

Improving CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Getting everyone in the picture

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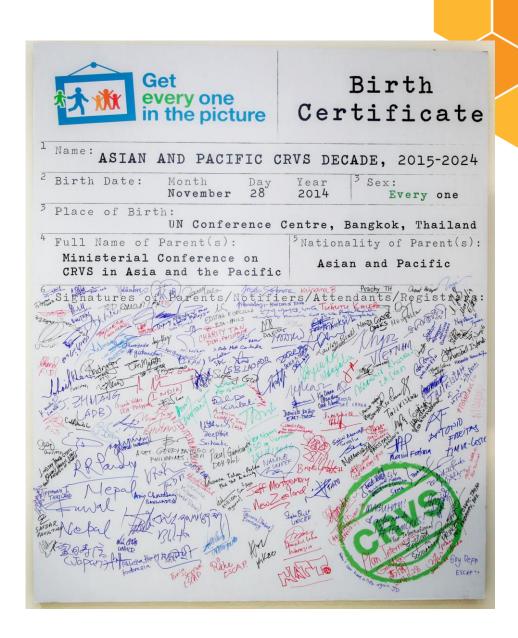
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1. Background

Asia-Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024

"By 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development"



Overview of CRVS Initiative

- First Ministerial Conference, November 2014
 - Declaration of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade 2015 2024
 - Ministerial Declaration to 'Get Every One in the Picture' in Asia and the Pacific
 - (ESCAP Resolution 71/14)
 - Regional Action Framework
 - 🗕 3 Goals
 - 15 targets set by countries
 - 7 Action Areas and 8 implementation steps
 - Regional Steering Group



Ambition of the Decade



Goal 1: Universal registration of births, deaths & other vital events



Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights



Goal 3: Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated



Key Principles

- Countries take the lead
- A stepwise approach
- Flexibility and responsiveness
- Building on local expertise
- Consistency with international legal principles
- Coordination and alignment, including with sub regional initiatives



Implementation steps

- National CRVS coordination mechanism
- Conduct a comprehensive assessment
- Set the national target value for each target Assess inequalities related to CRVS experienced by subgroups of the population, and, where appropriate, set national targets to address those inequalities
- Comprehensive multi-sectoral national CRVS strategy
- Assign a national focal point
- Report relevant information to the ESCAP secretariat by December 2019





Organisation
 of the CRVS
 Decade

Timeline of CRVS Decade, 2015-2024

First Ministerial Conference	Baseline questionnaires submitted to countries •Countries appoint National Focal Points for reporting progress and self-select targets for CRVS system improvements	Midterm questionnaires submitted to countries •Trough the NFPs, countries report on their progress toward meeting the self- selected targets	Second Ministerial Conference •Celebrate progress, strengthen links between IDM and CRVS, accelerate improvements, and refocus political commitments	 Beyond 2020 Final questionnaires submitted to countries Third Ministerial Conference
2014	2015	2019	2020	2024

CRVS Decade: Organisation

Regional Steering Group

- Consist of countries and development partners
- Oversight and guidance for implementation of the Regional Action Framework
- Taskforces to provide support

CRVS Partnership

- Development partners
- Discuss and coordinate partners' activities to avoid replication
- Standardize partners' message about the CRVS decade

National Focal Points

- Country representatives (1 per country)
- Responsible for reporting to ESCAP
- Coordinate technical assistance to their country

Organisation in your countries

Country	National Focal Point	Regional Steering Group Member	Baseline
Afghanistan	Ms. Ghazalan Koofi, Central Civil Registration Authority	Mr. Hasibullah Mowahed, Central Statistical Organization	Yes
Armenia	Ms. Diana Andreasyan, Ministry of health	Ms. Ani Mkhitaryan, Ministry of Justice	Yes
Azerbaijan	Mr. Agha Karim Samed-zade, State Registry Department		Yes
Georgia	Ms. Shorena Tisklauri, National Statistics Office	Ms. Shorena Tisklauri, National Statistics Office	No
Kazakhstan	Ms. Uteulina Bakytkul, Committee on Statistics	Mr. Nurlan Khanzhigitov, Committee on Statistics	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	Ms. Tamara Taipova, National Committee on Statistics		Yes
Nepal	Ms. Indra Kumari Thapaliya, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration		Yes
Tajikistan	Mr. Davlatzoda Qiyomiddin, Agency on Statistics		Yes
Turkmenistan			No
Uzbekistan	Mr. Khasanjon Nasimov, Ministry of Justice	Mr. Bakhodir Begalov, State Committee on Statistics	No

Regional CRVS Partnership

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CRVS Insight



Using the Regional Action Framework in-country

Philippines – advocacy

 Registered death records . . . are around 80 percent higher than others because the regional office implements a "No Death Registration, No Interment" policy, following provisions in the Sanitation Code of the Philippines

Cambodia – development plan

• National Strategic Plan of Identification 2017-2026: Guide acceleration of government efforts to increase the birth registration rate and identification in Cambodia

Using the RAF in-country (cont.)

Malaysia – national report

• Following their Rapid Assessment on CRVS in 2010, Malaysia used the 2015 Baseline Questionnaire to further develop a National Report on CRVS in 2017. The National Report highlighted gaps in their CRVS system and identified a path for the national CRVS improvement plan.

UNICEF – collaboration

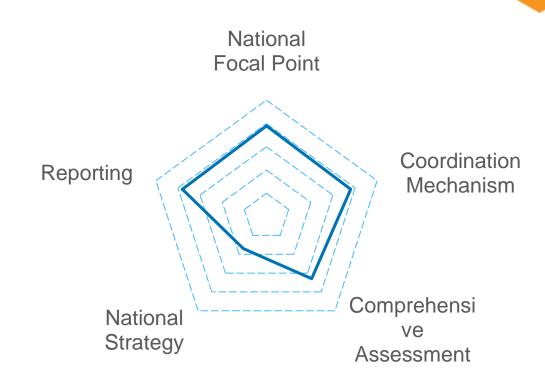
• The UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia services the Civil Registrars Network (CR8) and recently released the Report on the Status of CRVS in South Asia Countries (2018). The Report uses the RAF as its basis for measuring progress being made in the subregion.



3. Progress and next steps

Status of Implementation Steps in Asia-Pacific.

- 38 of 58 countries have established national coordination mechanisms, many of these since 2014
- 17 of 58 countries have developed national CRVS strategies and many others in process



Progress in the Asia-Pacific: Political Commitment and Coordination

Achievements

- Strong country initiatives and partnership support
- Y Political support
- ★ Establishment of national targets, strategies and embedding CRVS improvements in national development plans

Challenges

Total Despite progress, coordination can still be improved



Progress in the Asia-Pacific: *Registration Completeness*

Achievements

- Improved registration legislation and procedures for access
- Registration campaigns and mobile registration increasing outreach

Challenges

- Completeness and inequality assessments
- X Awareness and user engagement

Progress in Asia-Pacific: *Vital Statistics*

Achievements

- Notable progress in production and dissemination of vital statistics based on registration records
- Increased capacity for CoD certification
- Crowing partner support for this area of CRVS

Challenges

- * Despite improvements, still huge gaps in CoD certification and coding (ICD-10)
- * Data sharing and awareness of the potential for using CR data for VS production
- Institutionalization of vital statistics production

2020 Ministerial Conference on CRVS

- X Objectives
 - X Substantive event to assess and celebrate progress of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024)
 - Identify where to focus efforts towards 2024 (Legal identity, SDGs, causes of death, ...)
- ***** Preparation
 - X Led by the Regional Steering Group for CRVS to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive process
 - X Supported by ESCAP and other development partners
 - * ESCAP and other partners actively engaged to raise needed resources







Thank you!

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