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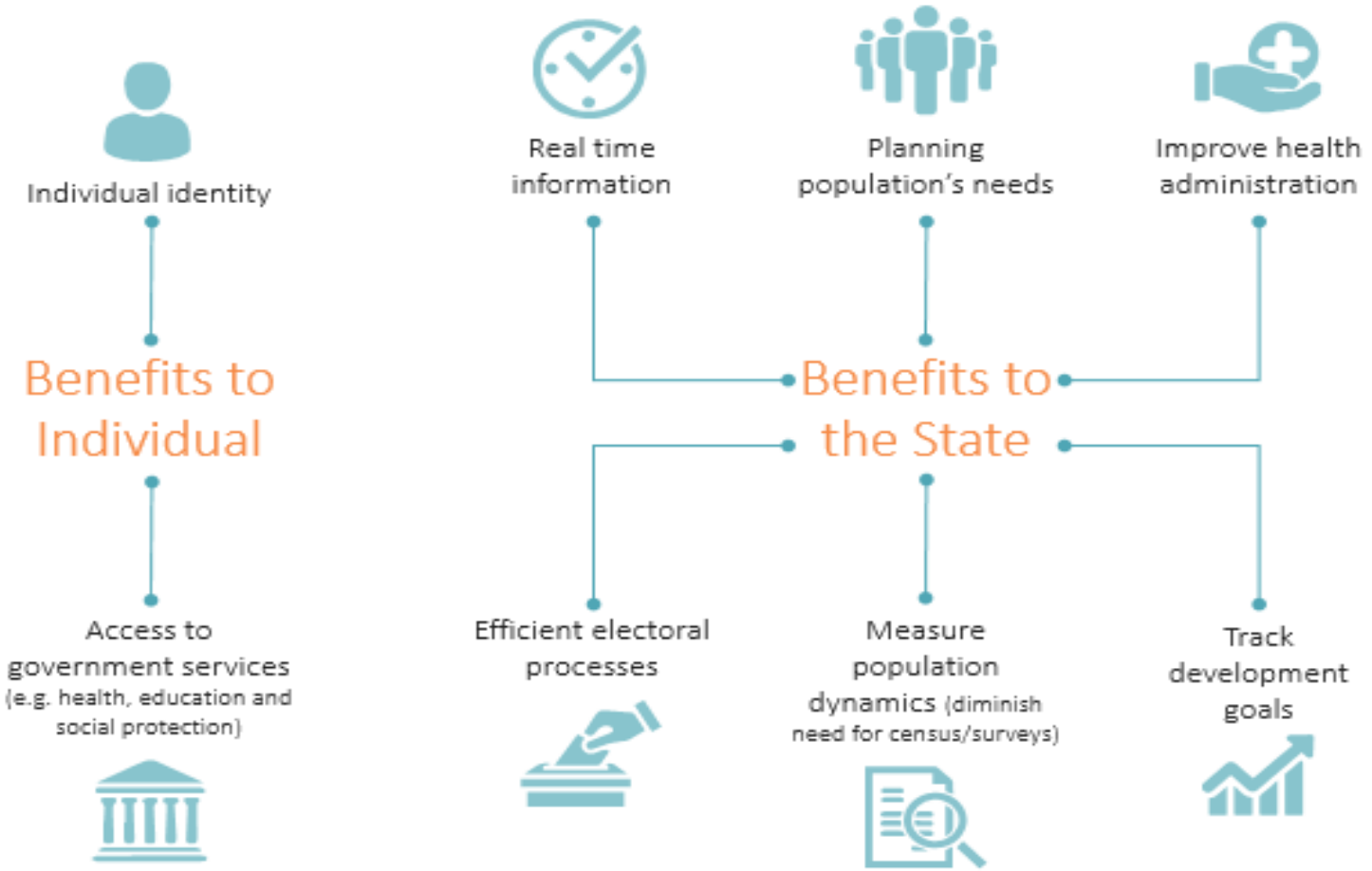
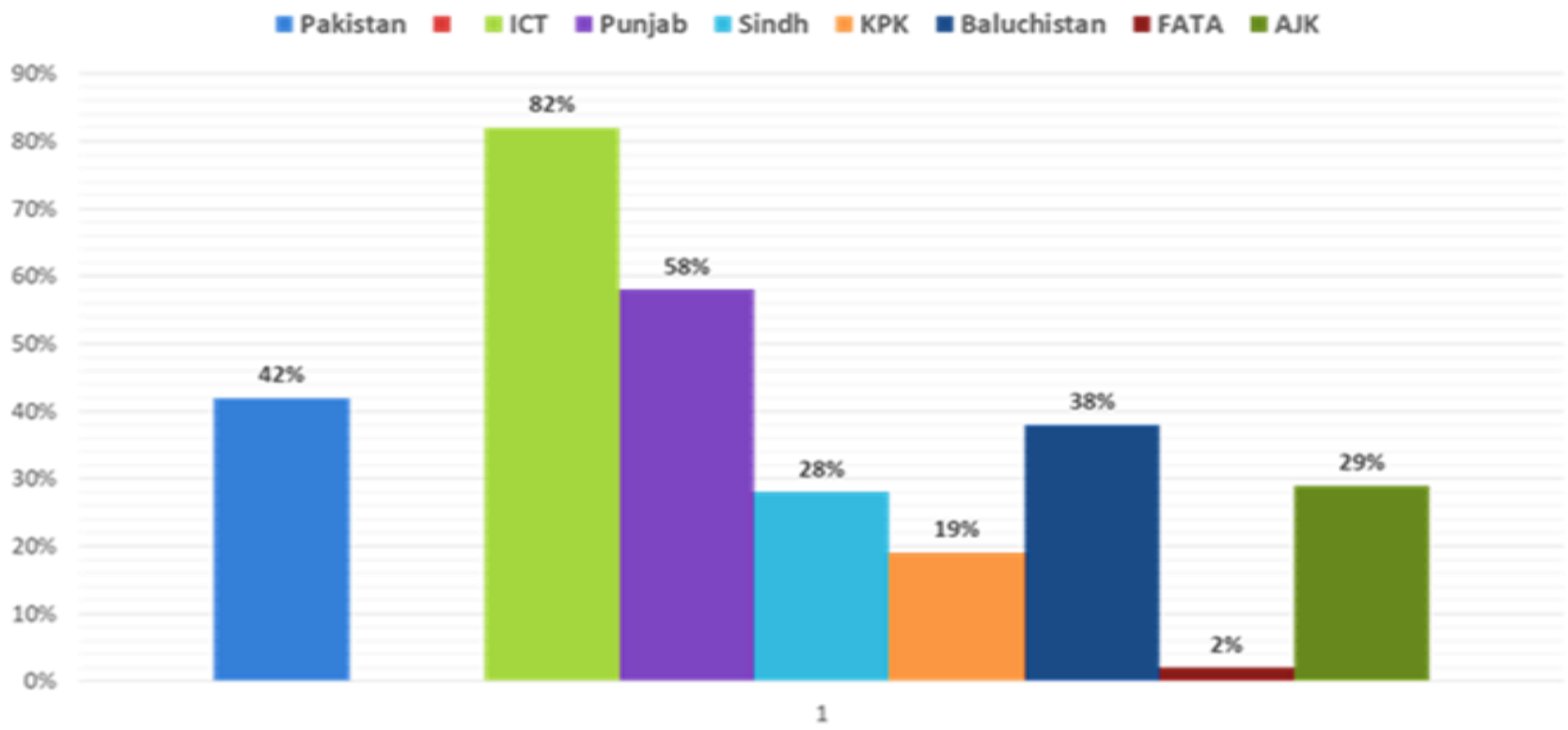
Civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS)is the continuous, permanent, compulsory and universal recording of the occurrence and characteristics of vital events of the population in accordance with the law.

Why CRVS is critical?



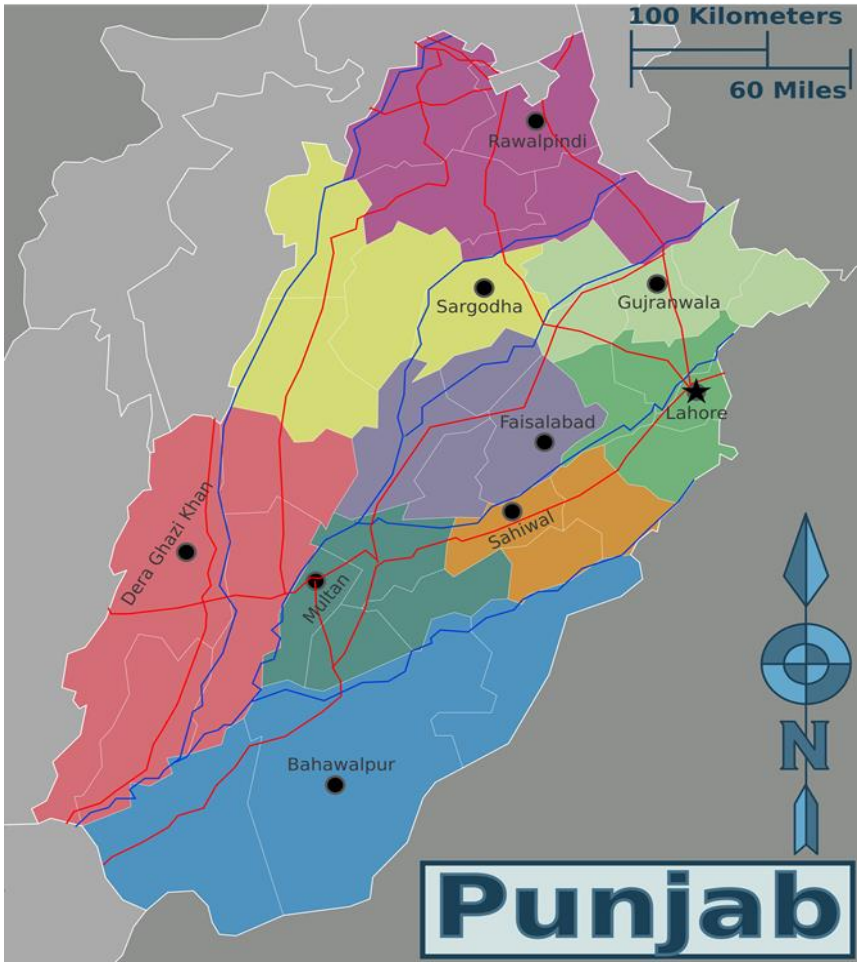
Status of Birth registration under 5 Years



Pakistan Demographic & Health Survey-2019

Study Area

- **The study was carried out in the biggest Punjab Province (having 110M inhabitants with > half the population of Pakistan) to ;**



Methodology & Approach

- Desk review on reports and publications on CRVS (in Pakistan in general, and Punjab in particular).

- Development and application of a questionnaire to collect data in 800 out of 1,001 Union Councils, 1800 respondents – 28% Females (10 out of 36 districts randomly selected in Pb).

- In-depth interviews and FGDs to complement the information gathered. Four levels of data collection, ranging from Deputy Directors LG, UC secretaries, Health and Community.

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Salient Strengths & Gaps

- Govt and Partner's Commitment to invest and improve CRVS. Ongoing Efforts.
- Nationwide CRVS Infrastructure like NADRA, Registration Points, CRVS Coordinating Units at Federal/Provincial levels, internet support.
- Present Administrative structure for civil registries is complex leading to non-uniformity of registration practices, such as;
- Ambiguities in interpretations of laws, regulations and SOPs.

Salient Observations/ Findings

- Variation in capacities y between the Union Councils Registration points, when it comes to registration routines document issuance routines.

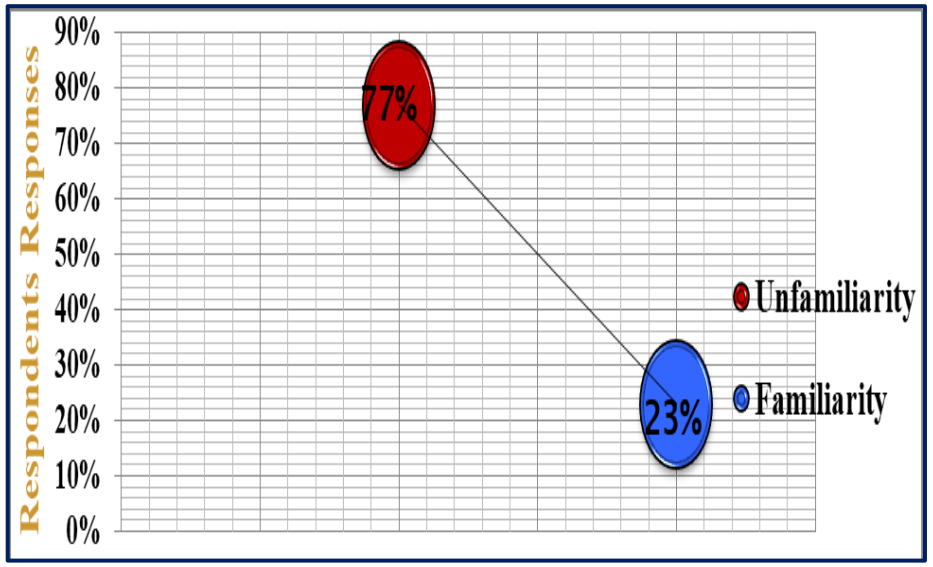
- Data Quality due to Incorrect and inaccurate registration due to various reasons , insufficient maintenance of archives.

- Insignificant Inter-scetoral coordination among key stakeholders both at operational and strategic levels.

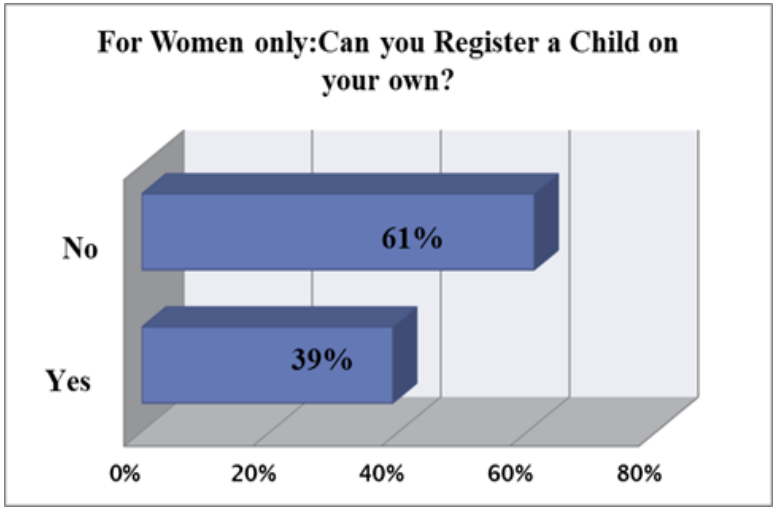
- Weak system for flow of Vital Statistics- especially Deaths/COD information. Clarity for compilation, analysis and disseminating the official Vital statistics.

Salient Observations From Community data

- Familiarity with Registration Requirements & Procedures



- Women's Ability to register her child



Barriers to Registration of Vital Statistics

CITIZENS	PUBLIC SECTOR
Economic barriers • Poverty • Access (distance) • Time	**Institutional barriers** • Limited administrative capacity • Inadequate or lack of ICT • Limited Geografical Presence
Legal barriers • Difficult to understand procedures • Lack of knowledge of time limits for registration	**Legal barriers** • Overlapping jurisdictions • Convoluted legal framework for CR and VS
Cultural barriers • Language, customs • Distrust • Discrimination against women and minorities.	**Budgetary restrictions** • Lack of resources for investment in staff, infrastructure and ICT

Overall CRVS Challenges

- Need for a sound legal framework and inter-institutional collaboration across sectors, especially health, local govt. statistical departments etc.
- Need for significant administrative and management reforms for registration at local level.
- Strong need for CRVS Demand Generation. Passive system relies on civil society collaboration for notification of births & deaths.
- Address major funding gaps for further analysis on issues related to disabilities, minorities and gender disaggregated

Thank You!