Concept Note: Researching CRVS for better Policy

Asia-Pacific Stats Café: Researching CRVS for better Policy

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Join us for a session focused on why evidence matters for strengthening CRVS systems. We will explore how building a strong evidence base helps countries identify bottlenecks, design targeted interventions and monitor progress of their health and data systems. The session will highlight practical approaches for generating and using evidence to inform CRVS improvements and will feature insights from development partners and practitioners who have generated evidence aiming to improve systems in their countries. The discussion will also provide some information on the upcoming CRVS Research Forum, a platform for sharing applied research, fostering collaboration, and amplifying evidence-driven innovation.

Agenda and speakers

- **Tanja B. Sejersen,** CRVS Lead and Statistician, ESCAP.
    - Highlight of ESCAP's work on CRVS evidence production (10 min)
- **Sana Naffa**, Senior Program Specialist, Canada International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
    - The importance of evidence for public health and policy planning (video recording – 10 min)
- **Meli Nadakuca**, Principal Statistician, Fiji Bureau of Statistics
    - Fiji's experience and how findings informed policy (15 mins)
- **Nicola Richards**, CRVS Research Lead, ESCAP
    - Introduction to the CRVS research forum (10 min)
- **Q & A** (10 min)