

Population Data Sources Working Group: Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Sub-Group Terms of Reference

Objective

1. Strengthen national CRVS and related systems through coordination and collaboration on global and regional initiatives and exchange of information. The specific objectives are to:
 - (a) Take stock of progress made on the improvement of the CRVS systems in the context of SDGs
 - (b) Contribute to the implementation of the Global CRVS Investment Plan
 - (c) Explore and leverage opportunities to accelerate the improvement of CRVS systems
 - (d) Promote the importance of CRVS in the global development agenda
 - (e) Support coordinated country-level engagement by our respective institutions that is consistent with the global CRVS agenda.

Scope of work/Activities Jan 2016 – June 2017

1. Based on collaborative effort of main stakeholders, and building on a pre-existing course by the Centre for Disease Control (CDC), develop a comprehensive CRVS e-learning course that is highly practical, participatory and fun with a mix of technical/hard and behavioural/soft skills. The course will be hosted by the Online Learning Centre of the World Bank.
2. Update the list of initiatives and projects on CRVS including those led by members where contributions will be sought from the Group, with the expected dates/timelines.
3. Contribute to developing the following international tools and standards: Legal framework for CRVS and identity management systems.
4. Contribute to developing operational guidelines for the evaluation of geographic coverage of civil registration and the completeness of the registration of vital events.
5. Contribute to ensuring CRVS standards, tools and lessons learned are available on CRVS websites.
6. Convene and organize seminars or side-events on CRVS and assist the regional networks to collaborate and share best practices.
7. Contribute to the efforts of the Health Data Collaborative to implement advocacy efforts in support of CRVS.

Deliverables 2016-2017

Global

- eLearning course on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.
- Legal framework for CRVS and identity management systems.
- Operational guidelines for the evaluation of geographic coverage of civil registration and the completeness of the registration of vital events.

Country

- Aligned support to countries and good practices in CRVS systems implementation.
- Engagement in civil society advocacy efforts for CRVS.

Approach and organizational arrangements

Given that there is an existing Global CRVS group, it has been decided that there is no need to have a separate HDC CRVS working group. Instead the Global CRVS Group (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/crvs/globalcrvs.html>) will handle the deliverables required by the HDC. As CRVS is a central component to countries' data systems, and can serve as an entry point to providing access to essential services, this group will develop a mechanism to utilize and integrate outcomes from other working groups. The Global CRVS group will inform the Health Data Collaborative on its activities and progress.

Members who have signed up to be part of the Health Data Collaborative CRVS working group who are not members of the Global CRVS Group will have opportunities to provide input to specific activities through outreach to these members by the working group leads.

CRVS Sub-Group Workplan - from Global CRVS Group

Objective 1: Strengthen national CRVS and related systems through coordination and collaboration on global and regional initiatives and exchange of information.				
Deliverable 1: Global public goods to support efforts to strengthen CRVS systems				
Products	Lead agency (ies)	Responsible	STATUS	Links to other WGs
			AS OF April 2017	
1.1 eLearning course on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	WBG	Sam Mills	Done	
1.2 Revision to 1998 handbook on legal framework for CRVS	UNSD		ON-TRACK	
1.3 Revision to 1998 Handbook on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems: Management, Operation and Maintenance	UNSD		ON-TRACK	
1.4 Methods for evaluating the quality and completeness of civil registration and vital statistics	UNSD		ON-TRACK	
1.5 Aligned support to countries and good practices in CRVS systems implementation.	UNICEF-GAVI- WHO-World Bank	Anneke Schmider; Deb Jackson	Done	
1.6 Start-up Mortality List module for DHIS2	WHO		Done	Led by the Facility and Community Data/RHIS WG
Objective 2: Promote the importance of CRVS in the global development agenda				
Deliverable 2: Contribute to the efforts of the Health Data Collaborative to implement advocacy efforts in support of CRVS				
Products	Lead agency (ies)	Responsible		Links to other WGs
2.1 Engagement in HDC advocacy efforts	WBG	Sam Mills	DONE	
2.2 Engagement in HDC civil society working group's advocacy efforts for CRVS.				Civil society WG