Guidelines for estimating the completeness of reporting of vital events
A new resource for the region

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The imperative for improving the completeness of civil registration

“Leaving no-one behind” – the importance of inequality assessments in the context of civil registration

Located within the ESCAP mid-term review, which identified capacity constraints in evaluating the completeness of CRVS data
The Guidelines

- Structured as a hands-on resource for practitioners ...
- ... with an associated Excel spreadsheet that implements many of the methods and approaches described ...
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- General tools for the numerator:
  - adjustment in respect of anticipated incurred-but-not-reported events
  - adjustment in respect of timely registration in the year following occurrence
- Choice of an appropriate denominator
- Considering the impact of COVID-19 on estimating completeness
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- Birth registration completeness
  - Comparison with UNWPP (2019 version) or other estimates of births
  - Comparison with reverse-survival estimates of births from a census
  - Application of fertility rates to population data
  - Using data from administrative sources
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- Death registration completeness
  - Comparison with UNWPP (2019 version) or other estimates of deaths
  - Overview of estimation of adult death registration completeness from census data
Our hope is that the Guidelines offer a tool that will help to address a capacity gap, within the region and beyond, in being able to estimate completeness of civil registration of vital events 

.. and that this will become a ‘living document’, enhanced, augmented, and developed through the feedback of its users