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UN-ESCWA Previous Activities on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

EGM on Record Linkage Studies to Assess Completeness of Death Registration
December 21-22, 2017- Beirut, Lebanon
The Importance of CRVS

Civil registration is defined as the ‘universal, continuous, permanent and compulsory recording of vital events provided through decree or regulation in accordance with the legal requirements of each country’*

It is a fundamental responsibility of governments and serves a dual purpose:

- Legal and administrative objective
- Demographic and statistical function

CRVS in the Arab Region

Most Arab countries still lack complete and accurate CRVS systems.

Death registration is notably less complete than birth registration.

Countries with high levels of mortality tend to have weak CRVS systems with low death registration completeness.

Protracted conflicts and population displacements pose serious challenges to CRVS systems in the region.
UN-ESCWA Activities, 2014-2016

2014
- WHO-EMRO, UN-ESCWA & UNFPA-ASRO Regional Strategy for the Improvement of CRVS Systems
- WHO-EMRO, UN-ESCWA & UNFPA-ASRO Training Workshop on Demographic Methods for Assessing the Completeness of Death Registration

2015
- UN-ESCWA EGM on Death Registration Systems and Mortality Statistics in the Arab Region

2016
- IUSSP, WB & UN-ESCWA EGM Towards the Next Generation of Record Linkage Studies to Advance Data Quality Assessment of Civil Registration Systems in LMIC
- UNSD & UN-ESCWA Workshop on Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Revision 3 for Arabic-Speaking Countries
- UN-ESCWA EGM on Civil Registration in Refugee Settings
UN-ESCWA Activities, 2017-2018

2017

- UN-ESCWA Advisory Mission to Assess and Strengthen CRVS Systems in Palestine in line with UN Principles and Recommendations
- UN-ESCWA EGM on Record Linkage Studies to Assess Completeness of Death Registration

2018

- UN-ESCWA Advisory Missions in Targeted Countries to Establish Systems for Measurement of Completeness and Quality Assessment of Registration Data
- UNSD & UN-ESCWA Regional Workshop to Review Country Experiences and Share Practical Guidelines on Measurement of Completeness and Quality Assessment of Registration Data
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