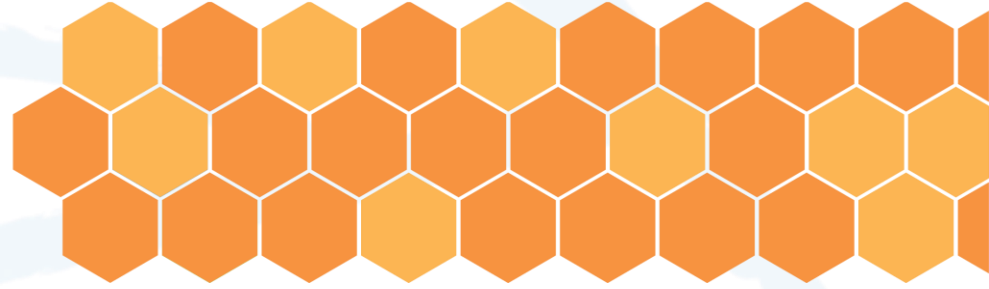




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The Asia Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (2015 – 2024) and the role of digitization

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ESCAP

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

- United Nations' regional hub promoting cooperation among countries to achieve inclusive and sustainable development
- 53 Member States and 9 associate members
- Research and analysis
- Policy advisory services
- Capacity building and technical assistance to governments
- Intergovernmental platform

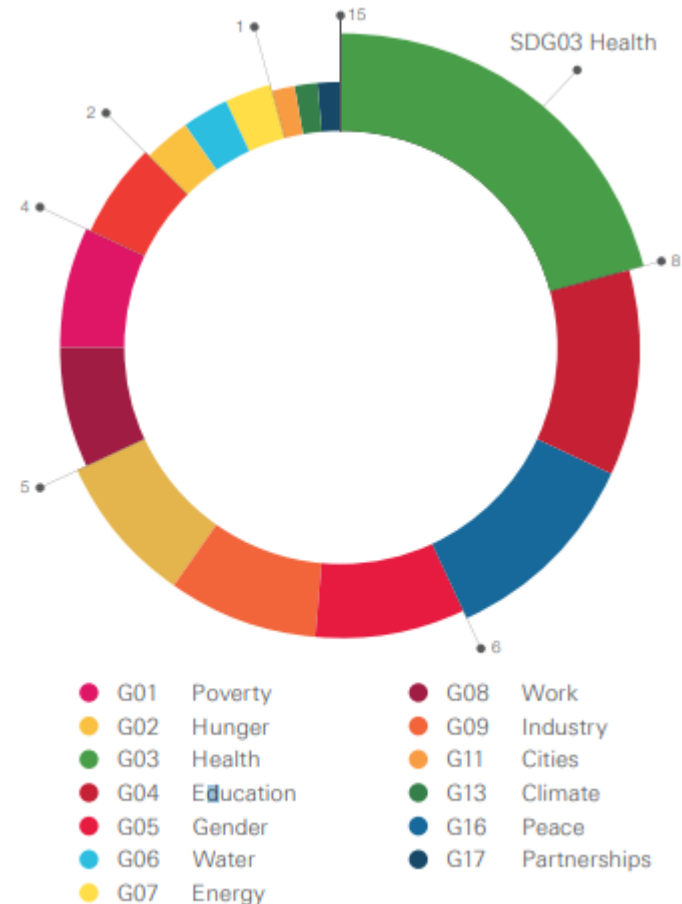


CRVS and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Well-functioning CRVS systems are:

- ✧ Essential for **planning and implementing SDGs** related to social inclusion, health, education, good governance, etc.
- ✧ Best source for continuous and timely data to **monitor SDGs** related to maternal mortality, NCD related deaths, adolescent fertility etc. (72 out of 230 indicators)

Figure: SDG indicators that have source data from a CRVS system



Source: Data for Health

Asia-Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024

“By 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development”



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Birth Certificate

1 Name: **ASIAN AND PACIFIC CRVS DECADE, 2015-2024**

2 Birth Date: Month **November** Day **28** Year **2014** 3 Sex: **Every one**

3 Place of Birth: **UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand**

4 Full Name of Parent(s): **Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific** 5 Nationality of Parent(s): **Asian and Pacific**

6 Signatures of Parents/Notifiers/Attendants/Registrars:



Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

ASIAN AND PACIFIC CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS DECADE 2015 - 2024



The regional ambition for the Decade



Goal 1: Universal registration of births, deaths & other vital events



Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights



Goal 3: Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated

REGIONAL ACTION FRAMEWORK (RAF)



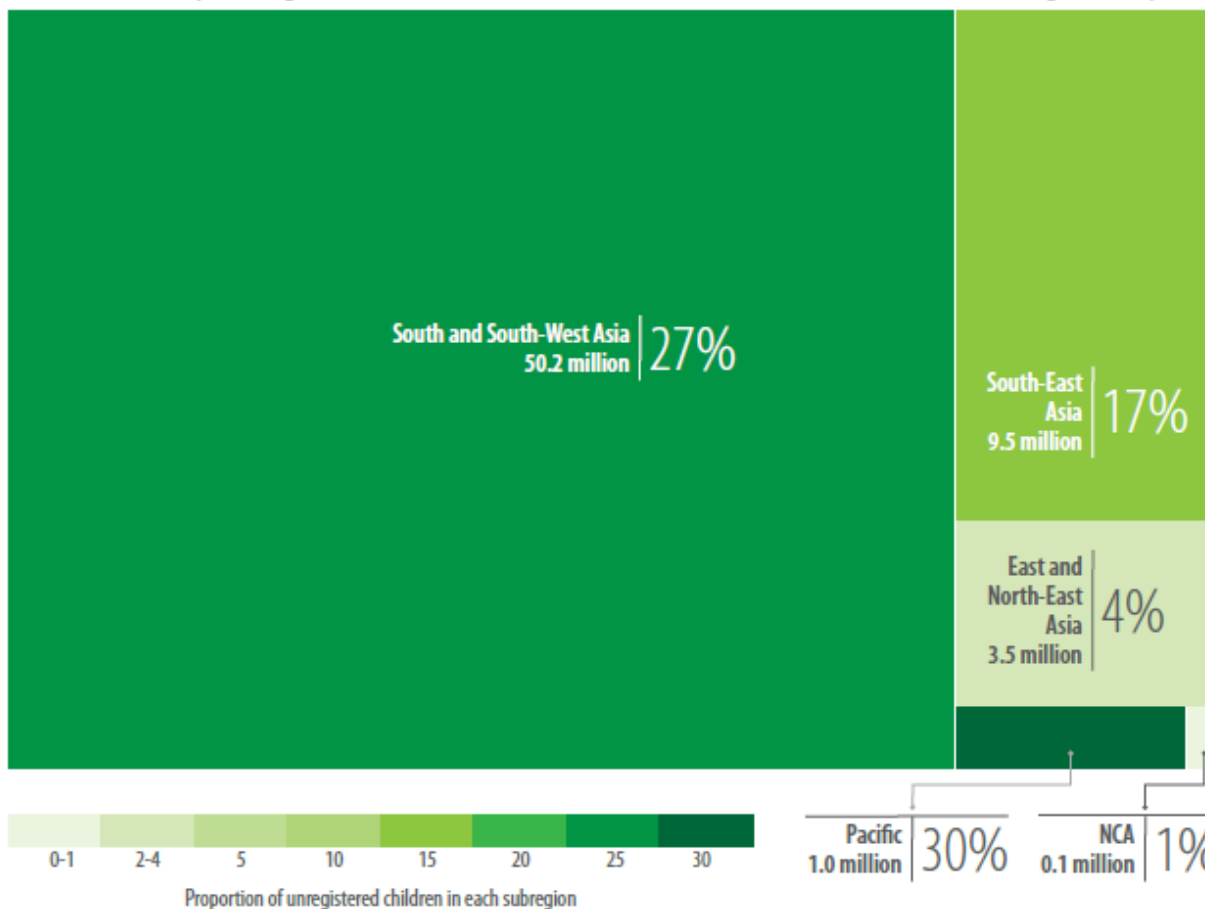


Situation in Asia and the Pacific at the middle of the CRVS Decade



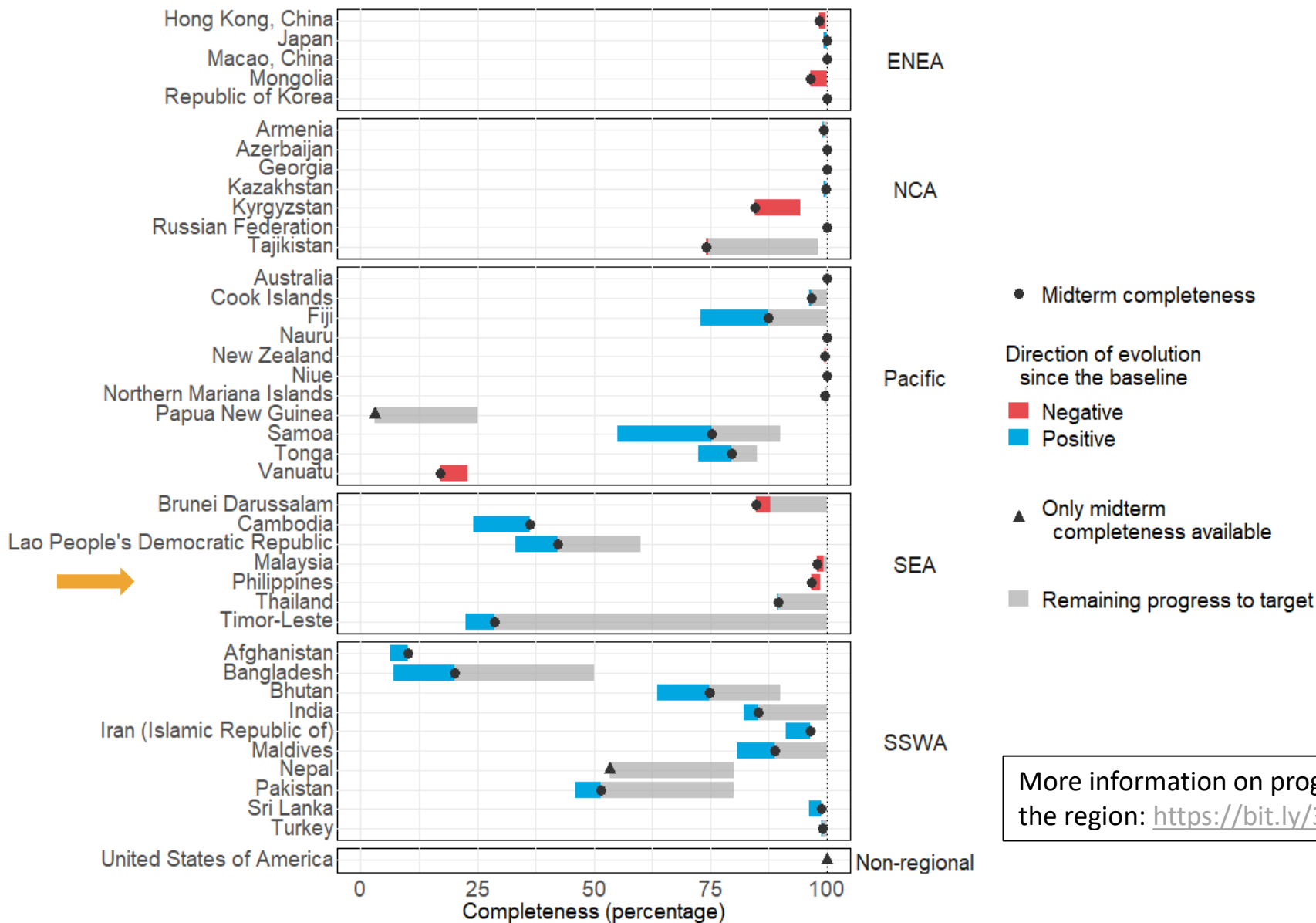
Unregistered Children under 5

Figure VI: Number and percentage of children under five in Asia and the Pacific whose birth has never been registered, by subregion



Note: The figure is based on an estimated 356.4 million children under five, and 64.4 million of them unregistered (18%). Non-regional countries are not included in this graph.

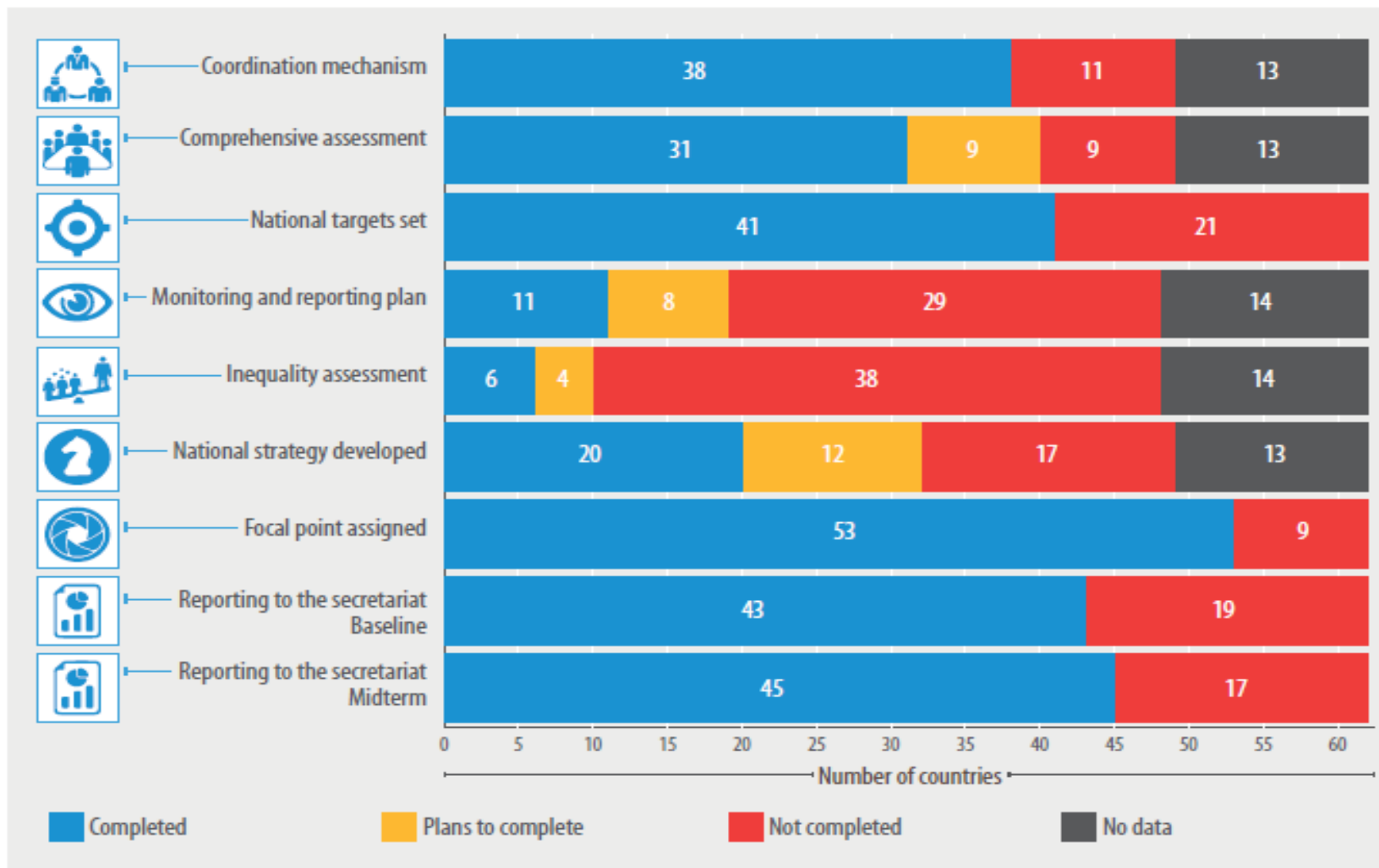
Death Registration Completeness



More information on progress in the region: <https://bit.ly/37LQtaz>

Implementation Steps

Figure XIV: Status of implementation steps

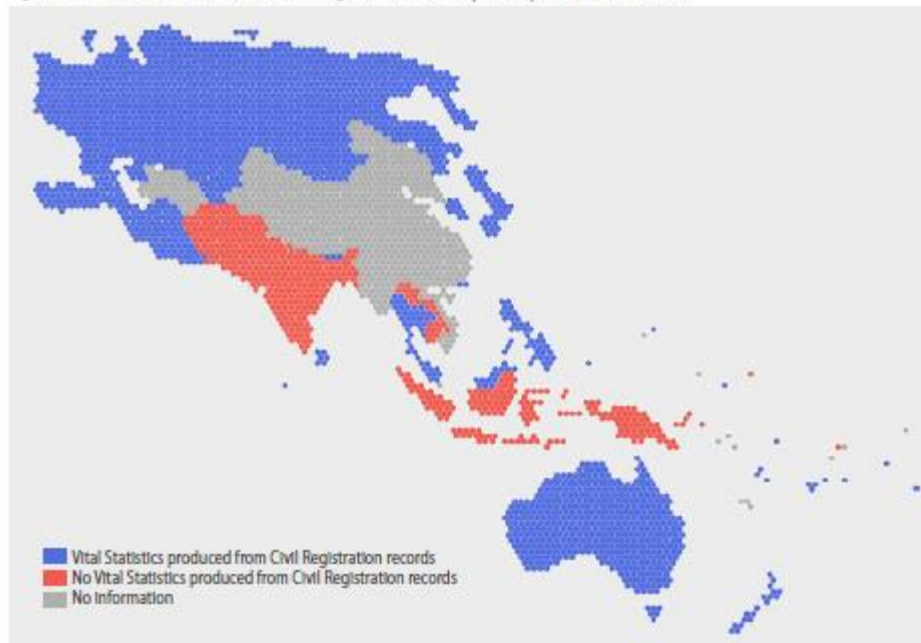


Vital Statistics

At least 17 countries have yet to use registration records for statistics and disseminate these statistics in the public domain

Statistics on causes of deaths still suffer from the low proportion of deaths with a medically certified cause of death and the high percentage of ill-defined codes in many countries

Figure XIII: Production of Vital Statistics from registration records by country in Asia and the Pacific



Ministerial Declaration 2021

Building a More Resilient Future with Inclusive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

- ✘ Proclaims the continued **commitment to the shared vision** that all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from **universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) system**
- ✘ Encourages the implementation of the **United Nations Legal Identity Agenda**
- ✘ Noted and recognized the **importance of digitization** in ensuring the civil registration and vital statistics of births, deaths, and causes of deaths and highlight the need for **data protection**
- ✘ Calls upon member states to **strengthen their CRVS systems** through various actions
- ✘ Calls upon development partners to **maintain or expand their assistance**

ESCAP's areas of support for the remaining half of the Decade

- ✧ Inequality assessments
- ✧ Production of vital statistics
- ✧ CRVS business process improvements
- ✧ Evidence to best practice and policy
- ✧ Regional networks of civil registration professionals
- ✧ Information products for the Regional Action Framework
- ✧ Secretariat support to Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific and the Asia Pacific CRVS Partnership
- ✧ Continued advocacy for CRVS improvements

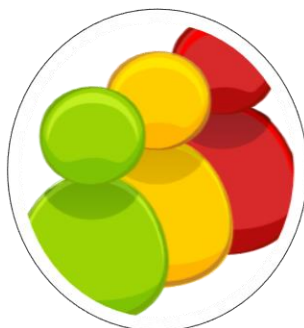


The role of digitization of CRVS systems

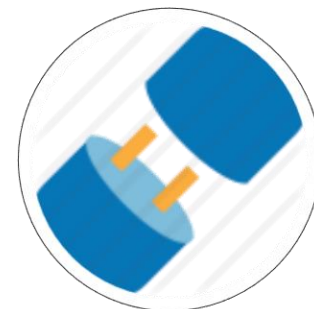
Problems with 'Unconnectedness'



No identity



Multiple identities



**Unconnected
databases**



**High Time, Costs
and inconvenience
for Service Delivery**



National wastage



**Little actionable
evidence for policy
makers**

Opportunities of ICT

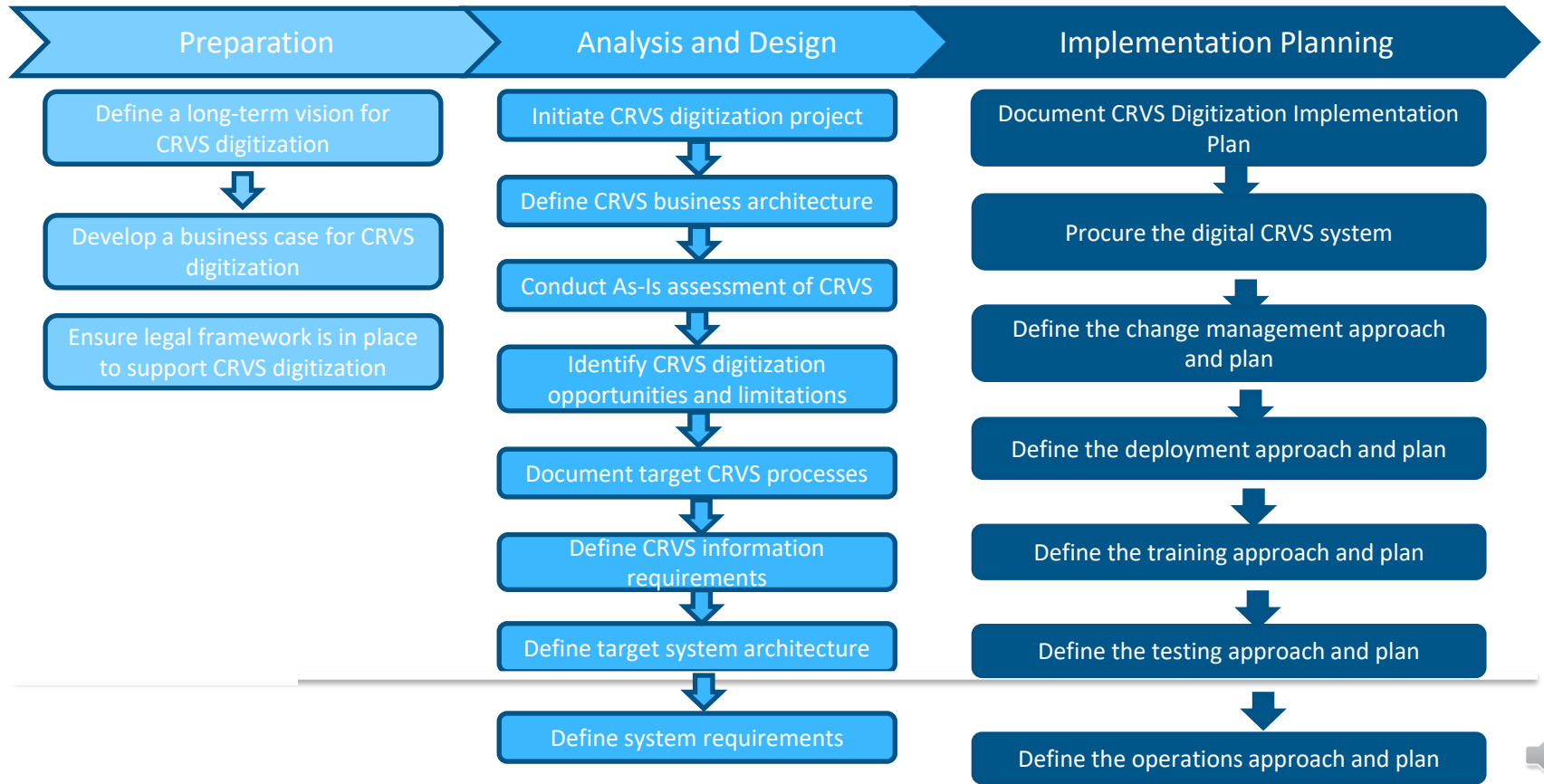
- ◆ Extend registration coverage
- ◆ Limit duplicated records and multiple identities
- ◆ Standardize and simplify CRVS processes
- ◆ Integrate data from multiple systems
- ◆ Securely store data at scale
- ◆ Visualise data in useful ways
- ◆ Facilitate movement towards eGovernment and easier service delivery to residents

all in a cost-effective way.

...if appropriate for the country context and properly implemented.



Digitization project life cycle - CRVS



Data safety considerations



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- Transmission and encryption
 - Storage
 - Retention
 - Authenticity
 - Confidentiality of individual's information

Operating environment

- Management and maintenance of the systems
- Insecure or high-risk digital environments
- 'Ad-hoc' development and unclear roles/responsibilities
- Limited supporting infrastructure, large rural populations, unreliable telecommunications
- Adequate legal frameworks





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