



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
for CRVS Systems

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Call for Experts for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) System Strengthening

BACKGROUND

Systematic reporting and registration of vital and civil events — including birth, death (and causes of death), marriage, and divorce — is critical for improving reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health, and for protecting human rights, especially those of vulnerable groups such as women and children. As such, the statistics generated from this data become valuable evidence to inform change. For example, having access to accurate information on causes of death gives policymakers and practitioners the knowledge they need to review the circumstances leading to maternal and child deaths, identify preventable factors, and take action where needed. A well-functioning civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) system can therefore play a catalytic role in equitable and sustainable human development. The information it holds can not only save lives, but also provide proof of legal identity, facilitating access to essential services such as health care and education. Such crucial information systems are, however, inadequate in many countries. The United Nations estimates that one-third of the world's births and two-thirds of the world's deaths are not registered or are incorrectly certified.

DIRECTORY OF EXPERTS

In order to facilitate access to technical expertise and assistance for strengthening CRVS systems, the [Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems](#), housed at the [International Development Research Centre](#) (IDRC), has established a Directory of Experts that includes over 100 experts readily available to support CRVS system strengthening activities at country, regional and global levels. The Centre of Excellence, CRVS stakeholders and other global partners may draw upon the experts in this directory to request specific technical expertise, or offer research, capacity building or consultancy opportunities.

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems is now [launching its second call for expression of interest](#) to invite professionals who have extensive operational or policy making experience in one of the following specialized areas to apply for inclusion in the Directory of Experts:

1. Law
2. Digitization
3. Communication, social mobilization and behavior change
4. Civil registration (female applicants only)
5. Statistics (female applicants only)
6. Management of large operations (female applicants only)

To have a more gender-balanced directory, areas of expertise where women are currently underrepresented are only open to female candidates. Additionally, we encourage applicants from the following underrepresented regions to apply: Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania. Professionals from these regions will be given priority in the selection process. More information on each desired area of expertise can be found [here](#).



WHY YOU SHOULD APPLY

As a technical expert, you will contribute to the systematic strengthening of CRVS systems in developing countries. Specifically, a technical expert may contribute to:

- Assessment, planning, and monitoring of CRVS systems
- Improving/amending of national legislative framework
- Strengthening inter-sectoral coordination
- Business process mapping and review
- Vital statistics reporting
- Mass registration processes
- CRVS in fragile contexts
- Understanding and facilitating CRVS systems-related behavior and socio-cultural change interventions
- Digitization/computerization

QUALIFICATIONS OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

1. **Education:** Advanced university degree in the respective area(s) of expertise or other relevant area. Professional experience of 5 years may be substituted for an advanced degree.
2. **Work Experience:**
 - At least 7-10 years of professional work experience at national, regional and/or international levels in the respective area(s) of expertise.
 - Experience in developing countries will constitute a substantial asset.
3. **Experience and/or familiarity with UN agencies,** in particular: UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UNDP and the UN Economic and Social Council is desired and will constitute an asset.
4. **Language Proficiency:** Fluency in English and/or French is required for any deployment/contract. Fluency in other languages, in particular UN languages, will constitute an asset.

PRIVACY AND USE OF INFORMATION

The Directory of Experts is an electronic database housed at IDRC. To protect applicant information and privacy, the directory will not be made publicly available or searchable. Direct access to the directory is limited to the staff members of the Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems, IDRC, and select national, regional, and global CRVS stakeholders who are seeking technical assistance from CRVS Experts. The Centre of Excellence will assume no responsibility for any contracts formalized between other stakeholders and experts in the directory. A detailed privacy and consent policy is included in the application form.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested technical experts must apply online through <https://crvsexpertsdirectory.fluidreview.com>

Application Deadline: January 15, 2019

