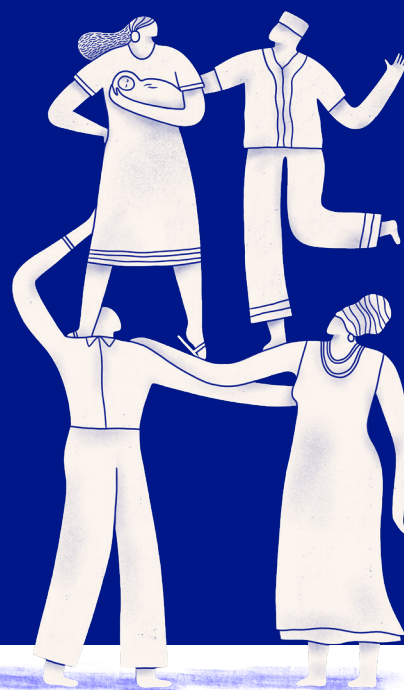


Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

Supporting governments
to make sure every
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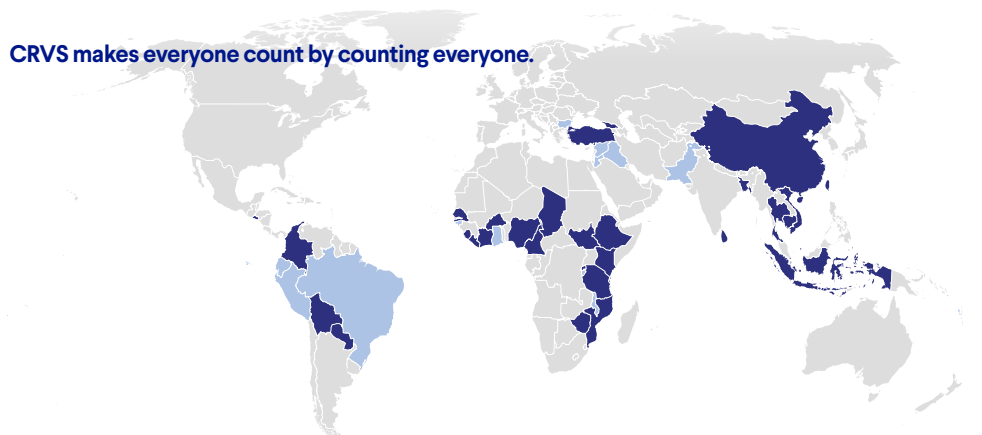


Globally 45% of deaths are unregistered. Many that are registered lack a cause of death.

Vital Strategies' Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Program collaborates with governments to bring the benefits of civil registration to individuals and to generate high-quality vital statistics for policy, planning, and impact measurement. By focusing on global best practices, these partnerships empower governments to count every human life.

CRVS is at the foundation of good governance and the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda. Registration records are also the primary source of the vital statistics central to policy and priority-setting in health and other sectors, and monitoring international commitments like the Sustainable Development Goals. For individuals, the registration of birth establishes legal identity, securing rights, protections and access to services. Death registration protects surviving family members. Globally, stronger registration systems are associated with significantly better health outcomes, including maternal mortality¹.

CRVS makes everyone count by counting everyone.



■ Current ■ Former Partnerships

We take a holistic, systems approach to CRVS improvement rooted in government leadership and ownership; capacity building; equity; and sustainability.

Since 2015, we have assisted over 40 countries to improve CRVS systems.

Bangladesh	Liberia	Burundi
Bolivia	Mozambique	Ecuador
Burkina Faso	Nigeria	Ghana
Cambodia	Paraguay	Guinea-Bissau
Cameroon	Rwanda	Iraq
Chad	Senegal	Jordan
China	Sierra Leone	Kiribati
Colombia	South Sudan	Malawi
Cook Islands	Sri Lanka	Pakistan
Cote d'Ivoire	Tanzania	Peru
El Salvador	Thailand	Syria
Ethiopia	Turkey	The Gambia
Fiji	Vietnam	Vanuatu
Georgia	Zimbabwe	
Indonesia	Brazil	
Kenya	Bulgaria	

Learn more at www.vitalstrategies.org

¹ Phillips, D. E., et al. (2015). "Are well functioning civil registration and vital statistics systems associated with better health outcomes?" Lancet 386(10001): 1386-1394.

Our holistic approach to CRVS improvement

After a joint review of the current CRVS system and government priorities, local CRVS and public health leaders and Vital Strategies staff develop a tailored program of activities and technical assistance in the following areas:

Governance and Coordination

Facilitate strong multi-sectoral leadership for the CRVS system and efficient CRVS processes

- Improvement of CRVS system business processes
- Strengthening CRVS coordinating bodies
- CRVS legal and regulatory review and reform (in partnership with the Global Health Advocacy Incubator)

Counting Every Birth and Death

Ensure governments have capacity to count every human life and death

- Linkage of health sector and civil registration authority to increase the reporting of vital events
- Design and scale-up support for improved, digitized birth and death registration
- Promotion of interoperable IT systems

Better Facility Cause-of-Death Data

Strengthen capacity of doctors to provide high quality cause-of-death data

- Adoption of the international standard medical certificate of cause of death
- Multi-modal cause-of-death certification training
- Support transition to ICD-11 for cause of death certification

ICD Mortality Coding

Strengthen capacity to generate high-quality cause of death data

- Implement trainings on and support automation of ICD mortality coding
- Promote establishment of sustained quality control of ICD-coded mortality data
- Support transition to ICD-11 for coding cause-of-death

Understanding Community Mortality

Enable the collection of cause-of-deaths from events that occur in the community

- Introduction and scaled application of WHO automated verbal autopsy
- Integrate VA with civil registration and health information systems
- Sustained quality control of verbal autopsy data

Producing and Using Vital Statistics

Translate data into policy action

- Production and use of vital statistics, including causes of death for planning and policy making
- Training in CRVS data journalism and leadership communication

Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative

Today, approximately half of all deaths in the world go unrecorded; accordingly, health policy decisions are often based on inadequate information. Data for Health, funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and The Gates Foundation, partners with countries to improve public health data and use of data for policymaking.

Data for Health Initiative Partners

- CDC Foundation
- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- World Health Organization
- Global Health Advocacy Incubator
- UN Economic Commission for Africa
- UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Howard University

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