Area 1. Qualitative inequality assessments for CRVS systems

Pakistan Bali Process Toolkit Experience

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Background and context

Project Title: Strengthening Civil Vital Registration System in Pakistan

Focus/Aim: To pilot Bali Process Assessment Tool Kit in Pakistan with Thailand and Vietnam.

Methodology and resources used:
• Sensitization of major Stakeholders and ownership.
• Situation Analysis of civil registration status/completeness of vulnerable groups/stateless population.
• Development assessment report with a proposal of targets for progress
• Development of action plan with targets.


Main results/outputs/outcome (list 3-5 only)
1. Identification of gaps in the Toolkit and further improvement of the Toolkit.
2. Mapping of stakeholders.
3. Identification of key areas that require capacity building initiative and design of the capacity building programme.
Q1.1. Why we embarked on this project/pilot study

- Despite a robust and advanced registration system for regular citizens no mechanism exist for refugees/vulnerable /marginalized groups.

- Pakistan hosts more than 1.4 million registered Afghans refugees holding PoR (Proof of Registration) Cards. Afghan National ANR) Database is also maintained by NADRA.

- Pakistan’s commitment to the SDG Agenda 2030 calls to ensure the mainstreaming of the interests of vulnerable groups into the national policies and civil registration.

- Pakistan also hosts a number of stateless persons (individuals from Bengali, Bihari and Rohingya communities) , mainly concentrated in Karachi City.

- National Policy for CRVS Reforms also emphasize on registration for vulnerable /Marginalized Groups (refugees, stateless persons). Bali Toolkit provide opportunity to improve CR of the neglected communities.
CORE WORKING GROUP FOR THE CIVIL REGISTRATION ASSESSMENT - (Main Streaming Vulnerable & Marginalized Population)

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Q1.2. **How we implemented the project**

(You may insert a simple diagram of activities/milestones/ stepwise project implementation.)

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<td>• Institutional Arrangement/ CWG Approval</td>
<td>• Organize sensitization meeting</td>
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<td>• Decide to undertake the assessment</td>
<td>• Design and Complete Questionnaire</td>
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<td>• Develop and adopt TORs and work plan for the assessment</td>
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Q2. What were the main challenges

- Disintegrated roles for civil registration of vulnerable groups among Federal and Provinces- create complexity & impacting uniform decisions.
- Lack of data/information mechanism
- Illegal migration without passport or visa.
- Insufficient resources or commitments;
- Inter-sectoral collaboration.
- Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic obstructed smooth study completion.
Q3. What are our key learnings from use of Bali Toolkit?

- The structure and organization of ‘Bali Process Toolkit’ which is logically designed starting from Introduction to ‘Dimensions of CRVS – Assessment to Implementation of the Assessment/ Findings.

- Guidance on Assessment report: Provide comprehensive description of the findings and recommendations to be endorsed by the Core Working Group leading the process.

- Guidance on development of subsequent ‘Development of Action Plan’ is laudable, as it will enable transformation of findings to action and improvement of the grey areas or gaps as identified.

- Again guidance on setting target targets, milestones or objectives to help the measuring progress is fully endorsed e.g. proportion of births, deaths and marriages that are registered in a given timeframe and follow-up.

- One impression is that Bali Process Toolkit is ideal to assess the status of CR for vulnerable/marginalized population mainly to the mainstream into National CRVS System, as against specially made functional registration system in Pakistan. There is thus a need to further explore.
Q4. Related Framework/ Tools Used to Compliment Assessing Inequality.

- Rapid Assessment of National Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System, World Health Organization

- Comprehensive Assessment of National CRVS System, UOQ-Australia/WHO

- Specific Questionnaires have to developed locally to address the local conditions and seek response from local authorities.

- CRVS & ID Legal and Regulatory Review Toolkit’ by Vital Strategies, the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI) and Bloomberg (D4H) Initiatives’ (new version of the previous)
Thanks for your attention