate to Family Member
Features of Kaliganj Model

- Team members live and work within their communities and are therefore well positioned to identify births and deaths in the community.

- The HAs and FWAs will ensure that families registered the birth of newborn babies within 45 days of the death or birth.

- Active engagement with local leaders was key to the model’s success.

- Birth and death registration increased after the collaboration with immunization by this model.
Civil Registration and ID integration:

Vital Events

- Live birth
- Death
- Fetal Death (Not included)
- Adoption
- Marriage
- Divorce
- Judicial Separation

Certification

- Office of the Registrar General for Birth and Death Registration (ORG)
- Vital Statistics (Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics) (Under Process)
- Additional Source Health info

Notification

- Community Health Service (Under Process)
- Family Planning (Under Process)
- Cause of death (Under Process)
- Law and Justice Division + Courts (manual registration only check the hard copy of birth certificate)
- Proposed to link with ORG and NID

Unique ID/National ID (NID)/Biometric ID (18 years and above) + Voters

E-Services
- Online Verification + API

Functional Registries
- Education (Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary)
- Passport

Honorable Prime Minister issued a 31-points guidelines

Honorable Prime Minister announced 23 incentive packages of USD14.28 billion which was 4.4% of GDP.

The jobs of about 5 million workers and employees have been protected.

Not a single person in the country was kept unfed free distribution of food, sale of rice at Taka 10/kg distribution of cash money.

Bangladesh adopted four strategic aspects

First Strategy: increasing government spending;

Second Strategy: introducing low-interest loans.

Third strategy: expanding the scope of the government’s social security programs

Fourth strategy: increasing money supply in the market.

Bangladesh Government’s initiatives respond to COVID-19
How Civil Registration (CR) data used in COVID-19 Response?

-Four Social security programs have total number of beneficiaries: 88.50 lakh (8.8M)

-Total 73 lakh (7.3M) beneficiaries get humanitarian assistance in respond to COVID-19 through mobile banking.

-Total 25.4 million families get free rice.

(Authentication done by the Birth Certificate or NID)

-Primary Scholarship to 82,500 (0.82M) students of class five

-At the Primary level Total 1 crore 40 lakh (14M) student’s mother get the stipend money.

-At the secondary and higher secondary level 27,92,313 (2.7M) students get stipend money.

(Authentication done by the Birth Certificate)

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration total number is 6440725 (6.44 Million) (Using NID)

-EPI programs were regularly running. The vaccination rate is around 83 percent.

-During the pandemic NID services have been introduced at the doorsteps of the citizens.
Thank You