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

Two-part Series

14 August 2024 and 2 September 2024 (12:00 p.m. to 13:00 p.m. UTC+7)

Background

Since the proclamation of the Asia and the Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Decade 2015-2024, members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) have made significant progress in improving their CRVS systems. Findings from the midterm review conducted in 2019 revealed good progress in strengthening CRVS systems compared to the 2015 baseline review. Nonetheless, the midterm review also highlighted some areas requiring additional attention, particularly the registration of births for children under five, death registration and reporting of cause of death.

The 2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific aims to not only assess the effectiveness of actions taken after the midterm review but also measure progress throughout the Asia and the Pacific CRVS Decade. The ESCAP secretariat recently launched the questionnaire for the 2025 review with **15 September 2024** as the deadline for members and associate members of ESCAP to return the completed questionnaire to the secretariat.

Findings from the 2025 review will be presented at the Third Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, to be held from 24 to 26 June 2025. The review will showcase the outcomes of CRVS improvement initiatives in Asia and the Pacific to Heads of Government, Ministers, senior government officials, as well as heads of development partners, civil society organizations, media, foundations and the public. The 2025 review will also provide crucial insights for leaders in the region to decide on the future of CRVS initiatives in Asia and the Pacific as we approach the final years of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Objectives

This Stats Café series aims to provide support to participants in the process of completing the questionnaire for the 2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific. The objectives of the series are as follows:

1. For ESCAP to share more information on the process and timeline for completing the questionnaire for the 2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, including highlighting some frequently asked questions and answers;
2. For countries that have already completed the questionnaire to share experiences and lessons learned;
3. For participants to ask and/or seek clarification from ESCAP on any questions and required information in the questionnaire;

4. To update participants on preparations for the 2025 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific and call for their support in facilitating optimal engagement from their governments.

This is a two-part Stats Café series to be held on 14 August and 2 September 2024. Participants would benefit from attending both sessions to obtain guidance and clarification at various stages of their questionnaire completion journey. For more information on the Stats Café, you may refer to our webpage.

Programme (2 September 2024)

Opening remarks		
Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief of Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP		**5 mins** 12:00 - 12:05
Presentations and Q&As		
Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP	Presentation by ESCAP on the 2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Process, timeline, and FAQs	**10 min** 12:05 - 12:15
Ms. Marjorie Villaver, OIC Chief of the Vital Statistics Division, Philippines Statistics Authority	Experience sharing on 2025 review questionnaire completion – Philippines	**13 min** 12:15 - 12:28
Ms. Fathimath Riyaza, Statistician, Maldives Bureau of Statistics (MBS)	Experience sharing on 2025 review questionnaire completion – Maldives	**13 min** 12:28 - 12:41
Ms. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician and CRVS Lead, Statistics Division, ESCAP	Preparations for the 2025 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific	**10 min** 12:41 - 12:51
Q&As		**9 min** 12:51 - 13:00

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