

# Unlocking Equality

Why civil registration and vital statistics systems are key for women and girls.

CRVS systems register and track key events in people's lives. They provide crucial legal documentation and are foundational for both gender equality and data equality. Yet despite their importance, in many countries CRVS systems are incomplete or underused, locking women and girls out of basic rights and services.

**100+**  
countries lack fully functioning CRVS systems\*



## For women and girls, CRVS opens doors.

CRVS systems make women visible at key life moments, providing an official record of their status.



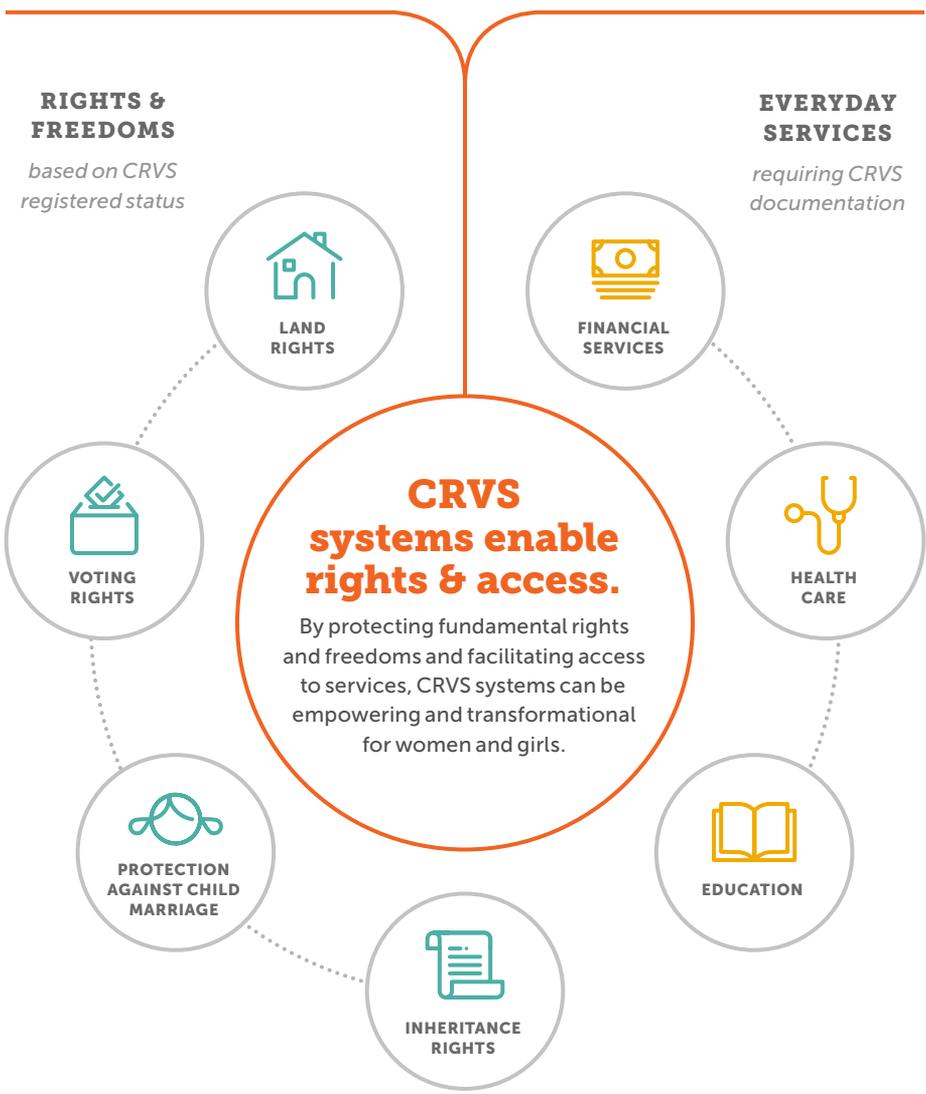
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## For governments, CRVS data opens doors too.

CRVS systems are the building blocks of good data systems, providing real-time, sex-disaggregated information so governments can provide services now and plan for the future.

## Yet too many barriers still exist.

Despite the recognized benefits of CRVS systems, in many countries women face inequalities and gendered barriers to registration. Not only does this keep women and girls locked out of rights and services, it also limits the overall accuracy of CRVS data.



## Investing in better CRVS systems is the key.

We must prioritize increased investment in gender-sensitive CRVS systems. Learn how you can help expand awareness and eliminate barriers for women and girls:

[www.data2x.org/crvs](http://www.data2x.org/crvs)

