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- presentation by Interact4c

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Following the informal COHAFA videoconference of 8 December, delegations will find in Annex presentation made by Interact4c<sup>(1)(2)</sup>.

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## Digitalisation of Civil Registration and Register of Population : nexus to Humanitarian Assistance

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### Digitalization of Civil Registration and Register of Population nexus to Humanitarian Assistance, according to Interact4C



**WHO?** => experts association, non-profit NGO

**WHY?** => Accountability and legal obligation of the States in Civil Registration

**WHAT?** => advisory activity on CR modernization projects, participation in international events and publications



## Benefits of new technologies for Civil registration

- Digitalization of Civil Registration as a development tool...
- To be used in a context of respect of privacy
- The individual remains the owner of his personal data



## Niger: a good practice

- Niger is a very poor country facing all the challenges of development and humanitarian crises
- A country that has embarked on a complete modernization of its civil status system, with international help
- A strong political will for a complete civil status, which gives results



## Relevant questions about the impact of civil registration computerization on humanitarian aid

- What is the impact of a poor or disadvantaged civil status on access to basic services and fundamental rights?
- What are the conditions for providing the legal identity of persons in the event of late registration or in the event of a civil status database being destroyed as a result of conflict or natural disaster?
- How can displaced people and refugees benefit from an IT-supported system in the context of CR in order to obtain official identity documents that will enable them to return home?
- To what degree can a reliable civil registration system provide data for an electronic population register to enable electronic governance in an emergency (including health pandemics, famine, natural disasters)?



## Recommendations

1. need to raise awareness of the relevance for humanitarian assistance of a well-developed civil registration system, in particular birth and death registration
2. potential for the digitization of civil registration systems in developing countries, for an impartial dissemination of humanitarian aid, as a cross-cutting topical area for development actors
3. taking into account the capacity building potential of the population register with geolocation of territorial units, for a land registry
4. support for training capacity in civil registration systems in developing countries



Thank you  
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