The Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024) and the current status in the region

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What is Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)?

- Record of vital events
- Continuous
- Permanent
- Compulsory
- Universal
Why is CRVS important?

- Legal identity
- Legal recognition
- Relationship to State
- Documentary evidence
  - Recourse, participation, employment, property ownership
- Vital Statistics
  - Public health, planning, development
CRVS and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Well-functioning CRVS systems are:

- Essential for planning and implementing SDGs related to social inclusion, health, education, good governance, etc.
- Best source for continuous and timely data to monitor SDGs related to maternal mortality, NCD related deaths, etc.
- Source of 72+ of 230 SDG indicators

Figure: SDG indicators that have source data from a CRVS system

Source: Data for Health
Target 16.9
By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

Indicator 16.9.1
Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age

Target 17.19
By 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product, and support statistical capacity-building in developing countries

Indicator 17.19.2
Proportion of countries that (a) have conducted at least one population and housing census in the last 10 years; and (b) have achieved 100 percent birth registration and 80 percent death registration
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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”
Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific
The regional ambition for 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
Supporting the vision
Regional Steering Group on CRVS

- 30 members
- Representing NSOs, MoH, Registrars, and partners across the ESCAP region
- Custodian of the CRVS Decade
- Responsible for implementing the CRVS Decade
- Membership 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 groups
2. Midterm Review and Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS
Birth Registration Completeness

Death Registration Completeness

Objectives of the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS

Celebrating achievements during the first half of the CRVS Decade

- Highlight necessity of CRVS to legal identity

Focus on the importance of CRVS systems in the response to pandemics and the recovery from COVID-19

Emphasize how CRVS is instrumental for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Second Ministerial Conference
16-19 November 2021

Expected outcomes:
- A Ministerial Declaration on CRVS

Expected participants
- Ministers responsible for: Civil Registration, Planning, Justice, Health, Statistics, Finance and National ID systems

Preparation
- Led by the Regional Steering Group for CRVS to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive process
- Supported by ESCAP and 13 other development partners
Thank you!

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