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

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2014-2019 Regional Strategy: ESCWA Focus

- Strengthen the registration infrastructure and capacities
- Improve production, use and dissemination of vital statistics
- Improve intersectoral 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

Rapid Assessment Classification of CRVS System
- Dysfunctional and Weak
- Functional but Inadequate
- Satisfactory
Motivation (i): Death Registration systematically lower than birth registration

Note: death registration completeness data not available for Libya & Mauritania
Motivation (ii):
Registration Completeness & Mortality Level Paradox

Under−five Mortality Rate
Death Registration Completeness (%)
BAH
EGY
IRQ
JOR
KUW
LBN
MOR
OMN
QTR
SAU
PAL
SDN
SYR
TUN
UAE
YEM

Under−five Mortality Rate
Death Registration Completeness (%)

Adult Mortality Rate (45q15)
Death Registration Completeness (%)
BAH
EGY
IRQ
JOR
KUW
LBN
MOR
OMN
QTR
SAU
PAL
SDN
SYR
TUN
UAE
YEM

0 20 40 60 80 100
0 20 40 60 80 100
0 50 100 150 200 250
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Motivation (iii): Heavy reliance on non-CRVS sources by UN when estimating summary mortality measures
ESCWA CRVS Work in 2015

- Ongoing collaboration with WHO-EMRO, in undertaking CRVS Comprehensive Assessments
- Expert Group Meeting & Technical Study on Death Registration Completeness and Data Quality in the Arab Region
- Development of Capacity Building Project (jointly with UNPD) on improving data management, data quality assessment and vital statistics production in ESCWA member states
- Development of project to improve Mortality Statistics of populations displaced by conflict
- Contributed to draft guidelines on mortality statistics in collaboration with WHO and UN ECA
ESCWA CRVS Priorities for 2016-2017

- Integration of CRVS work within broader 2030/SDGs work by ESCWA
- Ongoing analysis (and publication) of CRVS Comprehensive Assessment results with WHO-EMRO
- Undertaking of CRVS Comprehensive Assessments in GCC Countries in collaboration with WHO-EMRO
- Launch of Capacity Building Project (jointly with UNPD) on improving VS production by ESCWA member states
- Launch of pilot project on improving utilization of refugee registration data and mortality statistics of conflict-induced refugees