

FIJI BUREAU OF STATISTICS

“Civil Registration Vital Statistics (CRVS) Inception Workshop for Assessing Inequalities in Registration” – 28th of January, 2022.

A well-functioning civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) system helps ensure that every person has a legal identity, facilitating access to the benefits and protections of the State. It is also the preferred data source for many demographic statistics with numerous indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) directly related to mortality and fertility while others rely on population data as the denominator. To know who is being left behind, the relevant disaggregated population data needs to be available.

Many countries experience lower civil registration completeness rates among certain marginalized and hard-to-reach population groups or geographic areas. Despite these inequalities and their negative impact, this problem often remains a blind spot. The groups affected remain largely invisible if the matter is not specifically investigated.

To ensure progress in registration is truly universal and fully inclusive, the Ministerial declaration to “Get Every One in The Picture” in Asia and the Pacific recognized the need to address disparities in civil registration completeness and coverage of these groups. Hence, the Regional Action Framework (RAF) on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific calls upon countries to assess any CRVS-related inequalities experienced by population subgroups.

Due to its well developed CRVS system and keen interest of stakeholders, Fiji has been selected as one of the countries in the region to receive support to undertake an inequality assessment. The inequality assessment project seeks to provide technical support and capacity strengthening to the Fiji Bureau of Statistics and other relevant national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of CRVS inequality assessments using secondary data sources in Fiji. This will involve building capacity for demographic analysis to undertake inequality assessments in the future as well as dialogue with policy-makers to ensure the results are used for policy formulation.

The inception workshop will be a participatory workshop to introduce the project, further develop relationships among relevant stakeholders (data providers, data users, and policy makers), discuss challenges with doing such an inequality assessment, and collaboratively develop a plan for the way forward.

Please find the proposed draft agenda on the following page.

Draft Agenda

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
8:00 – 8:30	ARRIVAL REGISTRATION	
8:30 – 8:45	OPENING AND WELCOME	Acting Chief Executive FBoS – Ms. Maria Musudroka
		Administrator General /Fiji CRVS Chairperson – Ms. Kamni Naidu
		ESCAP – Ms. Petra Nahmias
8:45 – 8:55	INTRODUCTION – Short briefing on the concept of the project as well as outline of the program for the day and housekeeping.	Poasa Naimila - FBoS
8:55 – 9:05	TOUR DE TABLE	Introductions by all participants
9:05 – 9:15	BACKGROUND – Why do an inequality assessment and how will the results inform policy?	ESCAP – Ms. Petra Nahmias
9:15 – 9:25	Findings from EGM on strengthening CRVS that can be used to support the inequality assessment in Fiji	ESCAP – Ms. Eileen Capilit
9:25 – 9:35	FBoS – quick snapshot of the current CRVS system, summary of needs assessment, and the role of FBoS	Poasa Naimila - FBoS
9:35 – 9:55	High level methodology of the inequality assessment, what variables could be assessed to study inequality, possible data sources including what roles other line ministries would play, and known issues with data availability and or quality	CRVS Consultant – Ms. Renee Sorchik
9:55 – 10:10	Open discussion – questions or comments from participants	

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
10:10 – 10:25	Presentation by digitalFiji: background of their mandate, organizational structure, how they can support data sharing, and any known roadblocks or challenges they are aware of	digitalFiji - TBD
10:25 – 10:35	Presentation by MoHMS: Data challenges in regards to inequality assessments	MoHMS - TBD
10:35 – 11:00	MORNING TEA	
11:00 – 11:10	Presentation by MOJ RGO: Data challenges in regards to inequality assessments	Registrar General's Office - TBD
11:10 – 11:25	Open discussion about role of each key agency – questions or comments from participants	
11:25 – 12:10	Break out groups – addressing key challenges in to access to data, data sharing, demographic analysis capacities, and using data to inform policy	Group work
12:10 – 12:40	Plenary – group presentations on suggestions for addressing key challenges	Group members
12:40 – 12:55	Moderated discussion – how to address some key challenges, next steps, timeline etc.	CRVS Consultant – Ms. Renee Sorchik
12:55 – 1:00	Closing: Summary and Next steps	CRVS Consultant – Ms. Renee Sorchik
1PM	LUNCH	
END OF WORKSHOP		