

Enhancing Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in the Arab Region: A Status Update

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2014-2019 Regional Strategy: UN-ESCWA Focus

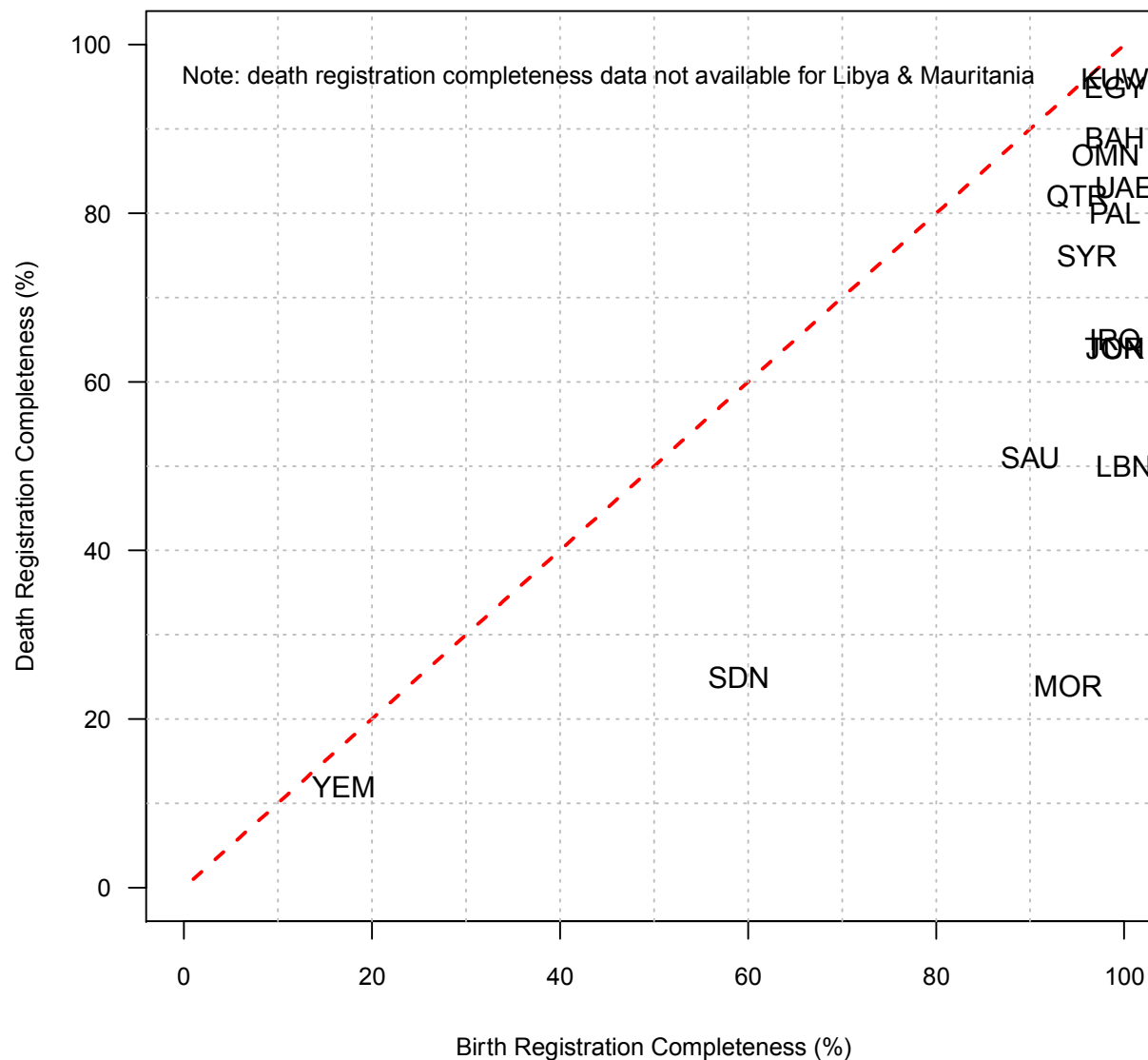


- Strengthen the registration infrastructure and capacities
- Improve production, use and dissemination of vital statistics
- Improve inter-sectoral coordination and alignment among stakeholders
- Strengthen and harmonize regional and global partnerships in support of country strategies

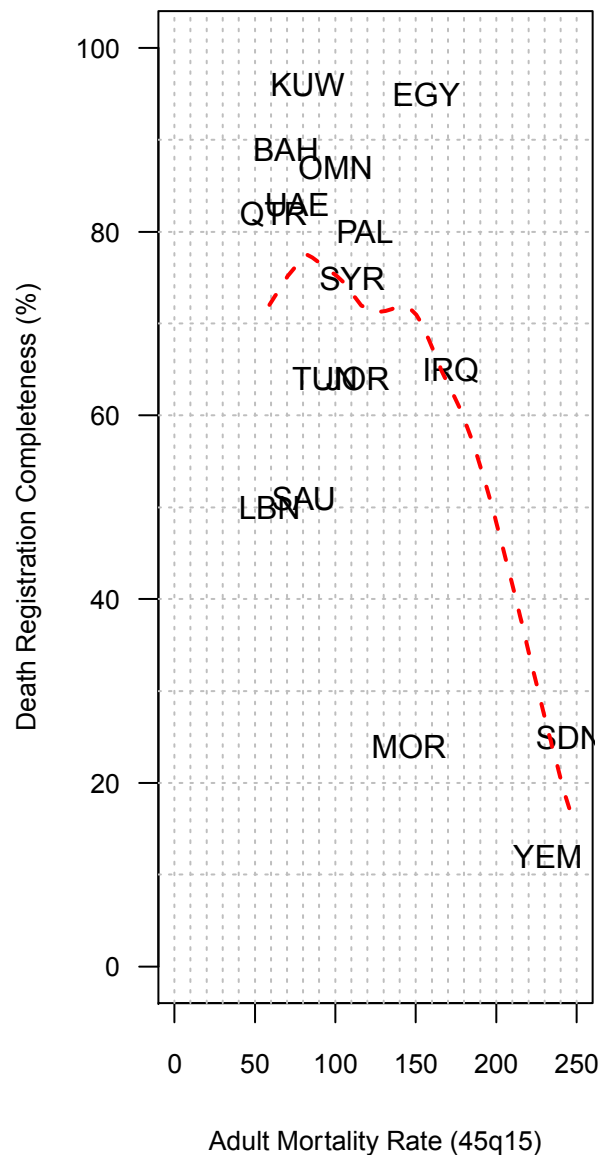
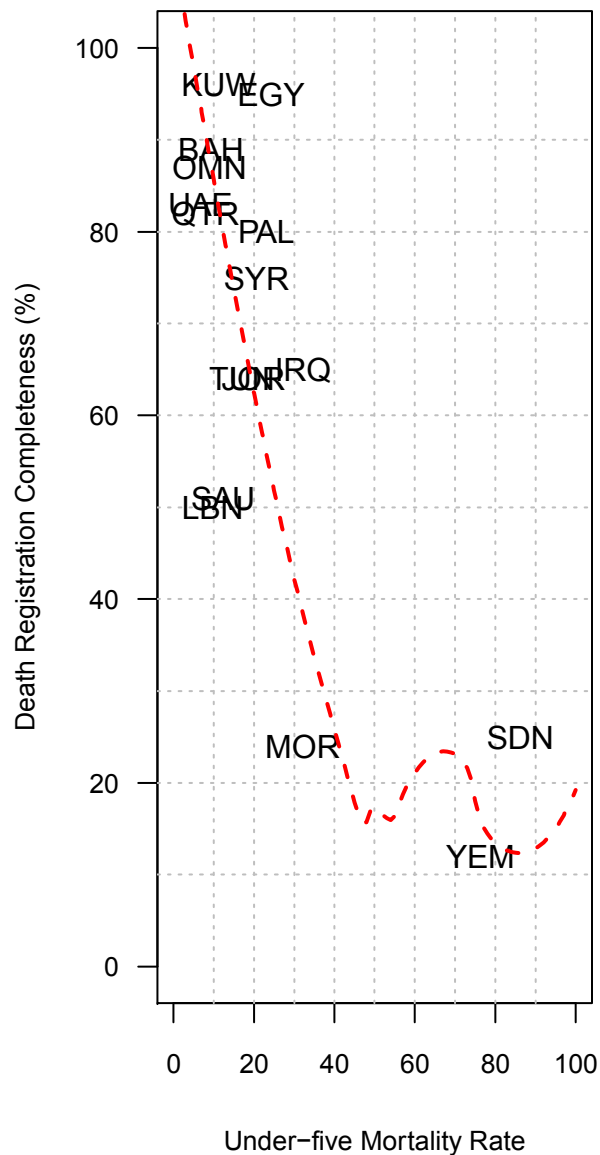
Rapid Assessment of CRVS Systems in the Arab Region



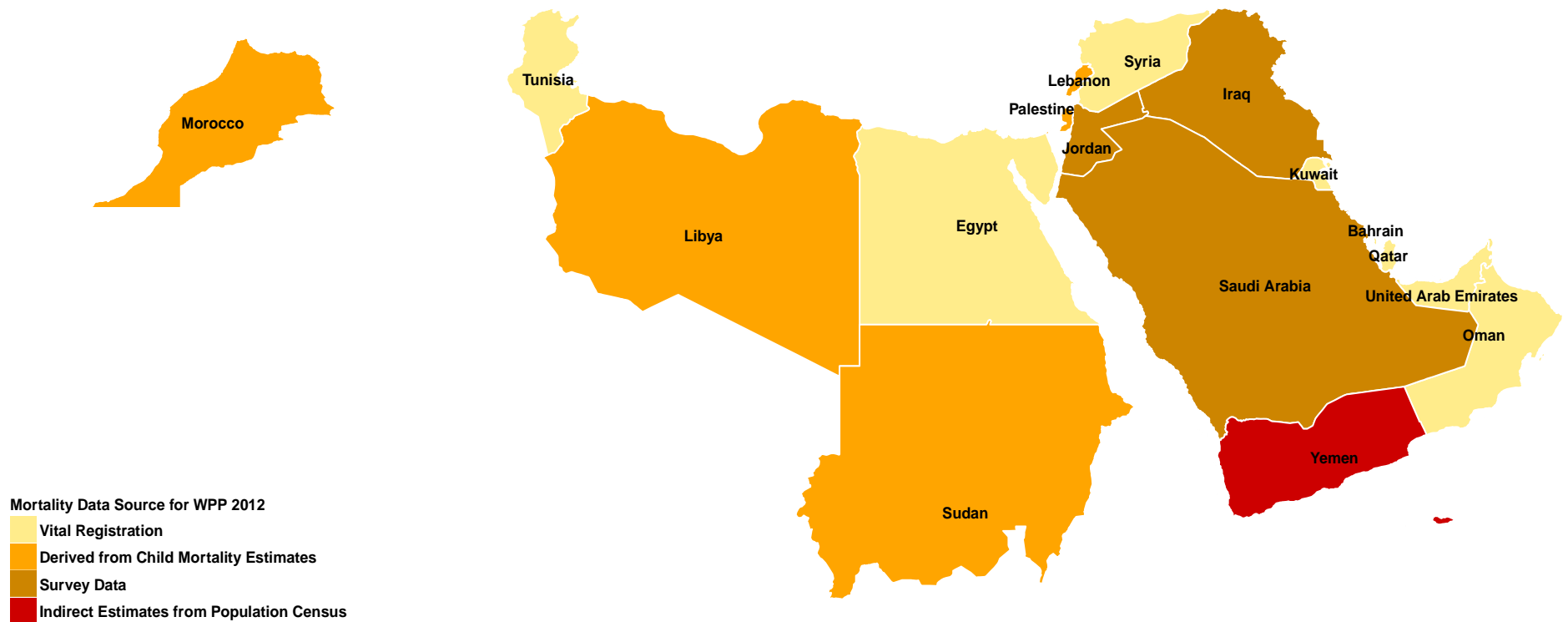
Motivation (i): Death Registration systematically lower than birth registration



Motivation (ii): Registration Completeness & Mortality Level Paradox



Motivation (iii): Heavy reliance on non-CRVS sources by UN when estimating summary mortality measures



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013), World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision

UN-ESCWA CRVS Work in 2015

- Construction of Comprehensive Data Catalog of Fertility & Mortality Data Sources for ESCWA Member States
- Ongoing collaboration with WHO-EMRO, in undertaking CRVS Comprehensive Assessments
- Drafted analytical working paper comparing Comprehensive Assessment findings of 8 ESCWA Member States
- Expert Group Meeting & Technical Study on Death Registration Completeness and Data Quality in the Arab Region
- Design of Capacity Building Project (jointly with UNPD) on improving data management, data quality assessment and vital statistics production in ESCWA member states
- Technical working paper assessing analytical potential of UNHCR registration & HIS data in Yemen

UN-ESCWA CRVS Priorities for 2016-2017

- Integration of CRVS work within broader 2030/SDGs work by ESCWA
- Finalize + Launch of Comprehensive Data Catalog of Fertility & Mortality Data Sources for ESCWA Member States
- Ongoing analysis of CRVS Comprehensive Assessment results with WHO-EMRO
- Undertaking of CRVS Comprehensive Assessments in GCC Countries in collaboration with WHO-EMRO
- Technical research & cooperation on completeness and quality assessment methods (DDMs and record linkage)
- Technical research into utility of census questions to evaluate BR/DR completeness and quality (as part of technical cooperation for 2020 census round)
- Convene sharing of knowledge & lessons learned between Member States and international/regional partners
- Launch of Capacity Building Project (jointly with UNPD) on improving VS production by ESCWA member states
- Launch of pilot project on improving
 1. utilization of refugee/IDP registration & HIS data,
 2. assessment of BR/DR for conflict-affected populations, and