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**HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN CRVS
THROUGH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN
THE HEALTH SECTOR?**



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Roles of the health sector in CRVS

- Recording of vital events
- Notification of the occurrence of events to individuals and families and appropriate registration authorities
- Certification of causes of death
- Registration of events (if legally mandated)
- Compilation of vital statistics from the health information system

Opportunities for engaging the health sector

- Some events occur in health facilities
- Health sector linked to communities
 - For events not occurring in health facilities
- Recording of information on causes of death
- CRVS identified as a priority area in health plans
- Require accurate and timely data for monitoring health indicators
 - Maternal mortality ratio; neonatal mortality, infant and child mortality; adolescent birth rate; cause-specific death rates (HIV disease, malaria, communicable diseases)
- Availability of data from Health Information Systems

Innovative approaches in RMNCAH

- Birth registration
 - MNCH tracking and immunization
 - Delivering birth certificates through MOH
 - Mobile Vital Records System
 - SMS notification

Innovative approaches in RMNCAH

- Death registration
 - Maternal, Neonatal Death Surveillance and Response
 - Health facility and community level
 - Notification to the health system
 - Auditing / verbal autopsy
 - Mortality reporting through community health networks
 - Causes of death module introduced in DHIS-2
 - Start-Up Mortality List developed by WHO
- Interoperability of Health Information Systems and CRVS systems

World Bank Group-related support for CRVS

- WBG developed 2016–2030 CRVS Action plan for supporting low and middle income countries:
 - Strengthening national institutions
 - Establishing and updating international standards and tools
 - Building the evidence base with implementation research.
- Identity for Development (ID4D) initiative
 - Supports progress toward identification systems using 21st-century solutions that enable access to services and rights for all.
- Global Financing Facility for every woman every child (GFF)
 - Supports CRVS through the Health Sector

Global Financing Facility

- Multi-stakeholder partnership that supports country-led efforts to improve the health of women, children, and adolescents
- Mobilizes smart, scaled and sustainable financing to end preventable maternal, newborn, child and adolescent deaths in high burden countries by 2030:
 - 3.8 million maternal deaths; 101 million child deaths; 21 million stillbirths
- Focuses on 63 high-burden low- and lower-middle-income countries.
 - Currently supporting 16 countries

Strengthening CRVS through the GFF

- GFF prioritizes strengthening of national systems
 - CRVS systems have the potential to provide much better measurement of mortality, including comprehensive data on causes of death
 - CRVS prioritized as a previously under-funded data source

The GFF approach

- Ensures CRVS is included in countries' reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) Investment Cases
- Provides technical support for the development and implementation of CRVS components in the Investment Case (in collaboration with other partners)
 - What investments in CRVS will deliver the results for RMNCAH?
- Countries explicitly including CRVS in Investment Cases can allocate resources of up to US\$10 million from the GFF Trust Fund when matched with International Development Association (IDA) on a 1:1 ratio
- Collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for CRVS
 - Facilitates access to technical assistance, global standards and tools, evidence, and good practice

Kenya – CRVS activities in the health sector

- Transforming Health Systems For Universal Care Project
- CRVS-related activities
 - Pilot innovative approaches to improving coverage of vital events registration within the health sector
 - Incentivizing registration
 - Piloting a mobile CRVS office
 - Linking birth registration with MCH services
 - Civil Registration Dept. and the MOH using immunization processes to improve birth registration to be supported by Gavi and the WBG.
 - Strengthening database interfaces (e.g. deliveries reported through DHIS-2 and births registered in CRVS)

Cameroon – CRVS activities in the health sector

- Health System Performance Reinforcement Project
- IDA allocation and GFF Trust Fund
- CRVS-related activities:
 - Increasing birth registration rates through Performance-Based Financing (PBF) indicators at the community, health facility and district levels
 - Reinforcing the HMIS system through piloting and scaling-up DHIS-2 and linking data with the CRVS system and PBF portal
 - Training and capacity-building on birth registration, death registration and maternal death autopsies;
 - Piloting mobile technology (smart phones and tablets)
 - Community verification
 - Linking verification results to the online platforms
 - Identifying geographical areas where birth registration remains low.

Uganda – CRVS activities in the Health Sector

- Uganda Reproductive, Maternal And Child Health Services Improvement Project
- IDA allocation and GFF Trust Fund
- CRVS-related activities:
 - Expand birth registration to health centers;
 - Train facility and community-based registration personnel on Birth and Death Registration;
 - Train clinical staff and Maternal and Perinatal Death Audit Committees on cause-of-death reporting according to ICD
 - Develop a customized DHIS-2 module for reporting cause of death and ICD coding
 - Use immunization processes to improve birth registration: to be supported by Gavi and the WBG.

Lessons learnt in integrating CRVS in MOH

- Dialogue between ministries of health, CRVS ministries/agencies and statistical agencies need to be reinforced
 - Many ministries of health have not been participating adequately in CRVS activities
 - Roles and responsibilities need to be clarified
 - Inclusion of the Ministry of Finance as a key stakeholder in CRVS
- Prioritization of CRVS activities within the RMNCAH framework may not be easy
 - Competing priorities in the Health Sector
 - Allocation of funding for CRVS within the health sector

Lessons learnt in integrating CRVS in MOH

- Lack of data from the CR system to set baseline for improvement monitoring
 - Rely on DHS/MICS, data available every 5 years
 - Need to process and analyze currently available data
- Building coordinated partnerships among development partners and donors to support country-led priorities
 - Streamline CRVS activities supported at country level for efficiency and avoid duplication
 - Roles and responsibilities; plans
 - Resource mapping for CRVS-related activities

Concluding remark

- More efforts required as there remain significant challenges in CRVS
 - Especially for death registration and causes of death
- Innovative approaches of engaging the health sector
- Participation of the private sector
- Generation of data from the CRVS system

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- GFF investment in “*global public goods that support RMNCAH results at the country level*”
- \$16 million in seed funding from the Government of Canada, and housed at the International Development Research Centre
- **Mandate:**
 - **CRVS in Investment Cases:** support countries to develop and implement CRVS systems strengthening plans in RMNCAH Investment Cases
 - **Global resource hub:** broker access to technical assistance, global standards and tools, and good practice
- **Value-added approach:**
 - **Coordinate** with CRVS development partners to **complement** and contribute to new and existing initiatives and capacity building
 - **Convene** stakeholders to support exchange of knowledge and expertise

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Approach		Role at Country Level
<p><i>Convening, coordinating, complementing in practice:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborate to design a digital platform that makes CRVS resources easily accessible ▪ Coordinate the development of a CRVS Systems taxonomy ▪ Contribute to and complement CRVS capacity building efforts ▪ Convene CRVS stakeholders to support Investment Case development and implementation ▪ Explore mechanisms for leveraging expertise and facilitating access to technical assistance 	<p>Developing Investment Cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information and resources: share tools and standards and document good practice ▪ Peer learning and exchange: support exchange of lessons learned and good practice across countries ▪ Technical assistance: facilitate access to expertise and capacity building
		<p><i>Investment Case Approved/ GFF Financing Secured for CRVS</i></p>
	<p>Implementing Investment Cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation research: generate evidence to address bottlenecks or other implementation challenges ▪ Training: facilitate access to/support training and capacity building ▪ Technical assistance: broker access to technical expertise to support sustainable implementation ▪ Peer learning and exchange: support peer learning and exchange within and across countries

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