



## CRVS Insight

July 2019



### SAVE THE DATES

The 2nd Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on CRVS is planned for the week of 5-9th October 2020



### UPCOMING MEETING OF THE REGIONAL STEERING GROUP ON CRVS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The **fifth meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS** in Asia and the Pacific (RSG) will take place in Bangkok, Thailand, from 17-19 September 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to support the midterm review of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024) including the Ministerial Conference on CRVS to be held in 2020. Both members for the 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 Regional Steering Group have received invitations for the meeting. Non-members can participate in the meeting as observers.

The Regional Steering Group meeting will be preceded by a full day meeting of the CRVS Partnership of development partners supporting CRVS improvements activities in countries. This Partnership meeting will be held on 16 September 2019 in Bangkok.



## MIDTERM REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRES TO BE SENT TO NATIONAL CRVS FOCAL POINTS SOON

The Questionnaire for reviewing progress midway through the CRVS Decade (2015-2024) is being finalized and prepped for delivery to ESCAP member states in August.

The information from the questionnaire will be used in conjunction with country baseline data to prepare a regional assessment report monitoring our progress in meeting the goals and targets of the [Regional Action Framework](#). The Questionnaire will also form the basis for discussions at the 2020 Ministerial Conference on CRVS where governments will recommit to CRVS improvements and identify areas needing attention.



## BANGLADESH AND MALDIVES STUDY-VISIT

In an act of south-south cooperation, a delegation of officials from the [Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics](#) visited the [Maldives National Bureau of Statistics](#) from 25-27 June 2019 to share knowledge and experiences in the administration of vital statistics. Among other things, the BBS delegation was introduced to the rollout of a new VRS system in the Maldives and visited a nearby Island Council to learn how birth and death forms are maintained.

For more information on the collaborative exchange, please visit the GITP site [here](#).

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## KYRGYZSTAN AND NORWAY STUDY VISIT

In May 2019, a delegation from the [State Registration Service \(SRS\) and the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic](#) visited Norway to share experiences across borders and subject areas. The topic for the study visit was "[Administrative data, Maps, Civil registration and vital statistics \(CRVS\)](#)". The National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz republic (NSC) is investigating how they can utilize data on tax and social funds to decrease response burden, lower costs for data



collection and improve the quality of statistics. The study visit covered topics combining from different administrative sources to make new statistics, doing a census based on register data and the advantages of cadaster information on maps. SRS and NSC jointly presented and mapped the Kyrgyz CRVS system and the bottlenecks and possibilities for making register-based statistics on vital statistics. Additional information about the visit can be found in Stats Norway's newsletter [here](#).



#### **CALL FOR INTERNS: 2019 & 2020**

Do you know someone who could be a great addition to the ESCAP CRVS team ?

We are currently recruiting qualified interns to work in Bangkok and assist in the build-up to the 2020 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific. Interns need to commit for a minimum of four months and will be supporting the team with a range of activities. The official terms of reference and job opening can be found [here](#) along with instructions for submitting applications.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **VITAL STATISTICS WORKSHOP FOR NORTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**
  - From 7 - 11 October 2019, [ESCAP](#), [Stats Norway](#) and [EFTA](#) will host selected NCA countries in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for a vital statistics workshop. Participants will learn about methods for strengthening the dissemination of vital statistics based on registration records, as well as a plan for producing a national report. The official event page can be found on the GTP site [here](#).
- **2nd REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RIGHT TO LEGAL IDENTITY AND PREVENTION OF STATELESSNESS “Leaving no one behind at birth”**
  - From 5-6 September 2019 in Nur-Sultan, UNHCR and partners will hold a regional conference. Birth registration is an integral part of avoidance of statelessness and it is closely linked to UNHCR's mandate on prevention and reduction of statelessness. Ensuring birth registration for prevention of statelessness is Action 7 of UNHCR's ten-point Global Action Plan to End Statelessness (2014-2024). Participants will include government officials from the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan,

• **INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE'S 62ND ANNUAL, WORLD STATISTICS CONGRESS**

- From 18 – 23 August 2019, the ISI will hold its 62<sup>nd</sup> annual World Statistics Congress. Among the plethora of topics being discussed, ESCAP is proud to participate in a special topic session on "Developing successful partnerships for capacity-building in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics to meet the needs of the SDGs". The session is planned for 19 August, from 14:00 – 15:40. For more information, please visit the [ISI World Congress site](#).
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## **NEW RESOURCES**

• **ID4D PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE**

- The World Bank Group's [Identification for Development \(ID4D\) Initiative](#) recently released a draft Practitioner's Guide for developing ID systems for consultation. The Guide, built off the [Principles on Identification for Sustainable Development](#) aids practitioners in designing and implementing trustworthy and inclusive ID systems. The Draft Guide is open for consultation and available on the ID4D site [here](#).
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• **BUILDING MORTALITY STATISTICS PROGRAMS IN INDONESIA**

- The [Department of Global Health](#) at Australia National University and the [Indonesian Ministry of Health](#) have jointly co-authored a paper entitled, "*Building Capacity for Mortality Statistics Programs: Perspectives from the Indonesian Experience*". The paper was published in the [Journal of Epidemiology and Global Health](#) in June 2019. A pdf version can be found on the GITP site [here](#).
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• **KNOWLEDGE BRIEFS ON GENDER AND CRVS, CONTINUED**

- As part of their ongoing [Knowledge Brief Series](#) on gender issues, the [Centre of Excellence](#) for CRVS Systems and [Open Data Watch](#) have released five additional papers discussing topics such as linking National ID and CRVS Systems, as well as a case study on Gender Equity in Guinea. The papers can be found on the GITP site [here](#).
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• **THE GOAL 16 ADVOCACY TOOLKIT**

- Recognizing the importance of [Goal 16](#) within the context of the 2030 Agenda, the [TAP Network](#) released the *Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit* to guide civil society actors on government engagement, as well as planning, implementing and accounting for Goal 16 measures. The Toolkit can be found on TAP's site [here](#) or the GITP site [here](#).
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