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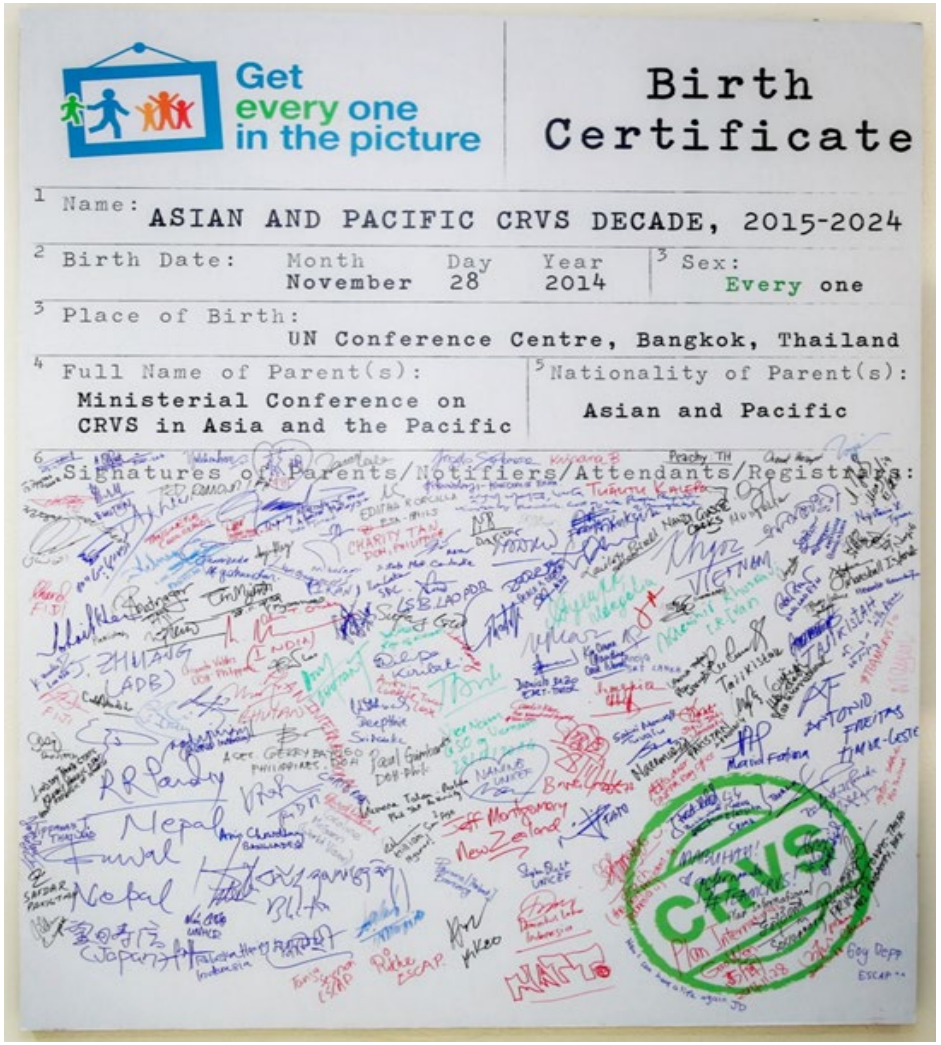


2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Process, timeline, and FAQs

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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"

So how far have we come ?

Year	Activity
2015	Members and associate members submit baseline report to the secretariat
2016	Regional baseline analysis
2019	Members and associate members submit midterm report to the secretariat
2020	Midterm regional review conducted
2024	Members and associate members submit 2025 review report to the secretariat
2025	2025 regional review conducted

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.
- 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 copying sovannaroth.tey@un.org

Questions received from countries

- Should missing data for 2024 be filled only, or should data from previous years be updated as well?
  - Please provide data from the "…" year (column D-E) to 2023 using the orange/gold-highlighted cells.
- Should the data for the variables in Table 1-2 cover the period from August 2023 to July 2024, or just from January to December 2023?
  - Question E.3 and E.6 in the list of FAQs.
- Can you explain why Review 2025 is mentioned for each year, but not for 2020-2024?
  - The midterm review was conducted in 2019 and countries provided their data up to 2019.

More questions from list of FAQs and answers

- Question B.6: Should qualitative information be included?
  - Any qualitative information would be highly welcome
- Question D.4: Some reports will include data from 2023 others from 2022, how will ESCAP compare them?
  - The purpose of the reporting is for countries to assess where they are at in 2023 compared to where they wanted to go at the beginning of the CRVS decade.
- Question D.7: Can we use multiple data sources in the report?
  - Yes, though ideally the data sources will predominantly be civil registration data.
- Question G.8: Can we change targets that have already been decided?
  - Updating is not recommended, but targets can be adapted to the current situation, for example if they have already been achieved.

Timeline of the 2025 Review of Progress in Implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

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ASIAN AND PACIFIC CRVS DECADE 2015 - 2024

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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