Report on Burkina Faso mentorship program achievements

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Coordination and collaboration achievements

The collaboration between main CRVS stakeholders has been strengthened. We brought key CRVS stakeholders to work together many times: For example, we created our Roadmap or workplan with the contribution of all the key stakeholders. They attended to many trainings (BPI, Vital Statistics production, Countries experiences on how the use of BPI improved their CRVS Systems,…) and conferences together. We brought about sixty participants from all key government agencies and Technical and Financial partners such as UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR and UNDP to participate to the two days’ workshop which objective was to officially launch the CRVS legal review in Burkina Faso.

Strengthening CRVS legal frameworks achievements

- There is an ongoing CRVS legal review activity in the country. This activity is funded by Data for Health Global Grants Program (GGP). The final chapter has been completed by the consultants on December 15, 2021 as part of the first step of the legal review. After this step, the team turned their attention to the final recommendations report for the legal review.
- We submitted to GGP Round 6, a project idea on Implementing CRVS Systems Improvement Framework in Burkina Faso. As said above, Burkina Faso is currently completing a comprehensive legal review of its current CRVS and ID system legal frameworks. However, a legal review is focused exclusively only the existing laws and regulations and not on what is happening on the ground. A legal review will not identify the gaps that exist between the legal frameworks in place and the practices on the ground. For that to occur, business process mapping is necessary. Our project idea has been accepted for funding and the draft of the full proposal is available, we will submit it very soon.
- Introduction the CRVS BPI: On behalf of ECA and Vital Strategies, I gave an introduction to the CRVS BPI during the Burkina Faso Legal review Launch workshop. I briefly presented also the CRVS mentorship program. My presentation focused on the complementarity between the CRVS BPI and the CRVS legal review.

Other achievements

- Reporting on CoM 5 Resolutions: I assisted the RG office to fill answers related to the CoM 5 Resolutions implementation in Burkina Faso
- African CRVS Day: Advocacy for organization of activities as part of the African CRVS Day. TV show organized as part of the African CRVS Day.
- Support Burkina Faso RG in the preparation of the Panel Discussion on experiences and lessons from the CRVS mentorship programme at the expert Group meeting of African Registrar Generals in Kigali/Rwanda-23rd -26th November 2021
- Presentation of how National statistics office and Ministry of health can work with the Civil Registration agency to improve CRVS System
- Expert Group meeting: Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on population and housing censuses in Africa (3 Days, June 10, 17, 24 2021). I was one of the rapporteurs of Day 2: Alternative approaches to undertaking Population and Housing Censuses
- Indepth Qualitative Questionnaire- CRVS Capacity Building Program: I assisted Civil Registration office to fill the document.
- Contribution to One day (July 22) workshop involving Burkina Faso CRVS key stakeholders to discuss about CRVS System improvement.

Challenges

- Coordination of CRVS stakeholders: The main challenge is the coordination between CRVS key stakeholders and the participation of all the CRVS stakeholders in activities. For the coordination, several actors intervene in CRVS management and their roles are not well defined in the legal framework. We hope that the CRVS legal review ongoing will define clearly specific roles and responsibilities of all the CRVS Key stakeholders.
- Another challenge is the Implementation of what we learned during the mentorship program: Trainings helped identify problems, but these initiatives did not move much beyond problem identification.
- Funding issues: Current national and international funding are not sufficient for CRVS System activities.

Activities ongoing and activities for the coming year

- Comprehensive legal review of current CRVS and ID system legal frameworks
- Implementing CRVS Systems Improvement Framework in Burkina Faso
- Drafting a new law on Burkina Faso CRVS Systems
- Revision of current Roadmap/Workplan to take into account all the CRVS events. As reminder, in Burkina Faso, we have already created Roadmap/Workplan for deaths and causes of deaths registration. We can have another Roadmap/Workplan including all vital events (deaths, causes of deaths, Birth, marriage, divorce, …).
- Advocacy for the Vital Statistics production: For now, the National statistics office does not produce vital statistics. There is an attempt to produce vital statistics by the Civil registration office, but they don't have sufficient and qualified staff to do so. This is why, we suggested in the framework of mentorship program an agreement between the civil registration office and the National statistics office. In this agreement the Civil registration office will commit to transmit the CR data to the National statistics office for analysis. We hope that the CRVS legal review ongoing will take this kind of collaboration into account, so that the available data can be analyzed by the National statistical office.
- Improving the CRVS System coordination
- Advocacy for national and international funding for CRVS System activities.