

Global Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Scaling Up Investment Plan 2015-2024

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The Global Plan for Scaling-up Civil Registration and Vital Statistics covers activities over a 10 year period from 2015 to 2024, with the goal of *universal civil registration of births, deaths, marriages, and other vital events, including reporting cause of death, and access to legal proof of registration for all individuals by 2030*. Civil registration is the act of recording and documenting of vital events in a person's life (including birth, marriage, divorce, adoption, and death and cause of death) and is a fundamental function of governments. More than 100 low- and middle-income countries still do not have functioning systems that can support efficient registration of births and other vital events. Around the world, almost 230 million children under the age of five are not registered. The civil registry provides individuals with the documentary evidence required to secure recognition of their legal identity, their family relationships, their nationality and their ensuing rights, such as to social protection and inheritance. The benefits from civil registries and the statistics they help produce, will be large across many sectors of government and across the private sector. The scaling up investment plan provides a coherent, global effort to ensure all countries have a sustainable civil registration and vital statistics integrated across government and serving the needs of public and private sectors and all citizens of a country. The global plan has three key components: (i) national CRVS systems strengthening; (ii) strengthening international support for CRVS; and (iii) sharing knowledge and building the evidence base for developing CRVS systems. Investments from domestic and international sources are required to achieve this goal, amounting to an estimated financing gap of approximately US\$ 199 million per year in the 73 low and middle income prioritized in the scale-up plan. A number of financing mechanisms are considered for investing in country-led, costed plans prepared in collaboration with a number of international and regional expert groups.