First ideas
Civil Register and other governmental registrations

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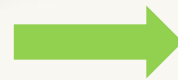**Bruce Todd**

History of Civil Registration in Yemen

- **In the 1980s there were various, mostly UN financed Civil Register projects in both parts of Yemen**
- **In 1991 the first Law for Civil Registration in the unified Yemen was established**
- **The law was amended in 2003**
- **In 2008 / 2009 the Civil Register issue as a key priority for future development was defined**
- **Corresponding activities were started**

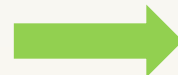# Main reporting lines and their problems
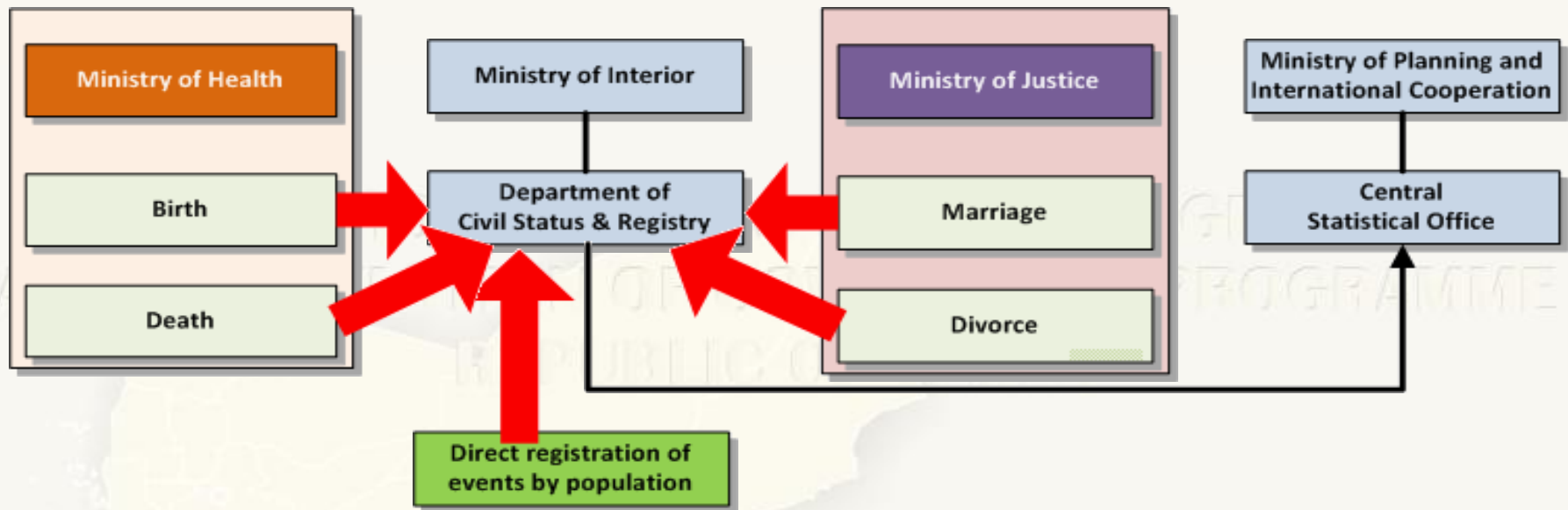
Ministry of Health reports birth and death events ➡️ **Only 40% of the relevant events are covered by hospital staff**

Ministry of Justice marriages and divorces

Declaration in Civil Register ➡️ **Mostly not usual – lack of awareness**

Registration level by Governate
based on calculations of 2006 data by UNICEF

OMAN

SAUDI ARABIA

Sa'dah
1,56

AL JAWF
0,17

AL MAHRAH
17,94

HADRAMAWT
33,94

Al Ghaydah

Al Hazm

Ra's Fartak

Hajjah
0,52

Amran
2,94

Al Mahwit
2,15

Sanaa
17,03

Ma'rib
1,83

SANAA
1,55

SHABWAH
14,99

Al Hudaydah
4,88

Raymah
0,73

Dhamar
2,15

Ataq

Al Mukalla

Red Sea

Ibb
2,5

Al Bayda
6,4

Hanish
Islands

Ad Dali
10,18

ABYAN
19,1

Ta'izz
5,96

Bab el Mandeb

ERITREA

Lahij
12,93

Zinjibar

Perim
Island

Aden
34,52

Gulf of Aden

ETHIOPIA

Socotra

Abd al Kuri

The Brothers

DJIBOUTI

Gees
Gwardafuy

Socotra and adjacent
islands are part of
Aden Governorate

Registration level in Civil Registry 2006 based on calculations of UNICEF	
< 2%	10 ... < 15%
2 ... < 3%	15 ... < 20%
3 ... < 10%	20 ... < 35%

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0	50	100	150 km
0	50	100 miles	150

Main functions of governmental personal data registers

Emission of basic identification certificates (Birth certificate, civil status, etc.)

Collection of additional data according to the national legal base

National Identification documents (National and passports)

Voter lists for pooling stations

Control and registration of basic vital data (birth, death, civil status, naturalisation, etc.)

Control and registration of additional vital data (location, education, occupation, etc.)

Control and registration of emission of ID documents

Control of the electoral process – including voter and candidate information

Civil Register

Population Register

Other national institution

Voter Register

Central Statistic institution

Elaboration of national & international statistics

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Types of personal data registers

Population Register → Emission of National identification documents

Voter Register → Planning and supervision of the electoral process
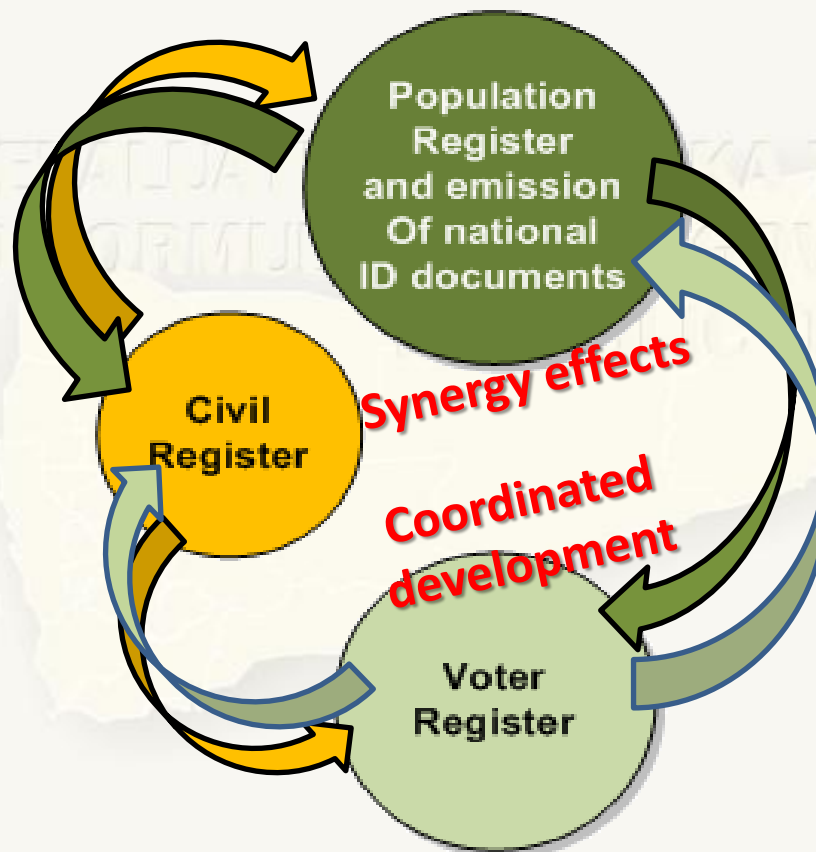
Civil Register → Basic identification and certification of vital history
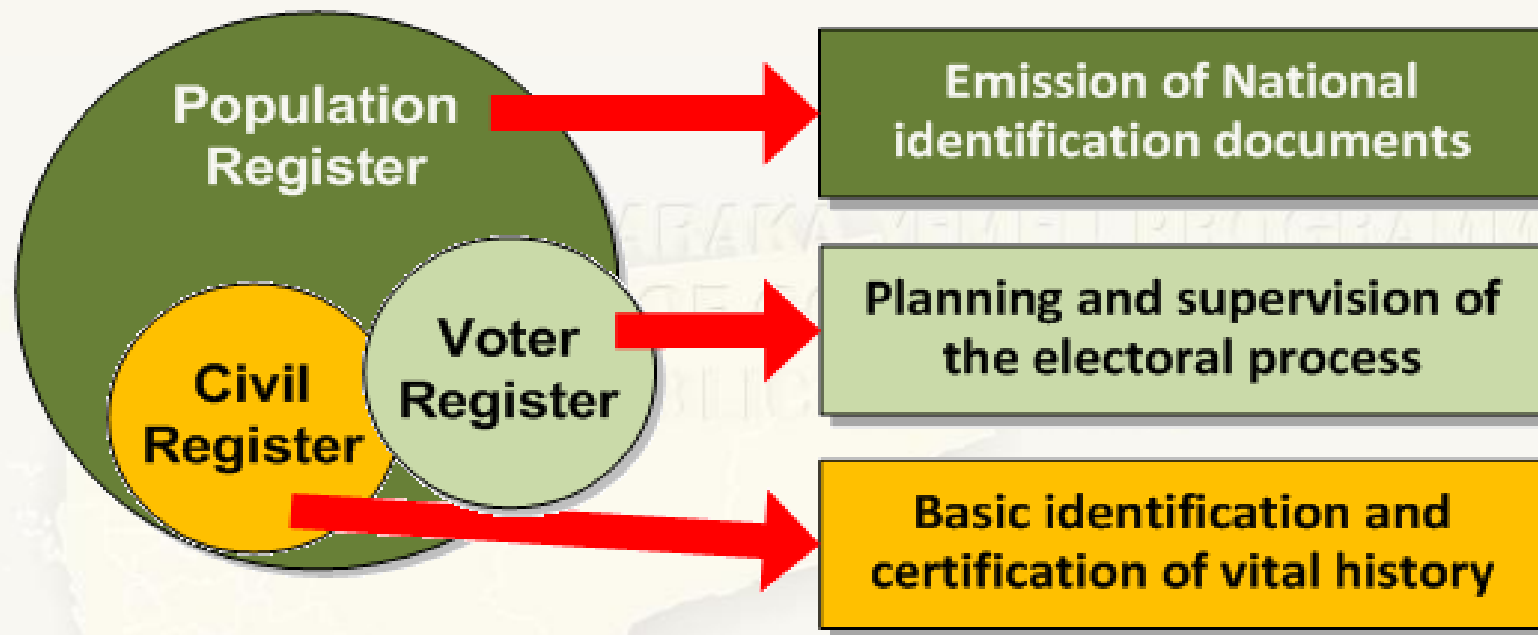
It is required to verify the national legal base to include the voter register. In some countries this is against the law.

Registers and interesting aspects

National Population Database

Population Register and emission Of national ID documents

Civil Register

Voter Register

Synergy effects

Coordinated development

Emission of national ID and passports since 2007 - Gemalto

Support from the UAE for ID card project, including co-financing agreement
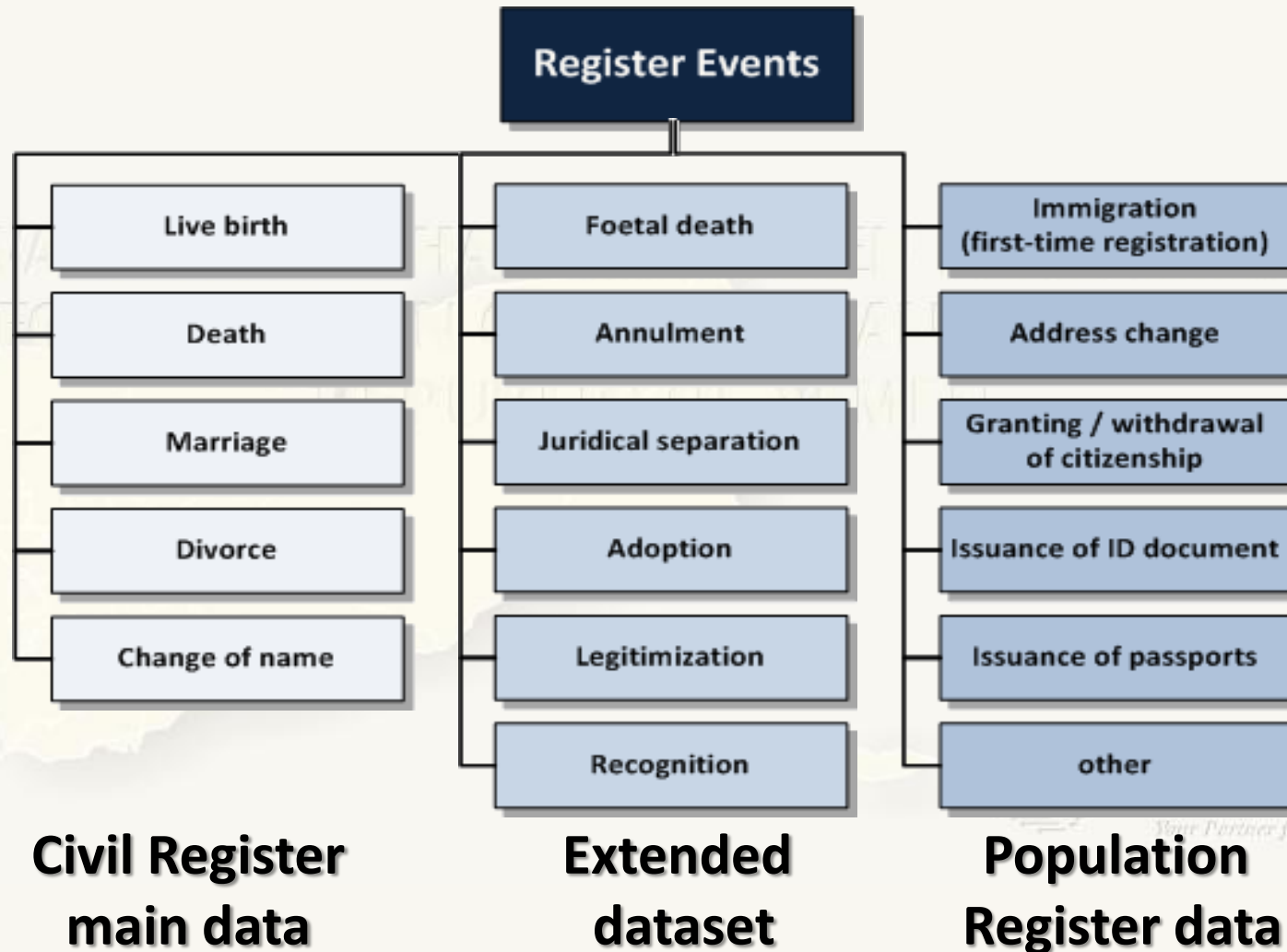
Based on Civil Register information but more information requiered

Sub-registration, especially in rural areas and gender related

Cooperation with other governmental institutions

Intention to join Civil and voter register in one unique register

Data for the Population Register Database (general data)

Register Events

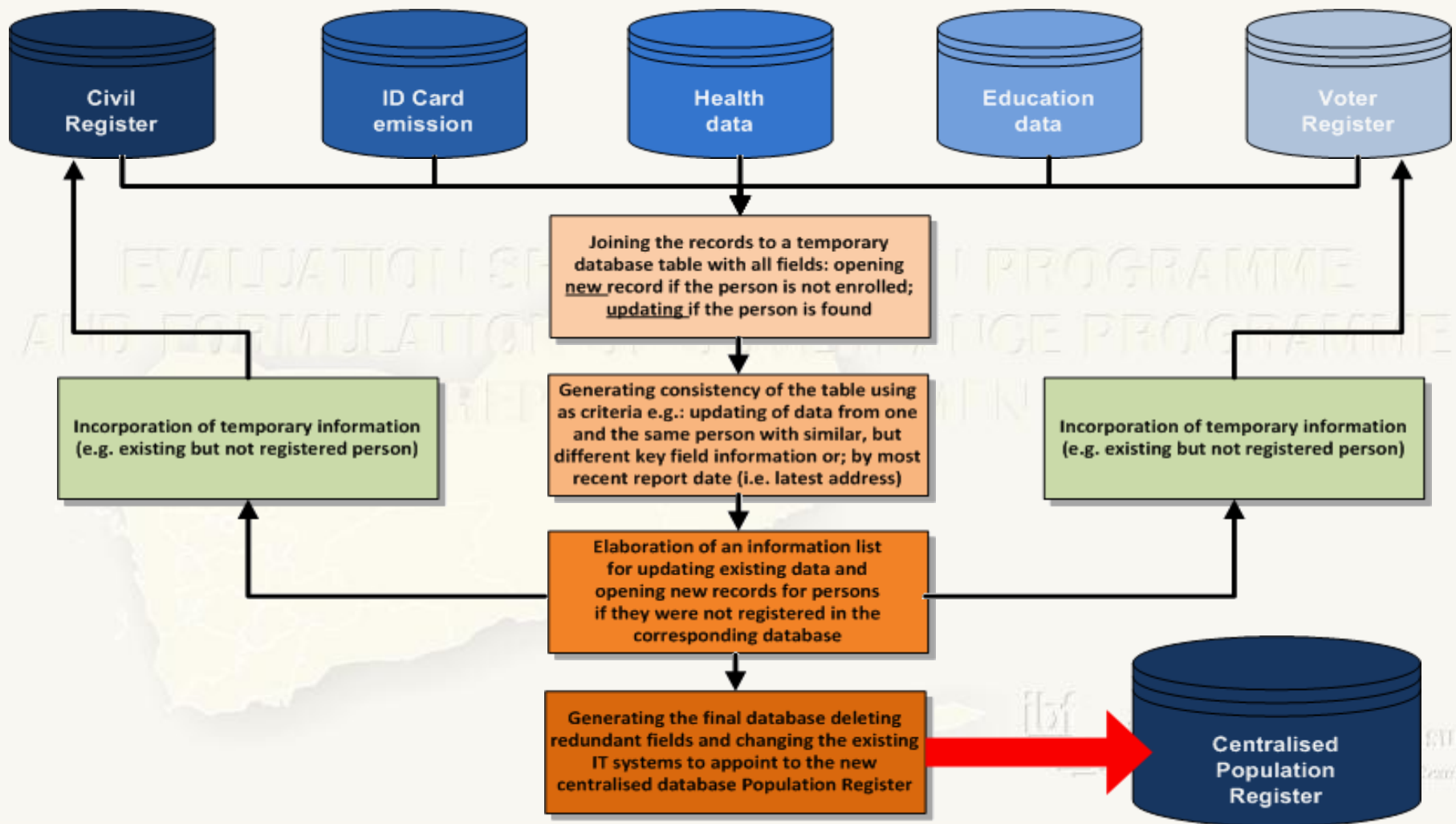| Civil Register main data	Extended dataset	Population Register data
Live birth	Foetal death	Immigration (first-time registration)
Death	Annulment	Address change
Marriage	Juridical separation	Granting / withdrawal of citizenship
Divorce	Adoption	Issuance of ID document
Change of name	Legitimization	Issuance of passports
	Recognition	other

Proposal for action-plan

- **Coordinate efforts, focussing towards a National Population Database**
- **Including new technologies such as smart chip technology and biometrics**
- **Verifying backwards the registration issues and updating the corresponding registers**
- **Focussing on facilitating data-entry at local level for all the population**
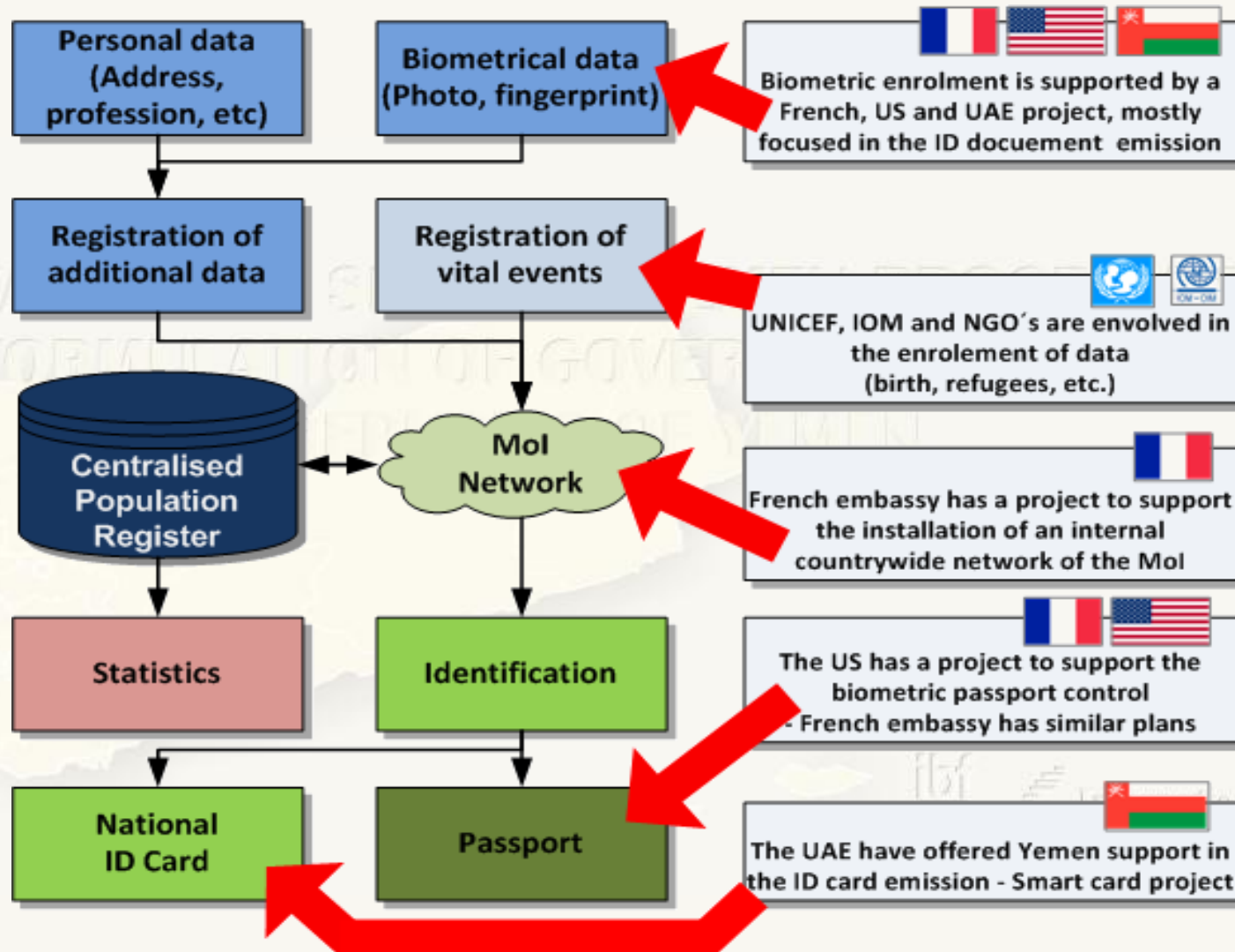- **Link between the governmental databases**

Databases and joining process

Civil Register

ID Card emission

Health data

Education data

Voter Register

Joining the records to a temporary database table with all fields: opening new record if the person is not enrolled; updating if the person is found

Generating consistency of the table using as criteria e.g.: updating of data from one and the same person with similar, but different key field information or; by most recent report date (i.e. latest address)

Incorporation of temporary information (e.g. existing but not registered person)

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Elaboration of an information list for updating existing data and opening new records for persons if they were not registered in the corresponding database

Generating the final database deleting redundant fields and changing the existing IT systems to appoint to the new centralised database Population Register

Centralised Population Register

Donor coordination

Personal data (Address, profession, etc)	**Biometrical data** (Photo, fingerprint)

Biometric enrolment is supported by a French, US and UAE project, mostly focused in the ID docuement emission

Registration of additional data

Registration of vital events

UNICEF, IOM and NGO´s are envolved in the enrolement of data (birth, refugees, etc.)

Centralised Population Register

MoI Network

French embassy has a project to support the installation of an internal countrywide network of the MoI

Statistics

Identification

The US has a project to support the biometric passport control - French embassy has similar plans

National ID Card

Passport

The UAE have offered Yemen support in the ID card emission - Smart card project

Working schema

National Identification Number (NIN)

How to close the existing registration gap?

Direct activities

- **Easy access to registration (location and modalities)**
- **Data-exchange between governmental institutions**
- **Changing budgeting for local areas gradually according to the registered number of residents**
- **Generating the legal need to be registered (legislation)**

Indirect activities

- **Campaigns for registration with CSOs and Mosques**
- **Awareness campaigns in schools and in media**

Thank you for your attention and participation!

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