Making everyone count: Advancing gender equality and women's empowerment through inclusive CRVS systems

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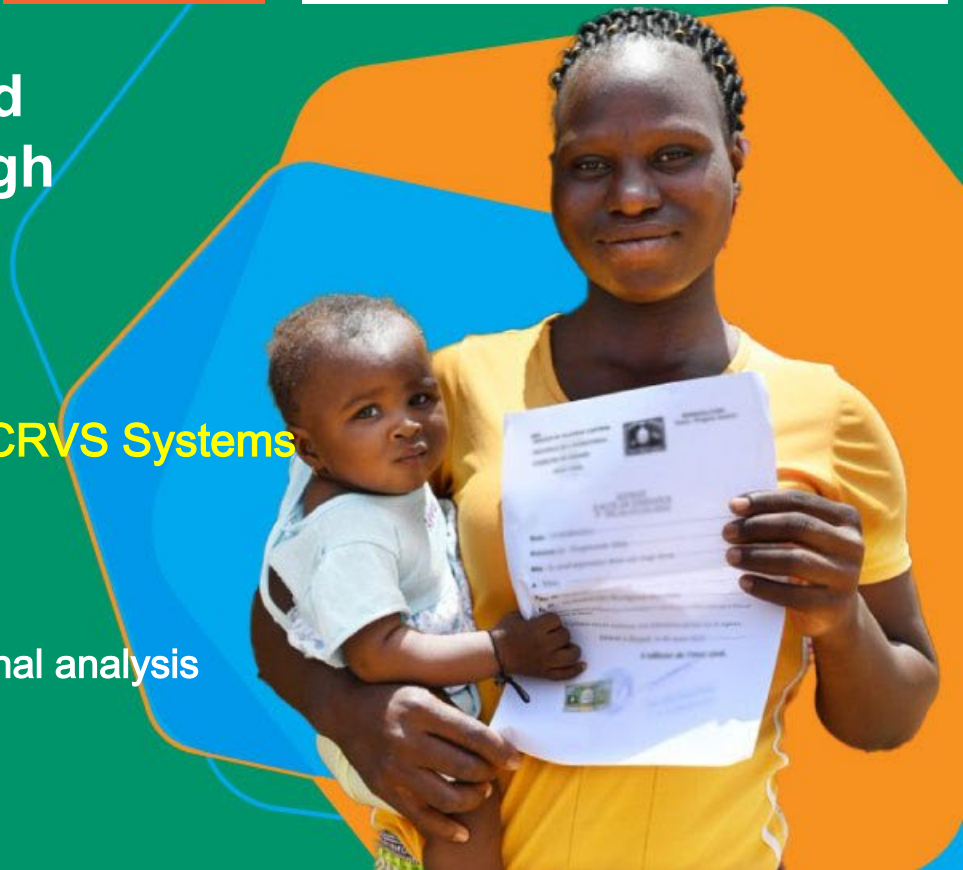

Session 2: Gender perspectives and intersectional analysis
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Key Points for Discussion

Strategic Framing

Life Course Approach & Gender Lens

Synthesis

Consolidation of Assessment Frameworks + Tools

Expansion

Inequality Assessments

Data Systems Integration

Human-centred design informed by human principles

Expand Data Usage

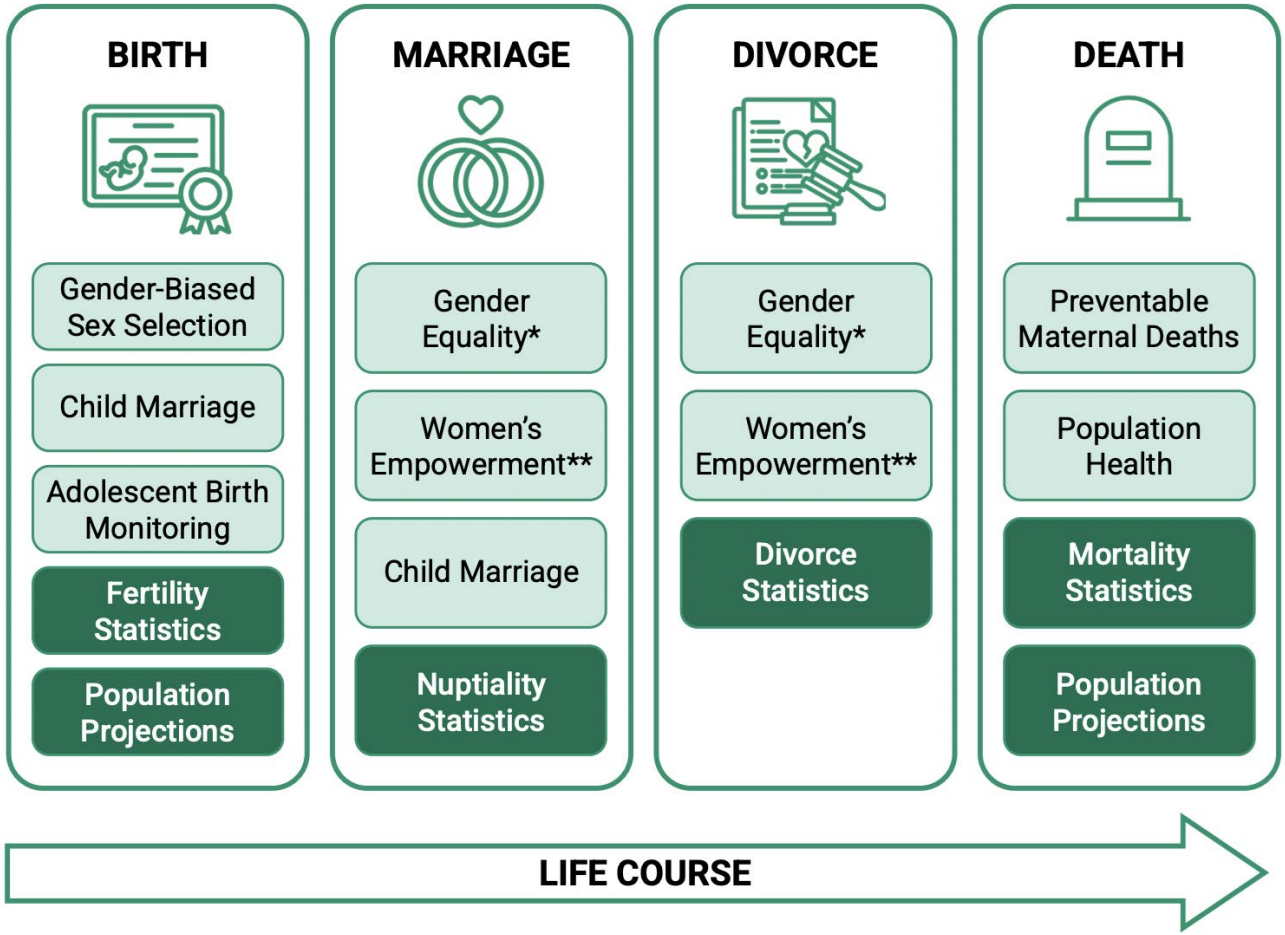
CRVS data as an accessible public good

Evidence to Action

Culture of Implementation Science + Operations Research

Coordination & Financing

Improve engagement w/ private sector + community groups



Adopt a holistic, life-course approach to legal identity that integrates gender perspectives

* Non-discrimination on the basis of sex or gender identity, property and inheritance rights, child custody rights.

** Right to remarry, protection from unilateral divorce.

Thematic Engagement

Data System & Statistics Strengthening

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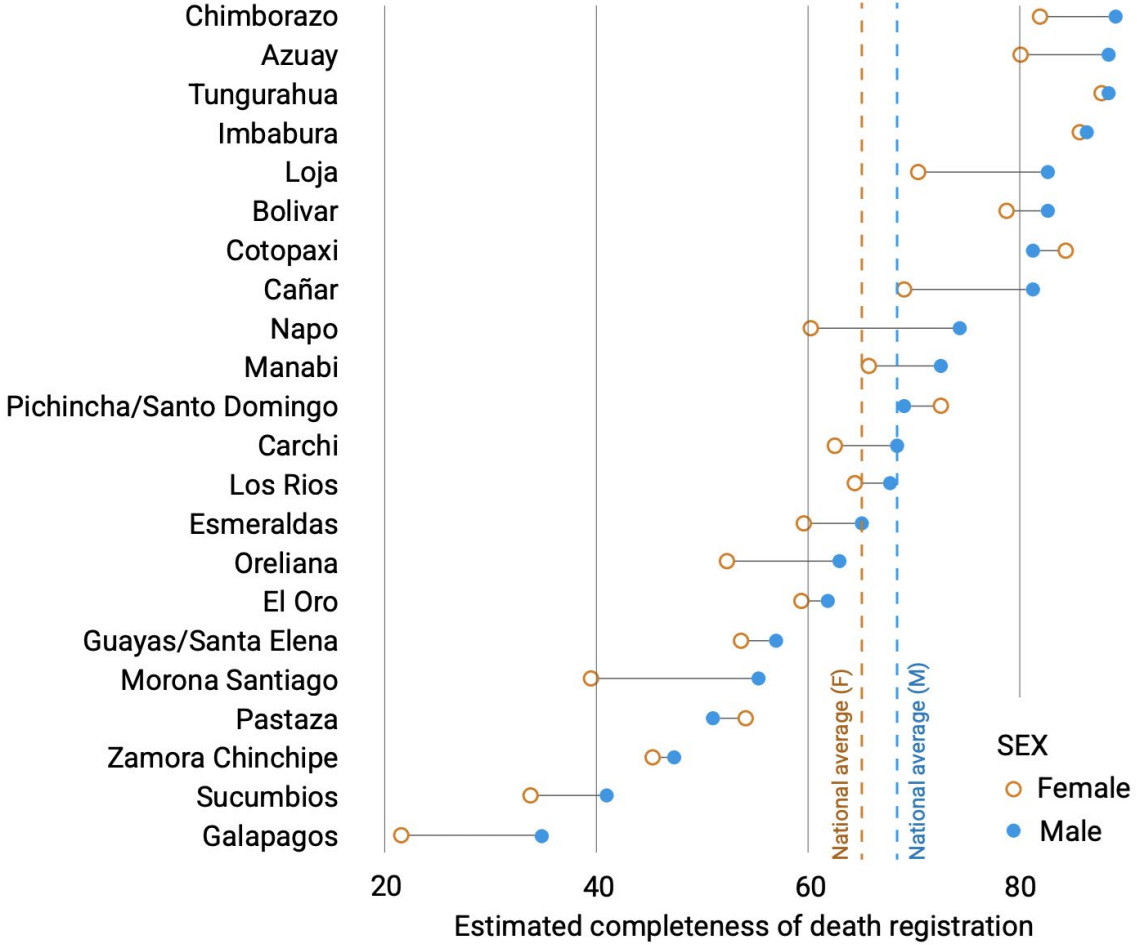
Scope for consolidation and alignment among the various CRVS assessment tools?

Assessment Tool	Institutional Author	Thematic Focus	Analytic Focus	Examples of Implementation Countries
CRVS Rapid and Comprehensive Assessment Tool (2021)	WHO / University of Queensland	CRVS systems, with a focus on registration of births and deaths	Country assessment against United Nations legal identity agenda principles	Kenya, Zambia
CRVS Comprehensive Assessment Tool with Gender Lens (2024)	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Global Financing Facility	CRVS systems, with a gender lens	In-country context	South Sudan, Burundi
SCORE Assessment Tool (2020)	WHO	CRVS, health information systems and census alignment	Comparative country and temporal analysis	Tanzania, Cambodia
ID4D Identity Management Diagnostic Tool (2018)	World Bank Identification for Development Initiative	Identity ecosystems, including national identity systems, CRVS systems and digital public infrastructure	Country assessment against identification for sustainable development principles	Botswana, Lebanon
CRVS Improvement Framework (2021)	Vital Strategies	CRVS systems, with a focus on registration of births and deaths	In-country context	Unknown

Expand inequality assessments to identify key drivers of under registration across the life course

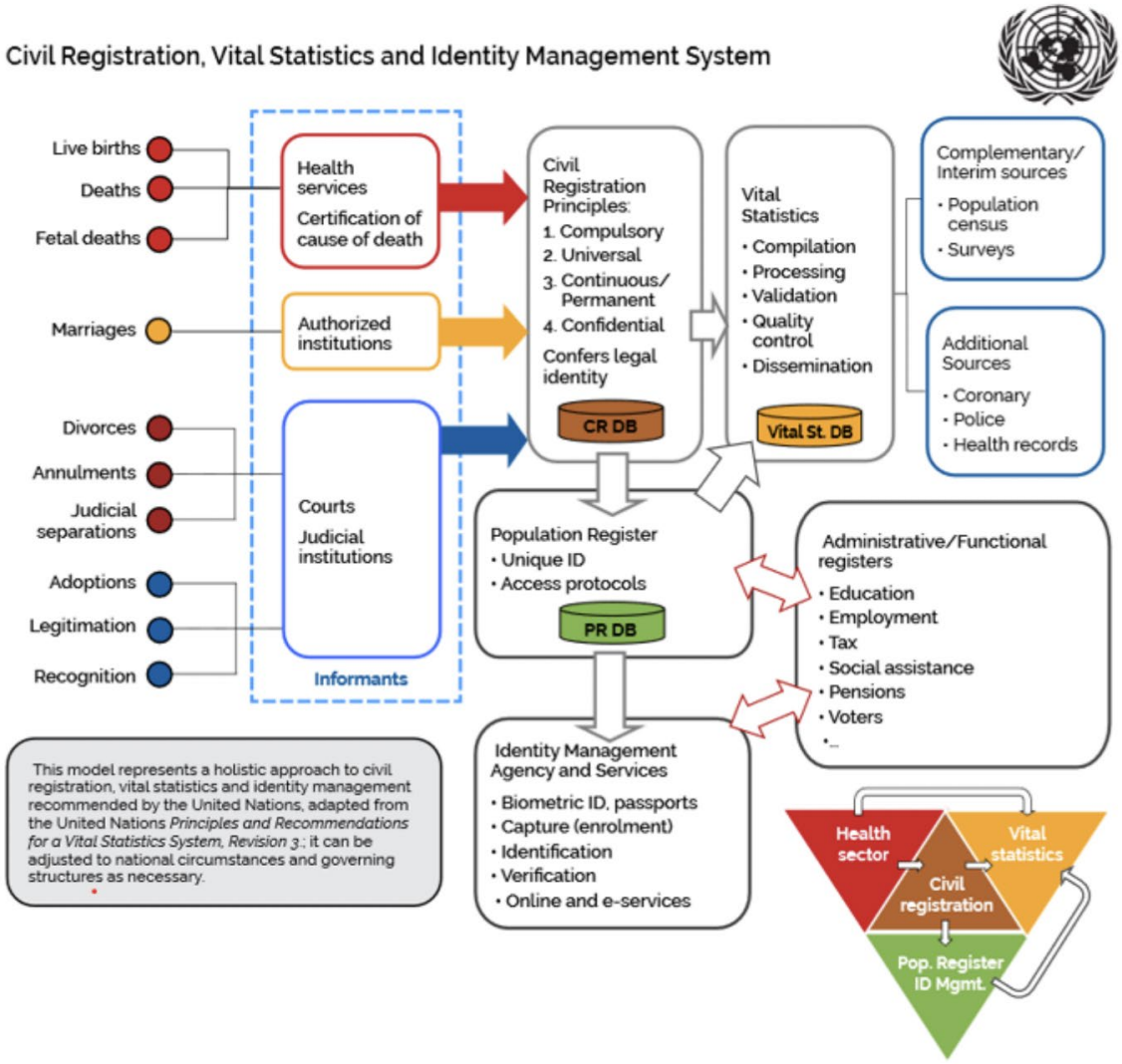
Figure 2: Sex differentials in death registration across geographic regions of Ecuador



Source: Peralta et al. (2019). Ecuador National Institute of Statistics and Census (INEC)

CRVS, ID and Digital Public Infrastructure integration:

Advancing inclusive service delivery vs risk of exclusion and discrimination



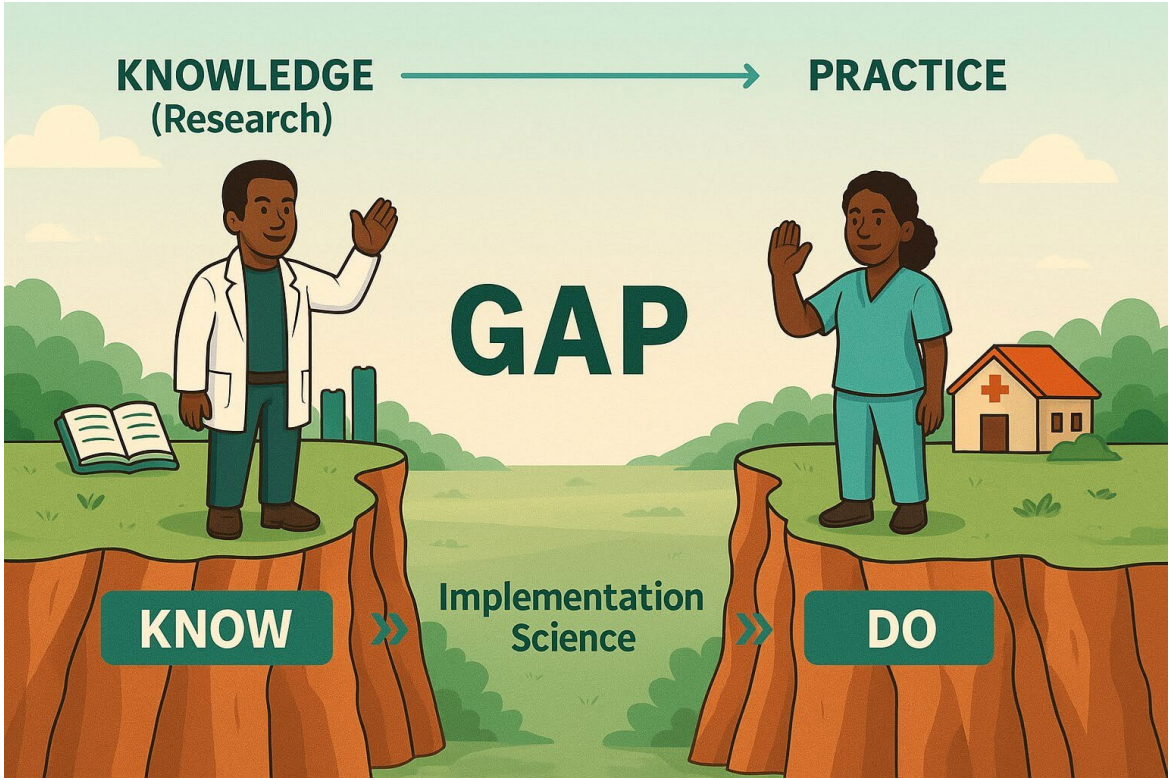
How do we strengthen CRVS data usage, in parallel with system strengthening efforts?

Analyze what we collect & publish what we analyze

Figure 3: Regional availability of vital events data contributed to the United Nations Demographic Yearbook, 2009–2018

Source: United Nations Demographic Yearbook Series, 2009–2018

How can systematic evaluations, feasibility studies and scalability assessments be better integrated into national CRVS strategies and action plans?



Strengthen partnerships and coordination

Private sector, community groups, …

- How can inter-ministerial and inter-agency coordination be enhanced, particularly in the areas of data governance and the dissemination and use of CRVS data?
- What opportunities exist to strengthen collaboration with the private sector and civil society organizations in supporting legal identity and CRVS systems?
- How can funding and financing for the strengthening of CRVS systems, identity management systems and DPI be better coordinated and more strategically aligned?

4th CRVS & GENDER Symposium

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Background Paper to the 4th Global CRVS and Gender Symposium
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UNFPA Global Community of Practice on Marriage and Divorce Registration

Objectives

1. Translates Technical Guidance into Practice
2. Promotes Knowledge Sharing and Learning between countries
3. Strengthens Technical Capacity
4. Enhances Coordination and Partnerships
5. Supports Strategic Advocacy

Modes of Engagement

1. Knowledge Exchange and Learning
   - **regular webinars**
   - Repository of Case studies, good practices, and Lessons learned
1. Technical Support and Guidance
   - Provide technical inputs to countries implementing marriage and divorce registration reforms
1. Outreach and Engagement
   - Engage Member States through international/regional mechanism
   - Facilitate participation in regional platforms such as:
     - Ministerial Expert Group Meetings (EGMs)

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Community of Practice on Population Registers

1. **Expand knowledge and technical exchange on emerging issues, technical methods and tools, and lessons learned in the area of population registers and pathways towards register-based censuses** - particularly amongst official statisticians, civil registrars, and administrative data professionals. One primary mechanism for this exchange will be a monthly Zoom meeting co-hosted by UNFPA, INE-Uruguay, and Statistics Norway;
2. **Support south-south and triangular cooperation via the facilitation of study tours and in-person knowledge exchanges** (including to INE - Uruguay in Montevideo and Statistics Norway in Oslo); and
3. **Produce and curate e-learning materials and online technical knowledge products and tools** to sustain accessibility to and innovation in technical methods, tools and cooperation on population registers and register-based censuses. This effort will build and extend UNFPA's e-learning course on "introduction to register-based censuses"

Community of Practice on Population Registers

- **Countries:**
  - **National Statistical Offices:** Statistics Norway (Norway), INE (Uruguay), GEOSTAT (Georgia), NSOM, (Mongolia), BPS (Indonesia), KAS (Kosovo), FBoS (Fiji), NBS (Seychelles), NSO (Mauritius), SSSU (Ukraine), BHAS (BiH), StatsSA (South Africa), GSS (Ghana), IBGE (Brazil), NSO (Cabo Verde), NSO (Vietnam), NISR (Rwanda), TurkStat (Turkiye), NBS (Moldova), NSB (Bhutan), DANE (Colombia), INS (Cameroon), ANSD (Senegal), ZamStats (Zambia), Turkmenistan, StatsSL (Sierra Leone)
  - **CRVS Agencies:** KCRS (Kenya), DCR (Namibia),
  - **Other related ministries/agencies:** Dept of Immigration (Kenya), Ministry of Home Affairs (Namibia)
- **International Organizations:** UNFPA, IADB, UNSD, ECA, ESCAP, SESRIC

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