

Optimizing ASP through Enhanced Integration

Case study:
North Macedonia



What do we mean by Interoperability in Social Protection?

Definition and Goals

- **Interoperability** enables different systems to exchange and utilize information seamlessly for effective service delivery.
- **Operational Integration:** Facilitates communication and operation across diverse technologies, protocols, and data formats.
- **Scope of Integration:** Integrates data and services across welfare, healthcare, employment, and other social benefits.

- **Goals of Interoperability:**
 - Efficient resource management.
 - Enhanced responsiveness of social programs.
 - Improved outcomes for beneficiaries through a comprehensive service view.
- **Beyond Technical Needs:** Involves aligning legal, organizational, and semantic frameworks for common understanding and compliance with standards.

Integration as a continuous journey, not a destination

Key considerations

Common Vision on Data Exchange and Protection

- Establish a shared understanding among stakeholders regarding data exchange principles and data protection protocols.



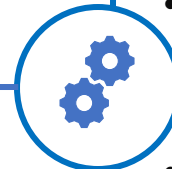
Human-Centric Approach

- Prioritize the needs of individuals and institutions in designing and implementing social protection systems, ensuring inclusivity and responsiveness
- Leverage ICT and digital platforms to address the specific needs of beneficiaries efficiently and effectively.



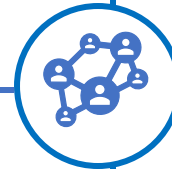
Business Process Re-engineering

- Rethink and optimize existing processes to align with digital transformation goals, enhancing the delivery and accessibility of social protection services.
- Avoid digitizing inefficiencies; instead, focus on streamlining and improving processes before digitization.



Collaborative Journey

- Engage in a collaborative effort involving various stakeholders to address data exchange/ interoperability challenges collectively.



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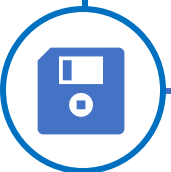
Inclusive Approach

- Provide various channels and touchpoints for individuals to access social protection services, catering to diverse needs and preferences.
- Utilize big data analytics to identify and reach individuals who may be excluded from traditional social protection systems, enabling proactive outreach and support.



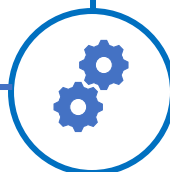
Data Reusability

- Promote the reuse of existing data to minimize redundancy and streamline data collection, avoiding duplication and ensuring data accuracy.



API Integration

- Implement APIs to facilitate data exchange and integration between different databases and systems.



Data Sharing Agreements

Establish clear protocols and agreements for data sharing among relevant stakeholders, ensuring compliance with data protection regulations and safeguarding privacy.



Digital Convergence Initiative

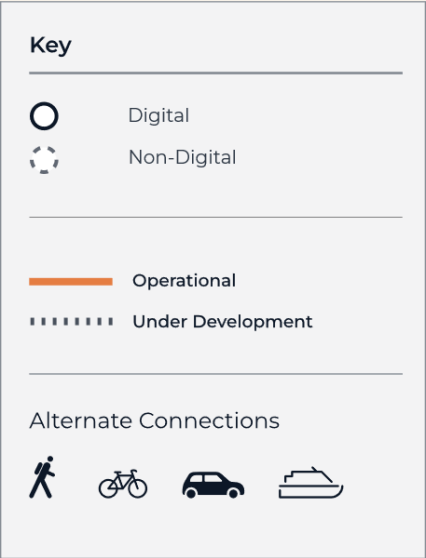
Helping define interoperability standards

- A joint effort by USP2030 members and non-members, governments, development partners and private sector towards creating a harmonized and interoperable digital ecosystem for social protection
- Workstreams:
 - **Talking Interoperability:**
13 webinars held showcasing interoperable and integrated SP system
 - **Interoperability in Action:**
Workshop series (7 Interoperability in Action workshops to demonstrate live interoperability in DCI sandbox)
 - **Standards formulation:**
CRVS (completed), IBR and SR in progress



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Fragmented, Non-Digital System



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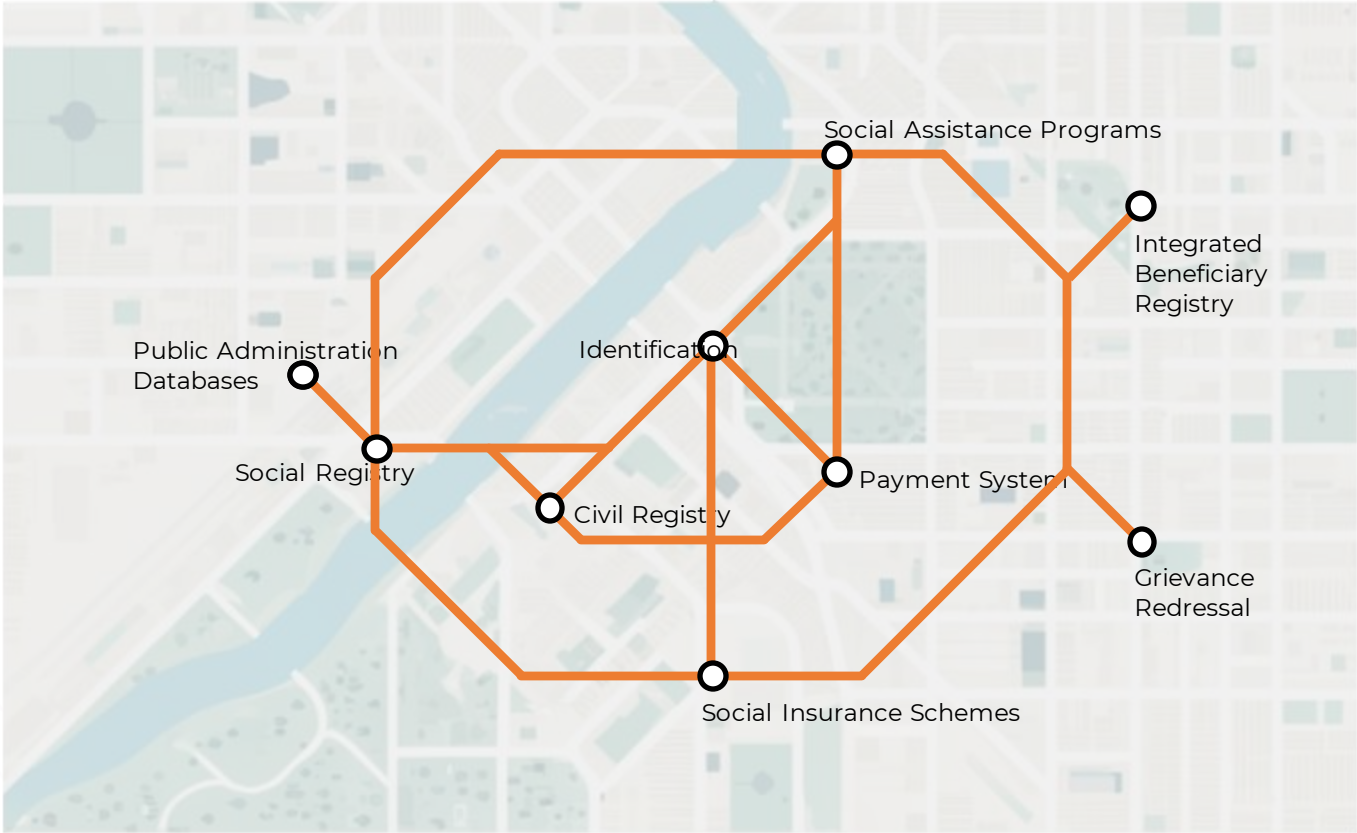
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Alternate Connections

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INTEGRATION AS TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Digital, Fully Interoperable System



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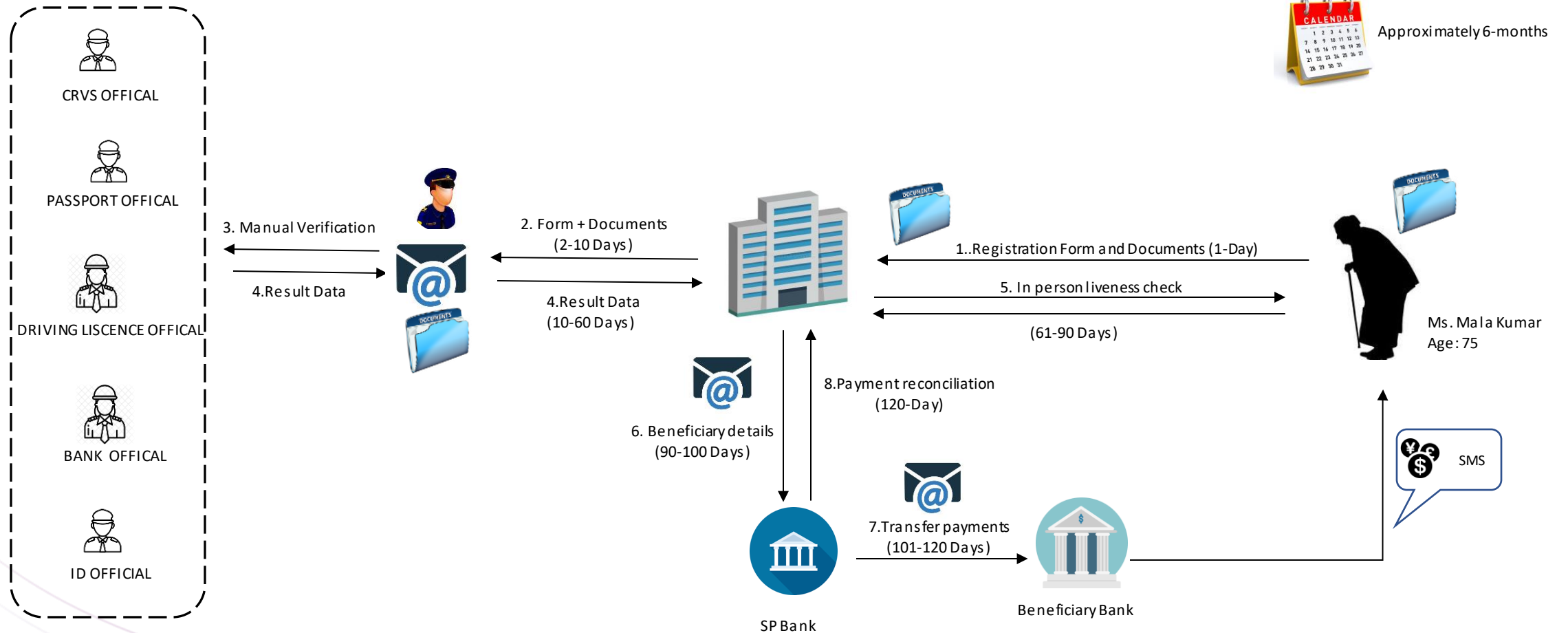
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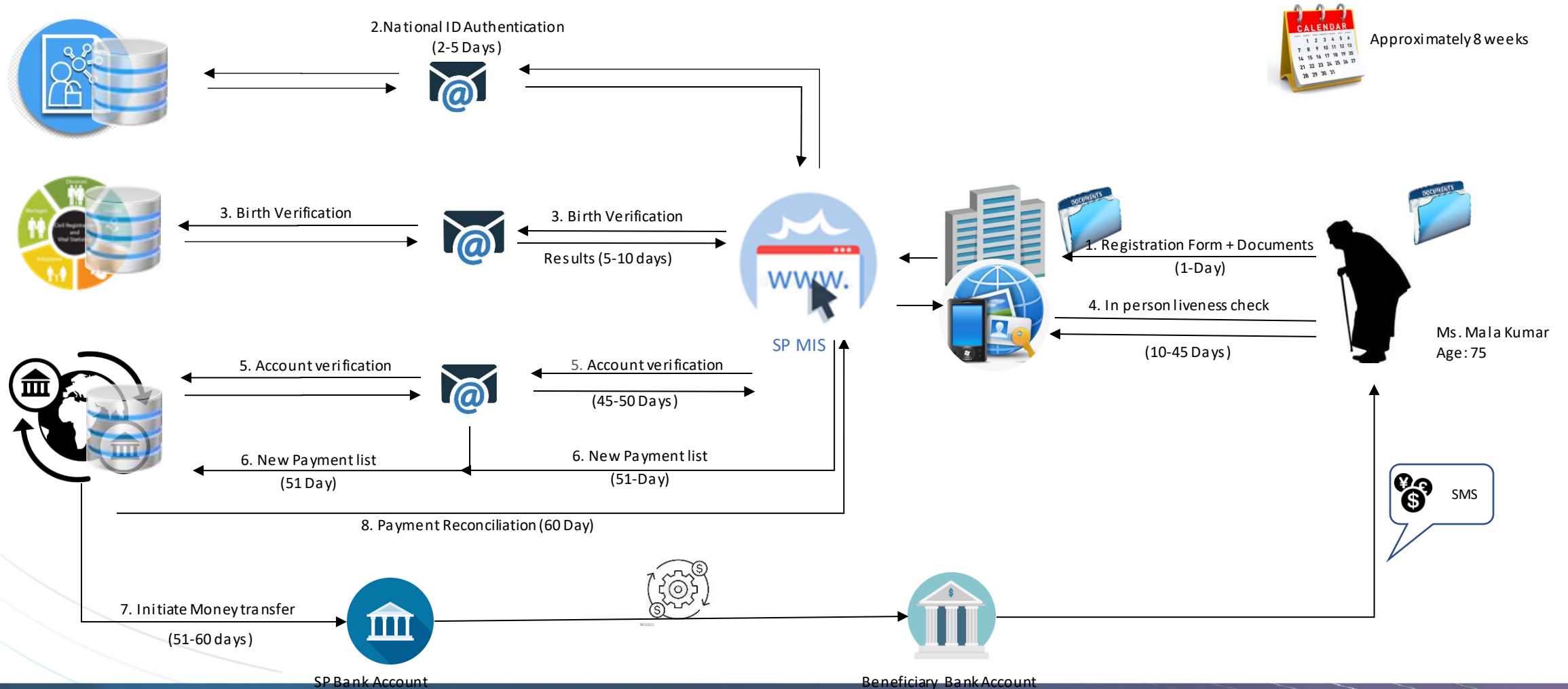
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Scenario 1: No digital systems



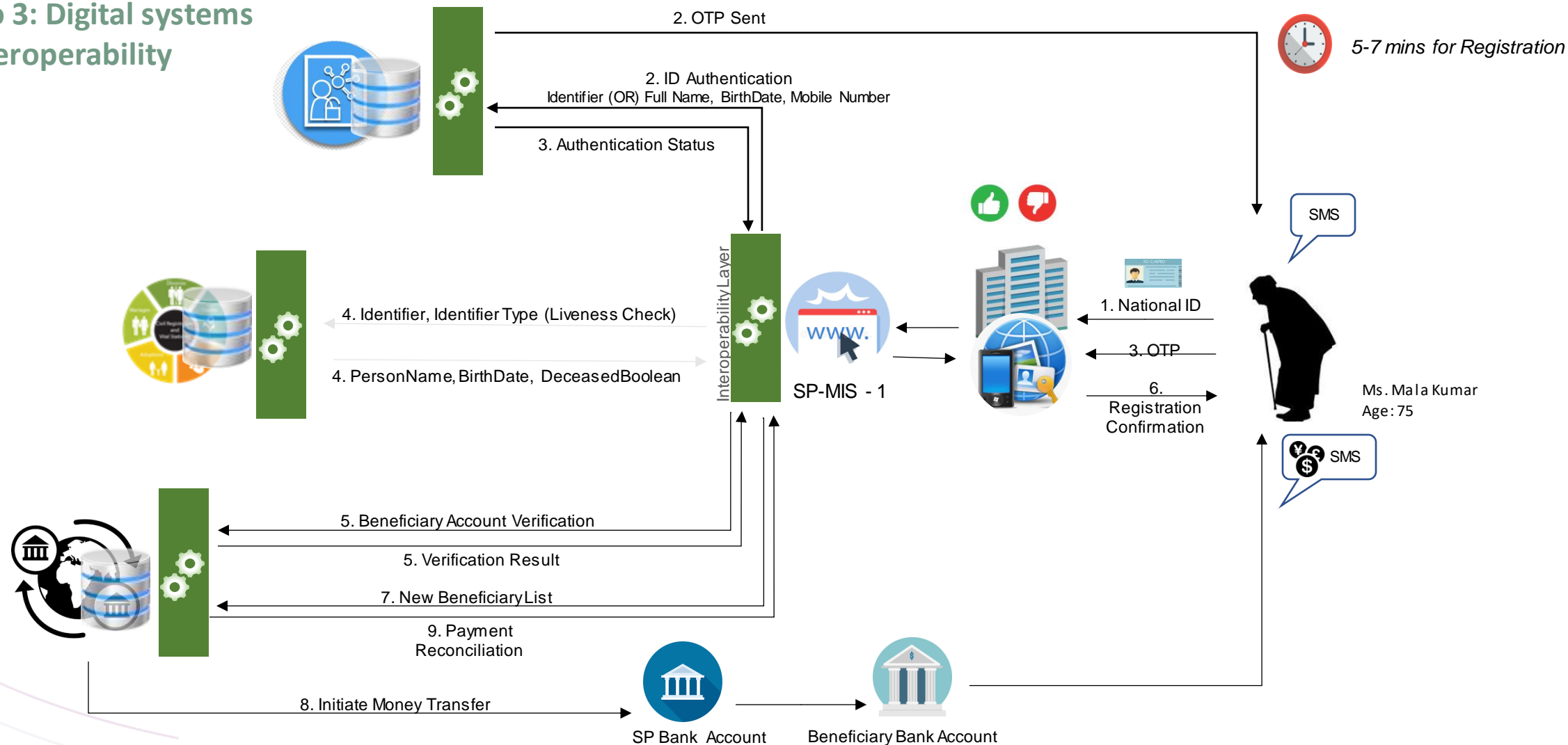
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Scenario 2 : Digital Systems but without Interoperability



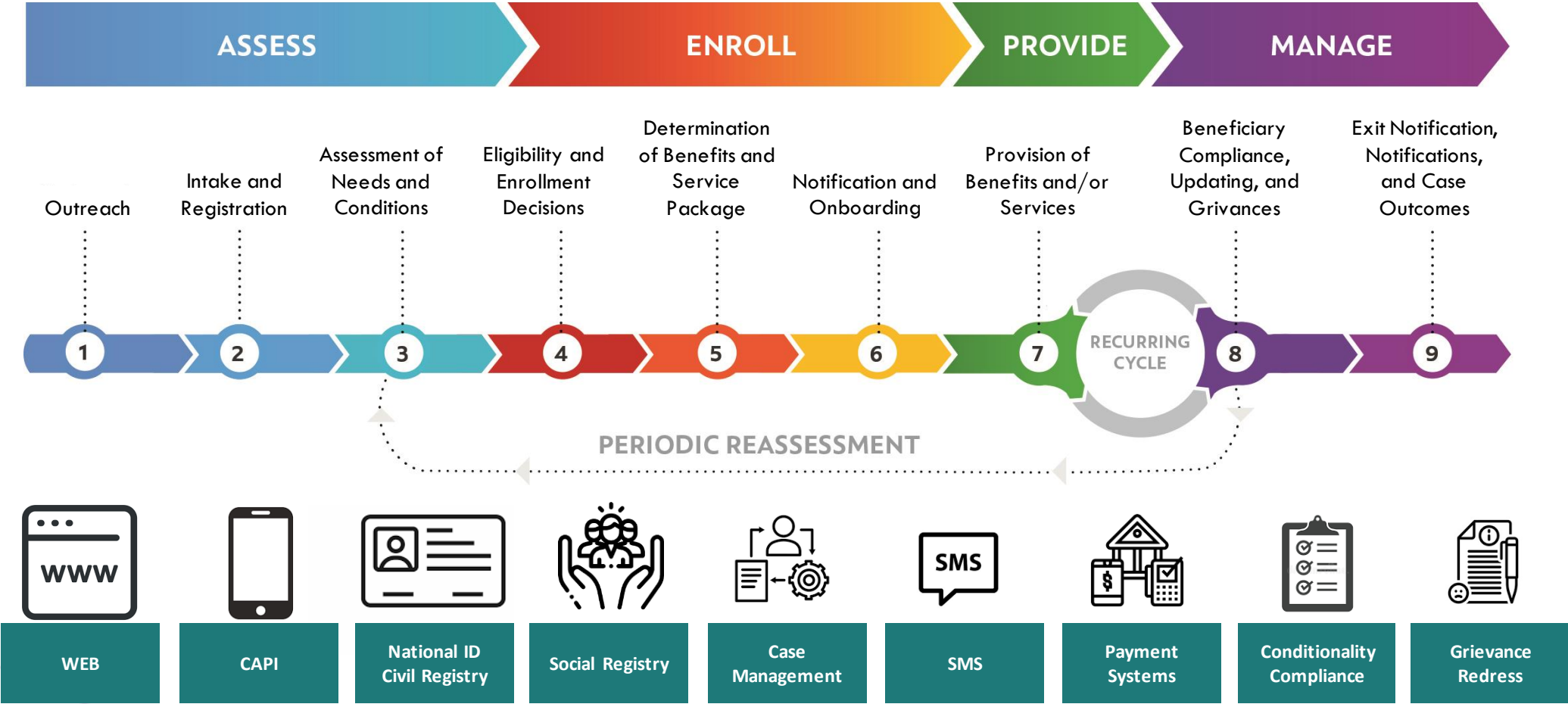
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Scenario 3: Digital systems with Interoperability



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Examples of relevant systems integrations



NORTH MACEDONIA SOCIAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SWIS - Social Welfare Information
System





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BACKUP SLIDES

Data Exchange and Interoperability

Introduction



Overview:

- Data exchange is critical to facilitate information flow between system components in DSPDS (Digital Social Protection Delivery Systems).

Key Mechanisms:

- Pulling, pushing, or synchronization of data depends on data volume, latency, and system complexity.

Importance of Interoperability:

- interoperability involves political, legal, organizational, semantic, and technical levels, all supported by political buy-in.

Data Exchange and Interoperability

Mechanisms and Frameworks



Transactional vs. Bulk Data:

- Difference between transactional (chatty) and bulk data exchanges, hybrid approaches may also be utilized.

Technical Standards:

- Importance of adhering to service-oriented IT architecture standards, including the use of open-source technologies, open APIs, JSON, XML, CSV, and widely accepted data exchange standards like HTTP.

Frameworks in Action:

- Frameworks require common data dictionaries, metadata, thesauruses, taxonomies, ontologies, and service registers to ensure semantic interoperability.

Data Exchange and Interoperability

Governance and Security



Data Sharing Protocols:

- Crucial role of clear legal and operational frameworks that specify the types of information shared, access levels, and security measures.

Conflict Management and Data Security:

- Systems manage data conflicts and ensure data integrity and privacy, through specific protocols (e.g., Chile and Türkiye)

Impact of Governance:

- Governance role for data protection, risk of outdated data, and scalability issues, and influencing the choice of data integration models.