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HISTORY OF CRVS IN THE GAMBIA

- In the 1880s, civil registration began in the Gambia
 - Colonial masters and few of the protectorate in the provinces were registered
 - It was accessible to all Gambians in 1965 after the independence, but was centralized
 - Decentralization was done in 1997

CRVS as DPI

- Digital CRVS is recognized as DPI, and the same time a basis of legal identity, because it records vital events (births, deaths, marriages and divorces) and it gives a unique identifier for individuals as a legal identity

CRVS INTEGRATION

- CRVS integration in The Gambia is already functioning as a foundation of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
- Civil registration system is linked with health insurance system, eID system and human resource information system

- Before 2022, The Gambia's civil registration processes were manual and paper-based
- In August 2022, The Gambia deployed an eCRVS system that issues both birth certificates and national health insurance cards from a single process

- From August 2022 to February 2023, more than 1.17 million people were registered and issued birth certificates and health insurance cards with a unique national identification number (UIN) as a life time unique identifier

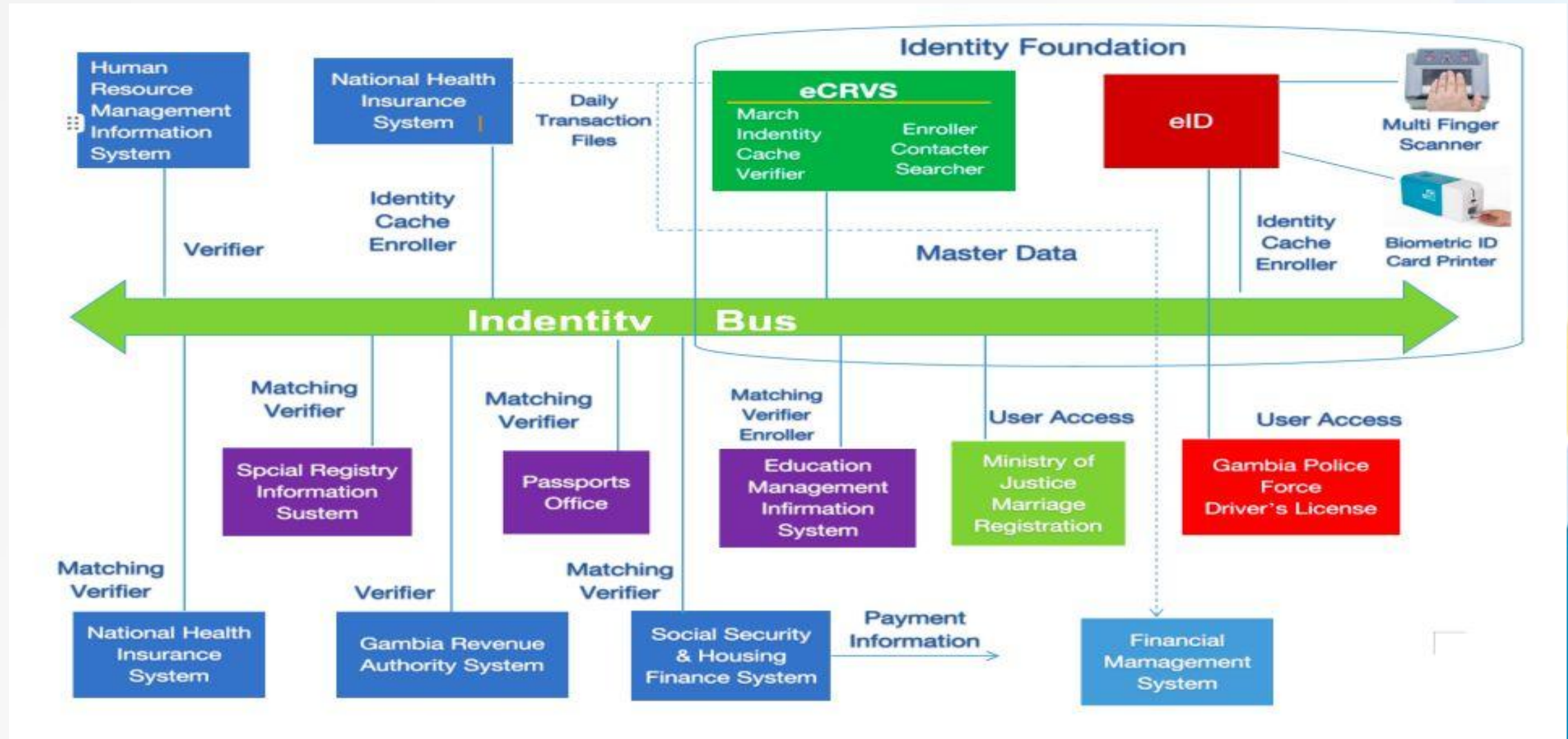
- As of June 2026, over 1.4 million people are registered and issued a birth certificate and health insurance card
- Out of the total number of birth registered, 54.64% are female and 45.36% are male

- eCRVS system with the upgraded identity system software, can also produce national ID cards, driver's licences, residence permits, and non-Gambian ID cards with unique legal identity number
- eCRVS and the identity system is linked through the UIN, which is used on the above mentioned documents individual's lifetime

- CRVS is the ***source-of-truth*** registry as indicated in the ***eCRVS Act 2026***, while the eID system can add biometrics for a strong digital ID system
- With support from World Bank, an eID system software and user devices were procured to allow eCRVS and eID systems produce health insurance cards for eligible non-Gambians

- As the eCRVS and eID infrastructure can produce multiple credentials (health insurance, national ID, driver's licence, voter card), the CRVS and eID systems becomes an integrated platform that avoids fragmented systems

CRVS -OPEN SOURCE & ITS ASSETS



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