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Implementing Inequality Assessment and Strengthening Demographic Analysis Capacity

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Policy decision on Inequality Assessment of Civil Registration:

Coordination mechanism		Yes
Comprehensive assessment		Yes
National targets set		Yes
Monitoring and reporting plan		Yes
Inequality assessment		Decision has been taken to conduct the inequality assessment
National strategy developed		Yes/Plan
Focal point assigned		Yes
Reporting to ESCAP		Yes

Note:

Sixth CRVS Steering Committee meeting (28 January 2021) adopted the decision (No. 6.1) to conduct the inequality assessment keeping in mind the following two areas:

- People who live in hard-to-reach area or communicatively backward areas, and
- Low registration rate of female deaths

Moreover, The refugees and stateless persons (Rohinga people) will not consider in the Inequality assessment.

❖ It will be necessary to validate the Inequality Assessment Report of CR in CRVS steering committee meeting before going to publish it nationally and Internationally.

Background



Opportunity to streamline and synchronize the civil registration processes being administered by different government agencies with the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (the official vital statistics producer).

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is connected to this holistic system to facilitate generation of Vital Statistics (VS).

The coordinating body, Cabinet Division, has assigned BBS to implement the inequality Assessment Project in with support ESCAP.

BBS is implementing CRVS inequality assessments using secondary data in Bangladesh.



Context of CRVS Inequality Assessment

- ✓ Who might be left out?- Factors affecting civil registration and Hard-to-reach and marginalized populations
- ✓ Overlapping vulnerabilities
- ✓ Asia Pacific CRVS decade: 2015-2024
- ✓ The regional goals for the Decade
- ✓ Regional Action Framework and midterm review
- ✓ Impact of COVID-19
- ✓ the inclusion of hard-to-reach people
- ✓ Contributing for generating the vital statistics in this issue
- ✓ Capacity for demographic analysis to undertake the Inequality Assessment

Methodology For Inequality Assessment

- ✓ Using data sources from different census and surveys conducted by BBS
- ✓ Register based data
- ✓ Correlate with Numerator and Denominator
- ✓ Sources of Denominator



Civil Registration And Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems

- CR is administered by different government agencies while ORG facilitate its service delivery to the public by providing birth and death certificates.
- Appropriateness of these data for generating vital statistics may deem challenging since the variables recorded under the registration process are very few in numbers.
- Using denominators estimated from external sources, and also adjusting for the completeness of the CRVS, the measurements like CBR or CDR can be exercised.
- Measurements like ASFR, TFR, sex ratio at birth or life expectancy at birth etc. will not be possible to computed.

Variables covered during CR

Table 1: Variables Recorded in Birth Registration

Date of Issue	Birth order of the child
Date of Registration	Mother's Name
Date of Birth	Father's Name
Place of Birth	Mother's Nationality
Permanent address	Father's Nationality
Name of the Child	Mother's Birth Registration

Table 2: Variables Recorded in Death Registration

Date of Issue	Sex of the deceased
Date of Registration	Date of Birth
Date of Death	Mother's Name
Place of Death	Father's Name
Cause of Death	Spouse's Name
Name of the deceased	Religion of the deceased



Data Coverage

- Bangladesh is enriched with over 25 health and demographic surveys in the last 2 decades
- Nationally representative sample surveys are routinely carried out by BBS, NIPOORT, etc. (SVRS, MICS, BDHS, BMMS, UESD, HMSS, etc.)
- The reports of the Sample Vital Registration System (SVRS) produced by BBS provide national and regional data on population, births and deaths, causes of death, and life expectancy.
- Incorporating these survey and surveillance data with the CRVS data in generation of vital statistics as well as in assessing the inequality in civil registration and vital statistics systems.

Data Mining from Secondary Sources



Consultation was undertaken on the availability of the data sets and their usability in assessing the inequality in civil registration and in generating vital statistics.



Looked into the depth and breadth of the data by examining the variables considered and their suitability in assessing the inequality in CRVS.



Conducted a quick quality assessment of the proposed data sources.



A primary assessment of the quality of the death data by evaluating their methodologies was in depth discussion



Way Forward



Ensure Access To All Microdata Including CR Data In Usable Format.



Engage The IA Team And Analyze The Data.



More Capacity Building Is Required To Institutionalize The IA.



Establish A Dedicated Vital Statistics Unit In BBS To Analyze The Different CRVS Data.



Regular Monitoring Of The CR Through Inequality Assessment.

Roadmap of Inequality Assessment

Under IA Project of ESCAP

Development

- Data Mapping and Need Assessment
- 1st Capacity Building Workshop

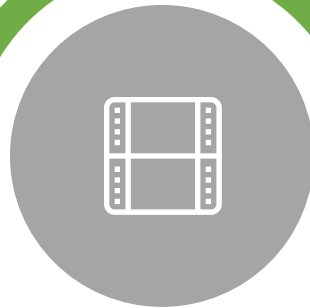
Future Events

- 2nd Capacity Building Workshop
- Analyzing the data



Inception

- Recruited National Consultant
- Inception Workshop in November 2022



Work in Progress

- Preparation of 2nd Capacity Building and LoA Workshop
- Data Sharing Agreement



Sustainability

- Set up a unit in NSO for VS and IA.
- Publication of IA
 - Sharing the lesson learnings

KEY ACTIVITIES	Q3/2023			Q4/2023		
Month	7	8	9	10	11	12
A.1.2 Build demographic and statistical capacity of government officials in implementing the CRVS inequality assessment through the organization of the 2 nd national capacity-building workshop in July (4 days, 30 participants)						
Closing Workshop						

Work plan 2023



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