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Vietnam: CRVS now part of SDG National Action Plan and household registration books to be abolished

The Vietnamese government has included CRVS improvements as an integral part of the [National Action Plan for the implementation of the 2030 sustainable development agenda](#). The aim is to provide legal identification including birth registration for all citizens in Vietnam by 2030. Particular attention will be paid to individuals living in mountainous regions, ethnic minorities and migrant people.

In October 2017, the household registration books were abolished after these had been used for more than five decades. Instead, every citizen will be issued with a new ID card including a 12-digit national identification (NI) number by 2020. Part of the project is the creation of a digital national population database comprising standardized information on all Vietnamese citizens such as name, place of birth, fingerprints, permanent address, marital status, children and criminal convictions.

The aim is to move away from paper based population management towards a digital system. This will facilitate and modernize administrative procedures and increase efficiency as well as counterfeit protection. In the future, citizens won't need to present household registration books in addition to their ID cards when visiting authorities for administrative procedures such as registering businesses. Currently residents of 16 cities and provinces are being issued the new ID cards as part of a pilot project.



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

**BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION
ACT 2017**

No. 33 of 2017

New civil registration legislation in Nauru

After 60 years, the Nauruan Births Deaths and Marriages (BDM) Act of 1957 has been repealed. The new act enters into force in February 2018. The purpose of the new bill is to update the law and to cater for issues not covered in the BDM Act of 1957. The [new legislation](#) has provisions on issues related to notifications from health authorities, the role of the civil registrar, registration of Nauruan children born overseas as well as unique personal identity numbers.

Nauruan president Baron Waqa said with regard to the new bill: "It covers a number of matters that will augment the functions of the Births, Deaths and Marriages registry. It will ensure that the registry continues to be the trusted custodian of the life event records held by it. It will also ensure that the Republic has correct and up to date records".



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
**CIVIL REGISTRATION
& VITAL STATISTICS**

International conference on CRVS held in Bangladesh

The CRVS Secretariat of the Cabinet Division, Government of Bangladesh organized the "International Conference on CRVS, 2018" on 23-25 January 2018 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The conference featured discussions on e-government and public service delivery, improving registration of death and causes of death, as well as strengthening CRVS to support safe migration. It offered a platform to share and exchange CRVS related knowledge, experiences, innovations and ideas of different countries.

The conference results will be taken forward to shape the further work of improving the [CRVS system in Bangladesh](#). They will also be the foundation of future policy and research debates and increased knowledge sharing among South Asian countries.

Aside from participants from national and sub-national agencies of the CRVS system in Bangladesh, the conference was also attended by representatives from Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, as well as several development partners active in supporting Bangladesh.



New toolkit for ensuring registration of certain groups to be piloted soon

On the 18th and 19th of January 2018 the [third meeting of the Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit Technical Advisory Group](#) took place in Bangkok. The purpose of the meeting was first, to undertake a technical review of the toolkit and secondly, to elaborate a program for the piloting of a part of the toolkit methodology within the Civil Registration administration of a Bali Process Member State.

The purpose of the Toolkit is to help States improve how they register births, deaths and marriages of key populations (refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons and persons of undetermined nationality) that occur on their territory. The overall goal of the Toolkit is to enable better protection and contribute to durable solutions for key populations by increasing levels of civil registration and documentation completeness among these population groups. The toolkit will contain a practical assessment methodology for States to identify gaps and barriers, as well as relevant technical and policy guidance based on international standards, recommendations and good practices, to support improvement efforts. The toolkit is expected to be published in the second half of 2018, and will include a pilot in one or more States in 2018.

Events & Media

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[49th session of the Statistical Commission](#)

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11-16 May 2018
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