Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series: Completing the Questionnaire for the 2025 Review of Progress in Implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

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2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Process, timeline, and FAQs

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Asia Pacific CRVS decade: 2015-2024

Building on the agreements from 2014 to achieve our shared vision:

“...by 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development”
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Why conduct a review? Two primary reasons

**Monitoring progress**

In 2015, Countries in the Asia-Pacific region self-selected targets under the Regional Action Framework (RAF) for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific and committed to reaching those targets by 2024.

The 2025 questionnaire will be used to monitor progress.

ESCAP will use these answers to draft a regional synthesis report.

**Basis for the Third Ministerial Conference**

ESCAP will be able to present current data on regional progress toward meeting the goals of the RAF.

Ministers will assess progress and prioritize areas needing acceleration.

The review will also provide the basis for Ministers to decide on the future direction of CRVS initiatives in Asia and the Pacific.
Why conduct a review in 2024? Additional reasons

Targeted development funding

Monitoring will also enable development partners and researchers to address areas of country-specific weaknesses.

In turn, this will grant relevant ministries, a basis upon which to make funding requests.

2030 Agenda

Population data makes up a significant portion of the data needed to monitor the SDGs.

Without accurate population data, countries may not be able to accurately report on their SDG progress.
2025 Review

- Countries report on progress in achieving the goals of the RAF (i.e., universal registration; legal documentation for all; and accurate, complete and timely production of vital statistics) using the 2025 review questionnaire;
- Compilation of country reports in a regional synthesis report; to serve as the basis for the 2025 review of progress by the Ministerial Conference in 2025;
- Ministerial Conference to celebrate the end of the Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (2015–2024), review progress and consider the direction and focus of efforts during a potential extension of the Decade until 2030.
The 2025 Review Questionnaire

- Guidance
- Definitions used
- Birth registration completeness data (some prefilled)
- Death registration completeness data (some prefilled)
- Data and information on causes of death and processes (some prefilled)
- Information about the production of vital statistics (some prefilled)
- Information on progress made towards implementation steps (some prefilled)
- Information on activities by action areas
How should the questionnaire be completed?

- National Focal Points must act as the central coordinator.
- Involve the relevant ministries, possibly through national CRVS coordination mechanism.
- Involve the relevant development partners.
- If possible, ESCAP recommends hosting a small national meeting to allow representatives to validate answers and respond to National Focal Point’s questions.
Support for reporting

- FAQs and answers can be found on [www.getinthepicture.org webpage](http://www.getinthepicture.org).

- Online Q&A sessions on the 2025 questionnaire to be conducted at Stats Café series on 14 August and 2 September 2024

- Series of workshops/meetings on the 2025 review questionnaire in various subregions adjacent to other events

- Partners will support national focal points to complete the questionnaire

- Please direct questions and inquiries to [escap-crvs@un.org](mailto:escap-crvs@un.org) copying [sovannaroth.tey@un.org](mailto:sovannaroth.tey@un.org)
Timeline of the 2025 Review of Progress in Implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

- **MAR-APR 2024**: Pilot the 2025 review questionnaire with a few RSG members
- **MAY 2024**: Final review of the questionnaire by the RSG
- **JUNE 2024**: Launch the questionnaire for the 2025 Review of Progress in Implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific
- **JUN-JUL 2024**: Support from ESCAP and development partners for completion of the questionnaire
- **AUG-SEP 2024**: Webinars to assist countries in completing the questionnaire
- **OCT-DEC 2024**: Validate data, generate findings, and draft regional synthesis report
- **JAN-FEB 2025**: Send draft regional synthesis report to RSG members for comments, incorporate feedback, and submit final draft to RSG members for endorsement
- **EARLY MAR 2025**: Submit final version for editorial and translation
- **24-26 JUNE 2025**: The third Ministerial Conference for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, and launch of the 2025 review report

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Regional Report

General Objectives

- Regional overview of implementation of the Regional Action Framework
- Basis for the discussions on the review to be conducted at the Third Ministerial Conference in 2025

Content

- Progress towards the targets
- Implementation of CRVS improvement activities (implementation steps)
- Recommendations for countries to achieve the regional goals
- Additional chapter(s) on selected Action Areas or key topic(s) including resilience and inclusivity
Q&A
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