

### The relevance of the SDG agenda to CRVS

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### At least 15 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) require CRVS Data

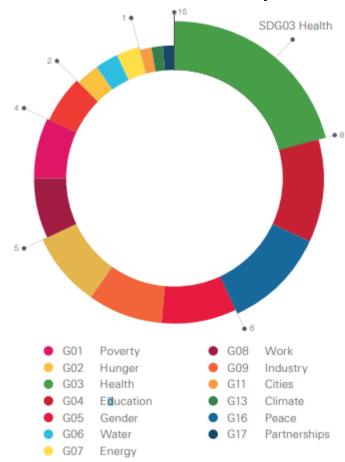


# Civil Registration and Sustainable Development

## 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, etc.
- source of 72+ of 230 SDG indicators

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



Source: Data for Health



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

#### **Target 16.9**

By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

#### Indicator 16.9.1

Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

#### **Target 17.19**

By 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product, and support statistical capacitybuilding in developing countries

#### **Indicator 17.19.2**

Proportion of countries that (a) have conducted at least one population and housing census in the last 10 years; and (b) have achieved 100 percent birth registration and 80 percent death registration

Achieving all SDGs, especially related to public health is based on informed decisions and accurate statistics



## SDGs – an opportunity

- **2020** 
  - Decade of Action
  - High Level Political Forum (July)
  - Asia-Pacific Ministerial (October)
- Civil Registration
  - as a foundation for vital statistics
  - as a foundation for legal identity
  - as a foundation for other systems (e.g. Censuses, digital health)
  - as a foundation for leaving no one behind

