WHO contribution to Implementation of the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia-Pacific

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Why are CRVS systems important to Health?

Global and national public health decisions are taken based on cause-of-death data

Nationally:

- National Health Priority Setting
- National Health Policy and Program Design
- National Health planning
- National Health Monitoring and Evaluation
Health is a Beneficiary of CRVS systems:

The improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems is a development imperative and will be central to the achievement of the health and development agenda post 2015, including universal health coverage:

- global maternal mortality ....
- preventable deaths of newborns and under-five children.....
- epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria,....
- one-third pre-mature mortality from non-communicable diseases (NCDs) .........
- global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents.........
- universal health coverage (UHC) ............
Health is a strong contributor to CRVS systems…

- Hospital birth and death notifications can be linked

- Cause of death certification – start with hospital systems, and through community approaches which can be used.

- Health innovations can be used optimally – eg tracking systems, surveillance approaches linked to CRVS

- Health sector outreach – co-location of registration with health services, follow up at immunisation points
How will WHO support CRVS?

Four WHO regions in UNESCAP:

- **EMRO** – Regional strategy for CRVS with Health Ministers endorsement
- **WPRO** – Pacific Health Ministers agreement
- **SEARO** – Regional committee agreement with Health Ministers
- **EURO** - CRVs support through Regional office

These are complementary regional plans and actions. Makes for strong regional momentum.

Global role: supporting the role of health in strengthening CRVS; building mortality systems; causes of death opportunities.
WHO advice on building CRVS systems

Start with what you have, work with your partners

- **Linkage** - Start with health information where you can

- **Outreach** - Work with health sector on possibilities for outreach – immunisation services, co-located registration and health facilities

- **Integrate collections** – surveillance and tracking systems can be useful to recording community events for notification