



# HARMONIZATION OF IDENTITY SCHEMES – OUTLOOK ON NIGERIA

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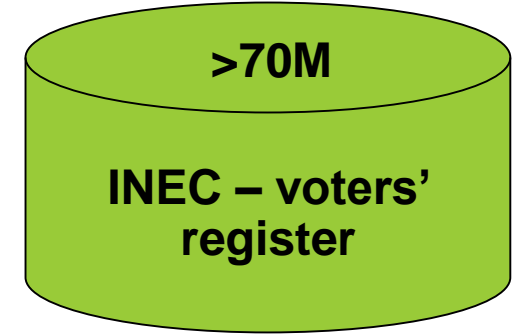
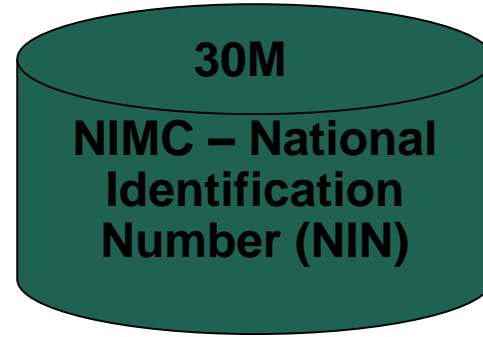
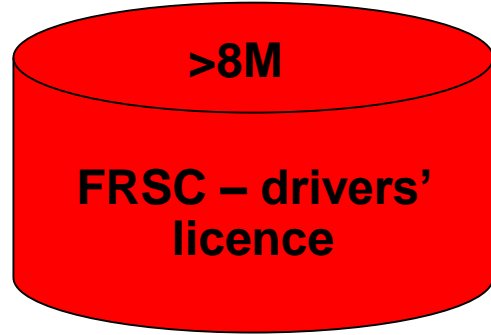
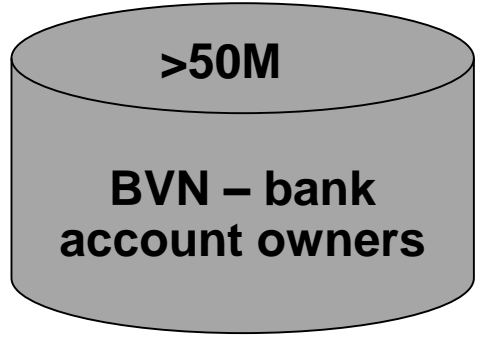
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# Outline

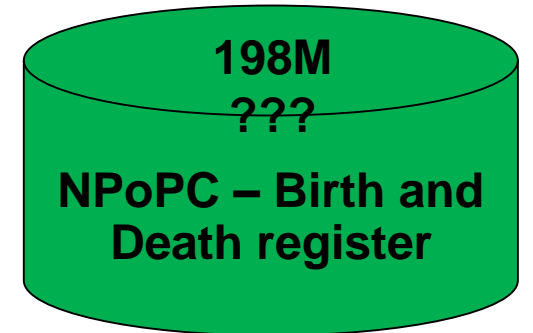
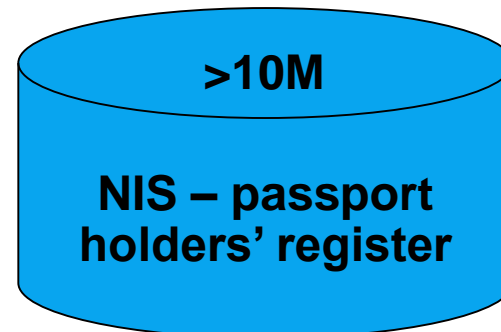
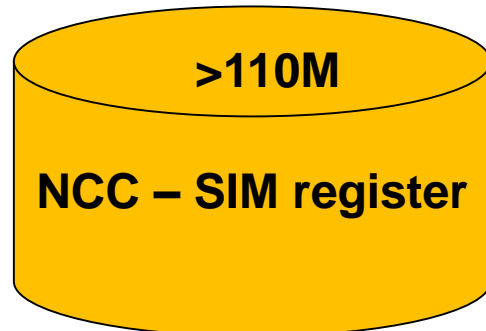
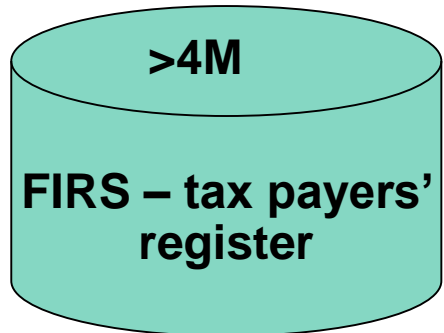


- **Current ID Schemes Landscape in Nigeria**
- **Challenges**
- **Harmonization Objectives**
- **Harmonization Efforts & Data Growth**
- **Overcoming Harmonization Challenges**
- **Success Factors to Consider & Conclusion**

# Current ID Schemes Landscape



- ✓ Data Generation & Collection in Silos!
- ✓ Needs uniform data capture Standards
- ✓ Needs Interoperability
- ✓ Low Coverage of the Population
- ✓ Needs unique identifier across Board



# About NIMC



**Establish a national Identity Database**

**Issue unique identifier - NIN**

**Issue a GMP national ID card**

**Provide identity services- authentication & verification**

**Harmonize & integrate existing ID Databases**

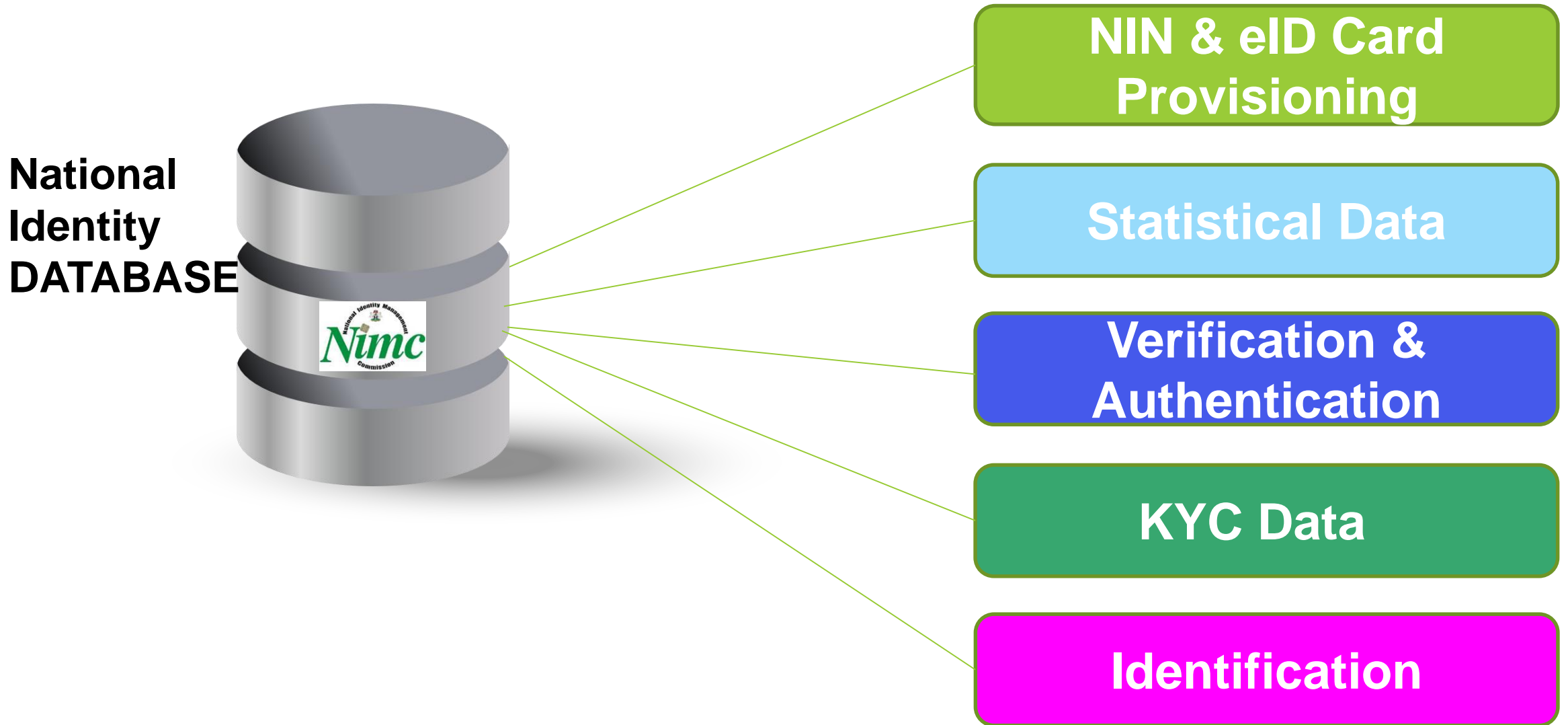
**Regulate the Nigerian identity Sector**



# HARMONIZATION OBJECTIVE



# OUTPUTS FROM AGGREGATED DATA IN NIMC



# DATA GROWTH OVER THE YEARS



**2012**

60,000

**2015**

7million

**2016**

14million

**2017**

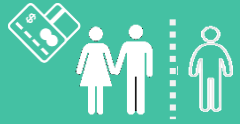
28million

**NOW**

30million



# Challenges of ID System In Nigeria



## Low Coverage & Accessibility

- ❑ Fees, indirect costs, and convoluted processes create **barriers to accessing identification**
- ❑ Disproportionate impacts of lack of access for women, displaced persons and other **marginalized groups**



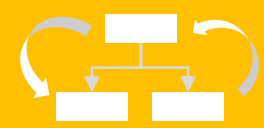
## Legal & Regulatory

- ❑ Lack of legal & regulatory frameworks to cover ID agency **mandates, privacy, and data protection**
- ❑ Where frameworks are in place, they are often dated, inadequate, and face **issues with implementation**



## Technology & Infrastructure

- ❑ Prevalence of legacy **manual paper based systems**
- ❑ Where digital systems exist, increasing reliance on **propriety systems** which often results in **vendor lock in** and high cost
- ❑ Lack of **connectivity** and physical **infrastructure**; e.g. in storing/managing data and in remote verification



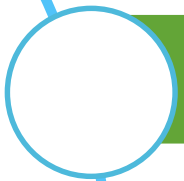
## Governance & Harmonization

- ❑ Systems tend to be **fragmented**, with silo MDAs engaging in **duplicative or one-off efforts**
- ❑ **Lack of coordination** e.g. between **civil registries** and National ID.

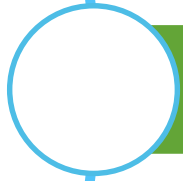
# OVERCOMING HARMONIZATION CHALLENGES



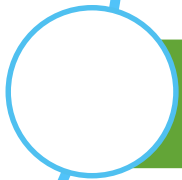
Support and guidance of the Federal Government at the highest level



Establishment of Stakeholder Committee on Harmonization & Integration



Development of Biometric, demographic and Interoperability Standards



Development of Harmonization and Integration Framework, Business model and plan



Leverage ecosystem approach to achieving set goal

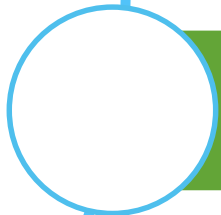
# OVERCOMING HARMONIZATION CHALLENGES



Agreement to collect minimalist data fields to reduce cost and speed up process



Set up of smaller stakeholder working groups to address legal, technical & other issues

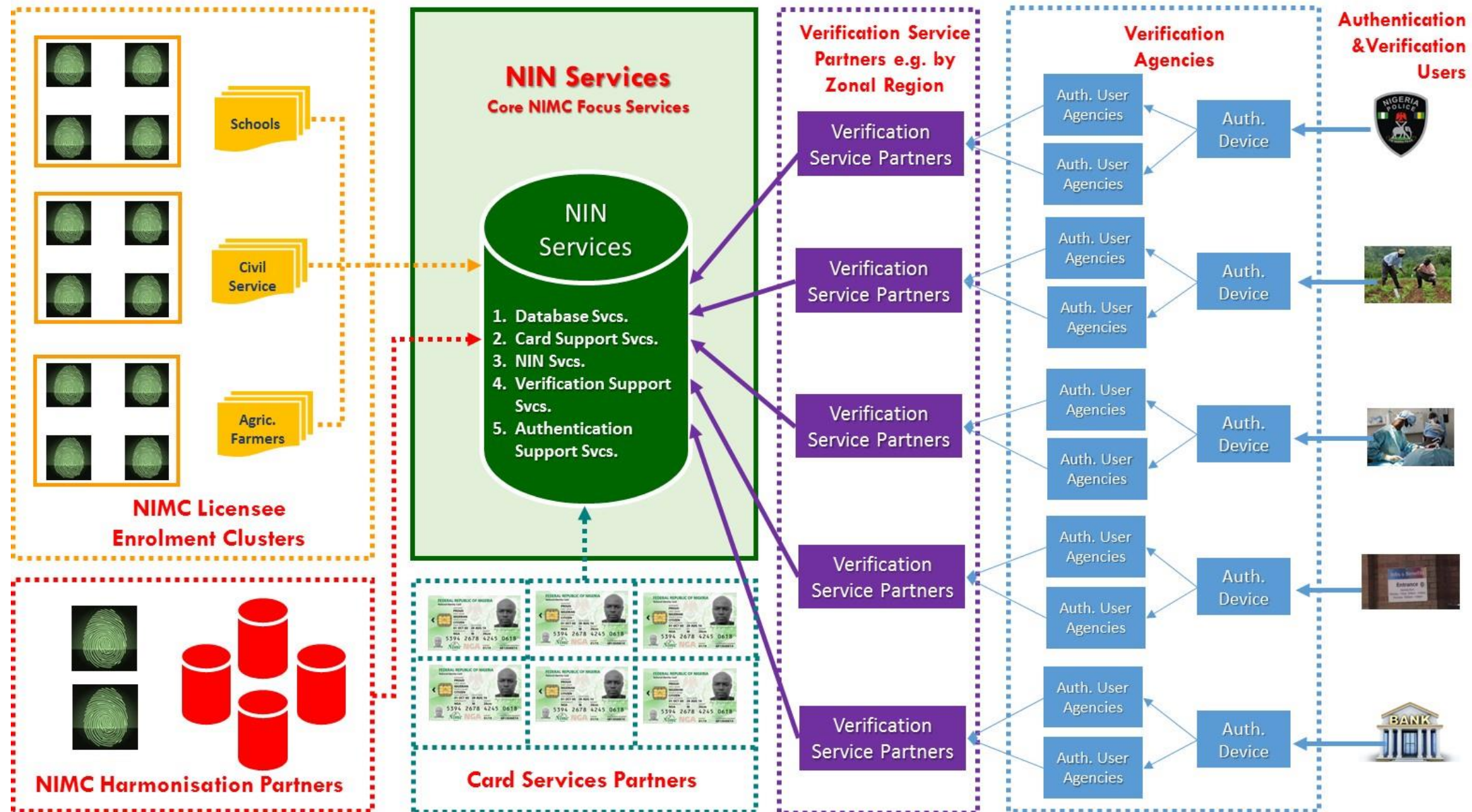


Use of in-house resources and external consultants for the work



Strengthen the capacity of stakeholders to deliver on the assignment

# Target Operating Model - 2018



## Keys

— One Participant

- - - Many participants

# Success Factors To Consider



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**High level support & cross-ministerial engagement for a national action plan**

Identification is unique to the individual and **linked to civil registration** systems

Identification as a basic **foundational layer** to ease rollout and protect privacy

Targeted enrolment strategies to bring in **remote or vulnerable** populations

Service delivery and **demand-based** approach to increasing enrolment

**Competitive** approaches to avoid proprietary technologies & **vendor lock-in**

Clearly defined institutional mandates; laws to **protect data security and privacy**

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# CONCLUSION

Harmonized, Centralized National Identity Database will drive efficiency & transparency in:

- Governance,
- Service delivery,
- Enhance Security,
- Enforce anti-money laundering compliance,
- Reduce Crime, etc.

The success of the programme depends on the commitment of government at the highest levels & all stakeholders

**THE END**

*THANK YOU*

*AND*

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