



CR8: South-Asia Civil Registration Network

Is It Worth Pursuing?

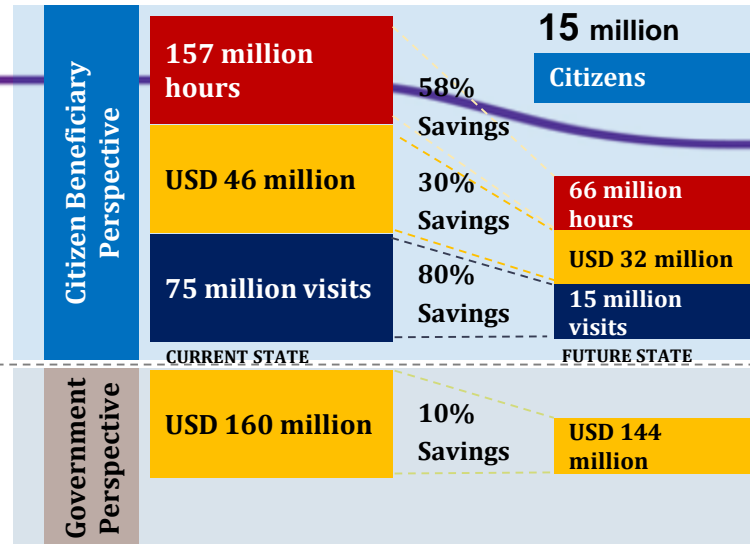
Solving Common Problems and Learning from Each Other

- ▶ **Coordination within country**
 - ▶ “Coordination without communication is meaningless”
 - ▶ Inter-agency: CR, CI, health, VS, other line service providers
 - ▶ Local level is critical
- ▶ **Cross border coordination**
 - ▶ MoUs with countries hosting migrant and displaced population
 - ▶ Focal point in South-Asian countries
- ▶ **CR + CI synergy**
 - ▶ Standards, adoption and monitoring
 - ▶ Data sharing protocol
- ▶ **Legal framework, financials, HR capacity**
- ▶ **Softer but critical issues: political will, turf control, incentives for organizational change management**



Emerging Opportunities and Challenges

- ▶ Electronic service delivery enriches all departments, reduces cost of delivery and reduces TCV of access
- ▶ Integration with 'Big Data' from private sector
- ▶ Blockchain based persistent ID
- ▶ GUIN – Global Unique ID Number?



Challenges

- ▶ Loss of privacy
- ▶ Identity theft
- ▶ Skills gap
- ▶ Up front high cost of migration

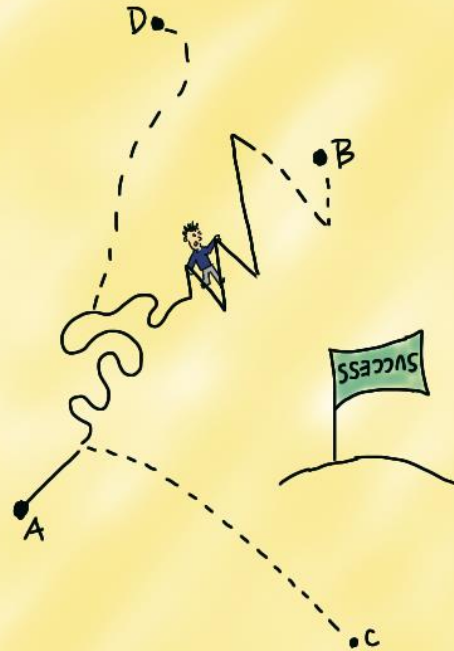


Reality is Different from Prescription

What you thought-



What you got-





ToR for CR8

What Do We Do and How?

Introduction

- ▶ Civil registries are necessary for the registration and certification of vital events. They play a key role in achieving the global goal of an identity for all including, first and foremost, birth and death registration but also other vital registrations such as marriage, divorce, adoption, and migration, among many others necessary throughout the course of a person's life. Under the theme of 'Get everyone in the picture', the civil registries also play a fundamental role of achieving the goals in the Asia-Pacific region of improving civil registration over the next decade.

Objective

- ▶ An informal professional network to share information, lessons learned, and good practices of strengthening civil registries in the 8 countries in South Asia. It fosters coordination and integration of Civil Registrars' inputs and ideas into the implementation of the Asia Pacific Regional Action Framework for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.
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Membership

- ▶ Civil registration professionals of South Asia countries. Membership is open to any Civil Registrar with State or Country level responsibility for civil registration, or their nominee. Membership is for an individual or an organizational position with specific civil registration responsibility. Invitations for associate membership may also be extended to relevant partner organizations and individuals – public, private, academic, development partners, etc. Associate membership is only for those with a specific civil registration responsibility.



Coordination

- ▶ A CR8 Coordination Group is established to (i) identify key issues in common across the civil registrars that would benefit from joint discussion, (ii) facilitate gatherings (virtual or in-person) of members, (iii) facilitate information exchange (listserv, e-bulletins, website, social media, etc.), and (iv) liaise with other networks on areas of mutual interest.



Resources

- ▶ This group is self-funding. The network may raise funds for specific activities such as in-person events, knowledge management and dissemination. No central fund management is planned initially.
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Mode of Working

- ▶ This is an informal network with the basic means being a listserv that all members can access. Website and social media platforms may be set up with responsibility for maintaining them within the network.



PCRN Example



AEHIN Example



Discussion Workgroups

1. Being opportunistic and agile:
What ongoing events and networks can we leverage?
How do we manage funds?
 2. KPIs:
What would NOT have happened, or happened as quickly if this network did not exist?
 3. Initiator group:
Who will initiate activities and generate momentum?
What regular activities are meaningful?
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