

# Enhancing Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in the Arab Region: A Status Update

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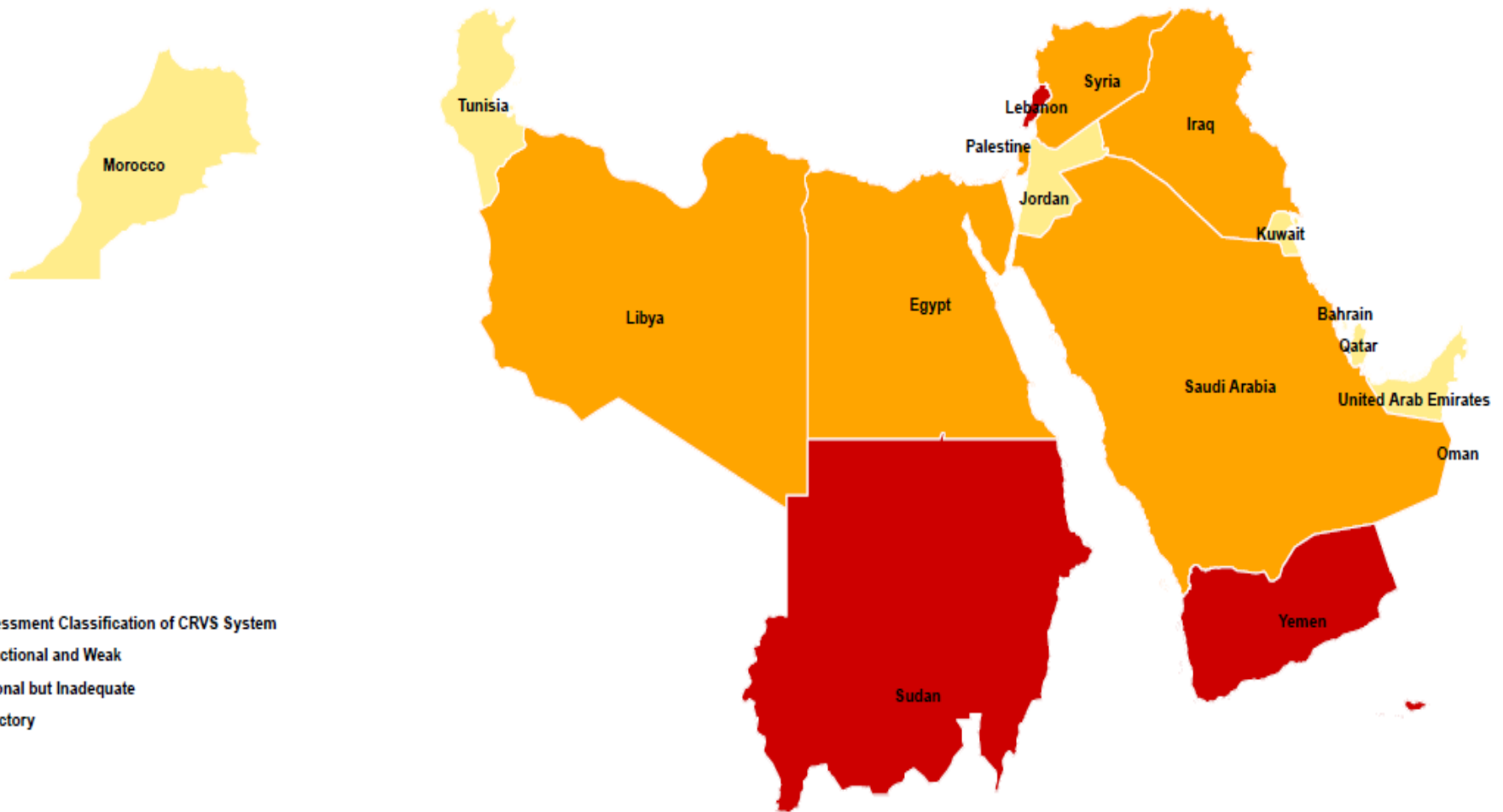
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# 2014-2019 Regional Strategy: ESCWA Focus



- Strengthen the registration infrastructure and capacities
- Improve production, use and dissemination of vital statistics
- Improve intersectoral coordination and alignment among stakeholders
- Strengthen and harmonize regional and global partnerships in support of country strategies

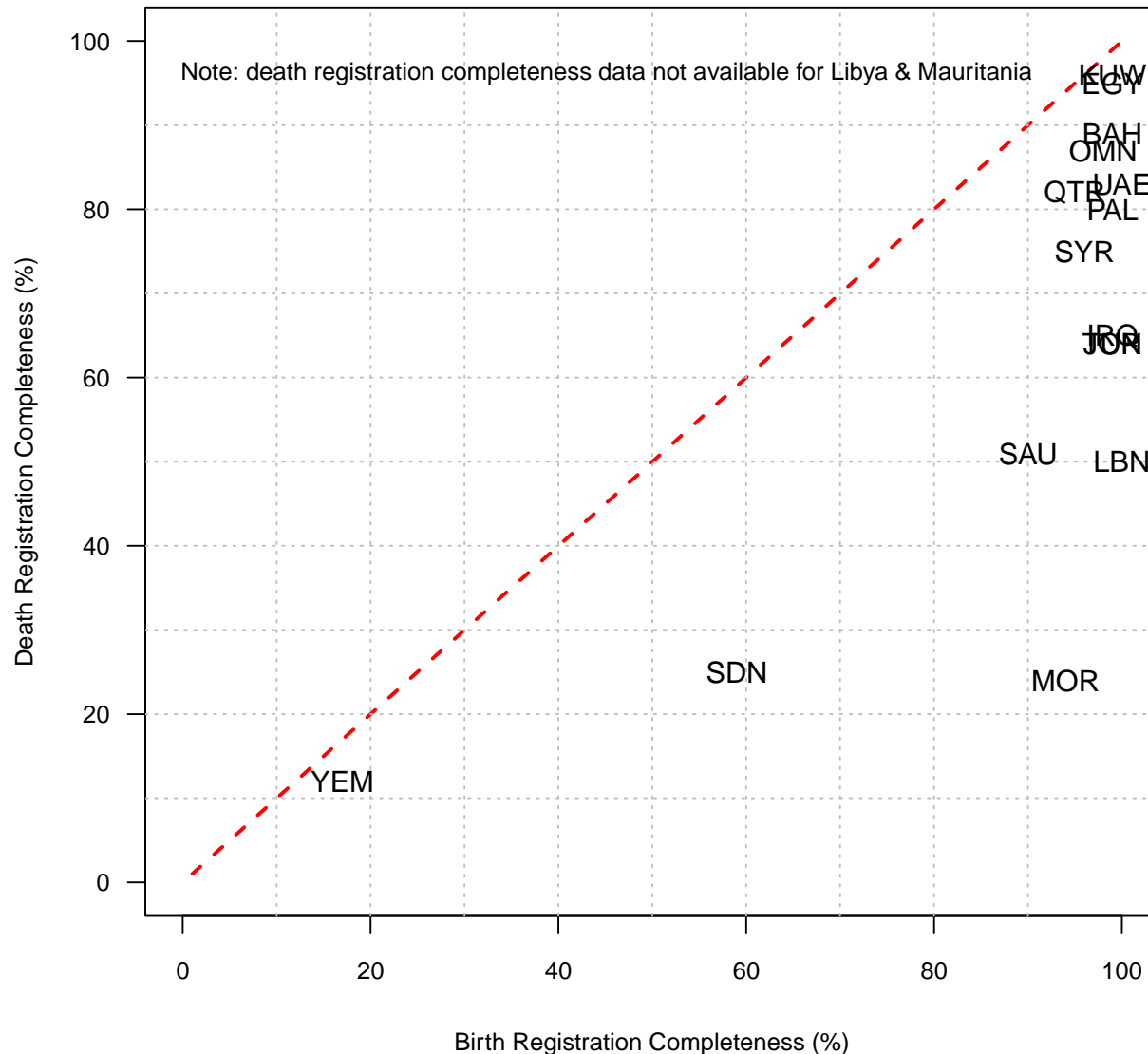
# Rapid Assessment of CRVS Systems in the Arab Region



Rapid Assessment Classification of CRVS System

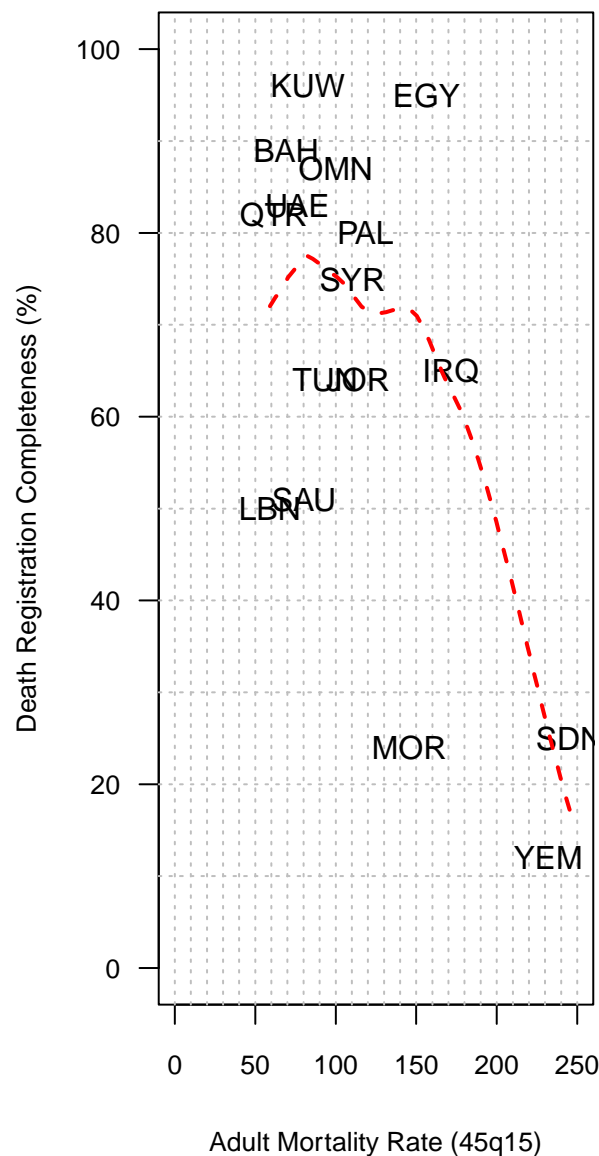
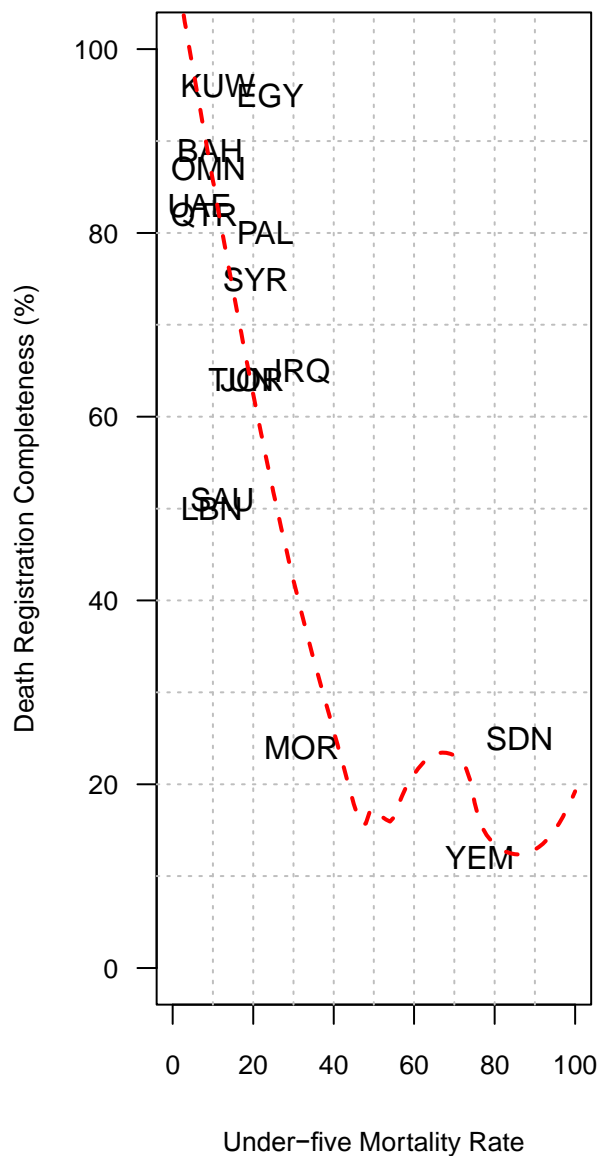
- Dysfunctional and Weak
- Functional but Inadequate
- Satisfactory

# Motivation (i): Death Registration systematically lower than birth registration

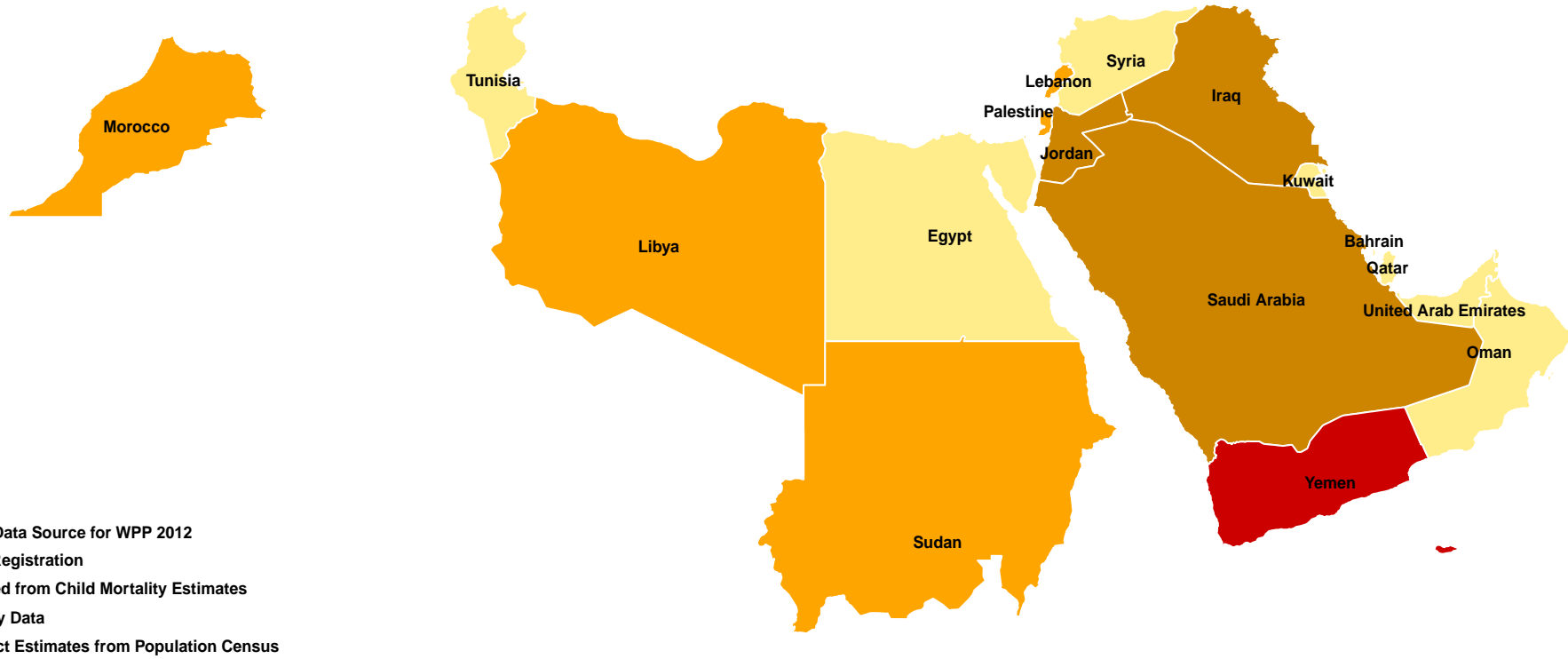


# Motivation (ii):

## Registration Completeness & Mortality Level Paradox



# Motivation (iii): Heavy reliance on non-CRVS sources by UN when estimating summary mortality measures by UN when estimating summary mortality measures



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013), World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision

# ESCWA CRVS Work in 2015

- Ongoing collaboration with WHO-EMRO, in undertaking CRVS Comprehensive Assessments
- Expert Group Meeting & Technical Study on Death Registration Completeness and Data Quality in the Arab Region
- Development of Capacity Building Project (jointly with UNPD) on improving data management, data quality assessment and vital statistics production in ESCWA member states
- Development of project to improve Mortality Statistics of populations displaced by conflict
- Contributed to draft guidelines on mortality statistics in collaboration with WHO and UN ECA

# ESCWA CRVS Priorities for 2016-2017

- Integration of CRVS work within broader 2030/SDGs work by ESCWA
- Ongoing analysis (and publication) of CRVS Comprehensive Assessment results with WHO-EMRO
- Undertaking of CRVS Comprehensive Assessments in GCC Countries in collaboration with WHO-EMRO
- Launch of Capacity Building Project (jointly with UNPD) on improving VS production by ESCWA member states
- Launch of pilot project on improving utilization of refugee registration data and mortality statistics of conflict-induced refugees