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**Meeting of the Civil Registrars
of South Asia:
Afghanistan: *National CRVS Coordination
Mechanisms***

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CRVS system organization in country

- ✧ The CRVS system is centralized
- ✧ What are the different **agencies** (e.g. civil registrar, health, statistics) involved at what **administrative levels** (e.g. national, subnational, local)?
 - ✧ Afghanistan Civil Registration Authority (ACCRA) – National Level
 - ✧ Ministry of Health – Local Level
- ✧ What are the **main roles and responsibilities** of the agencies and levels?
 - ✧ ACCRA: All CRVS related issues
 - ✧ MoH: Issues related to death and birth registration

CRVS coordination mechanism in country

- ◆ **Is there** a high-level CRVS coordination mechanism and at **what level**?
 - ◆ Yes
- ◆ **What** are the objectives of the mechanism?
 - ◆ Policy development
 - ◆ Strategic decision-making
 - ◆ Legal approval
- ◆ **Who** are part the of national level coordination mechanism (including high-level, if exists)?
 - ◆ Vice Presidents Office
 - ◆ Chief Executive Ministry of Interior
 - ◆ Ministry for Public Health
 - ◆ Ministry for Religious Affairs
 - ◆ Ministry of Finance
 - ◆ Central Civil Registration Authority

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- ◆ Which **other agencies are** involved in coordination at various levels and why?
 - ◆ Afghanistan Civil Registration Authority
 - ◆ Ministry of Public Health
 - ◆ Ministry of Interior
 - ◆ Others
- ◆ At national level, the level of participation is at the level ministers or deputy ministers.
- ◆ At the steering committee level, directors and chief executive officers who are directly implementing the programs
- ◆ At the local level, ACCRA is also the lead agency that work in collaboration with the local governments. ACCRA has 420 offices across the country at the district level in 34 provinces (there are 372 districts in Afghanistan). At the local level, ACCRA offices directly works under the supervision of the central office. They only coordinate with the local government at provincial and district level.

CRVS coordination mechanism in country

- ◆ **How** does the CRVS Coordination mechanisms work:
 - ◆ across agencies (horizontal)
 - ◆ Inter-Agency Coordination Committee
 - ◆ within agencies (vertical) at each level
 - ◆ National Level CRVS Steering Committee
- ◆ Are these **formal mechanisms** (i.e. legal/administrative orders)?
 - ◆ Yes

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◆ Is there a **terms of refernce**?

◆ Yes

◆ How do the agencies **communicate** across and within?

◆ Meetings

◆ Emails

◆ Video conferences

◆ How is the coordination monitored?

◆ Through administrative office of the president

CRVS coordination mechanism in country

How effective have these coordination mechanisms been?

- Very effective so far

- ◆ Important gains

- ◆ High percentage of birth certificates
- ◆ Launch of biometric ID-cards

- ◆ Challenges

- ◆ Security
- ◆ Funding

