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# Midterm review of the CRVS Decade

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**Sixth meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific**

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# Status of the midterm review

1. Country reports on midterm progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework (2019-2020)
2. Compilation of the country reports in:
  1. Interim regional progress report, presented to the Seventh Session of ESCAP Committee on Statistics, 26-28 August 2020.
  2. **Final regional progress report** and dedicated microsite, to be launched in the first quarter of 2021.
3. **Ministerial Conference** to celebrate the midpoint of the Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (2015– 2024), review progress and consider the direction and focus of efforts towards 2024

Subregion	Midterm review submissions	Missing countries
East and North-East Asia	5/7	China, Democratic People's Republic of North Korea
North and Central Asia	7/9	Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Pacific	14/21	American Samoa, French Polynesia, Guam, Micronesia, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu
South and South-West Asia	10/10	
South-East Asia	8/11	Myanmar, Singapore, Viet Nam
<b>Region</b>	<b>44/58</b>	
Non-Regional	1/4	France, Netherlands, UK



## Final regional progress report

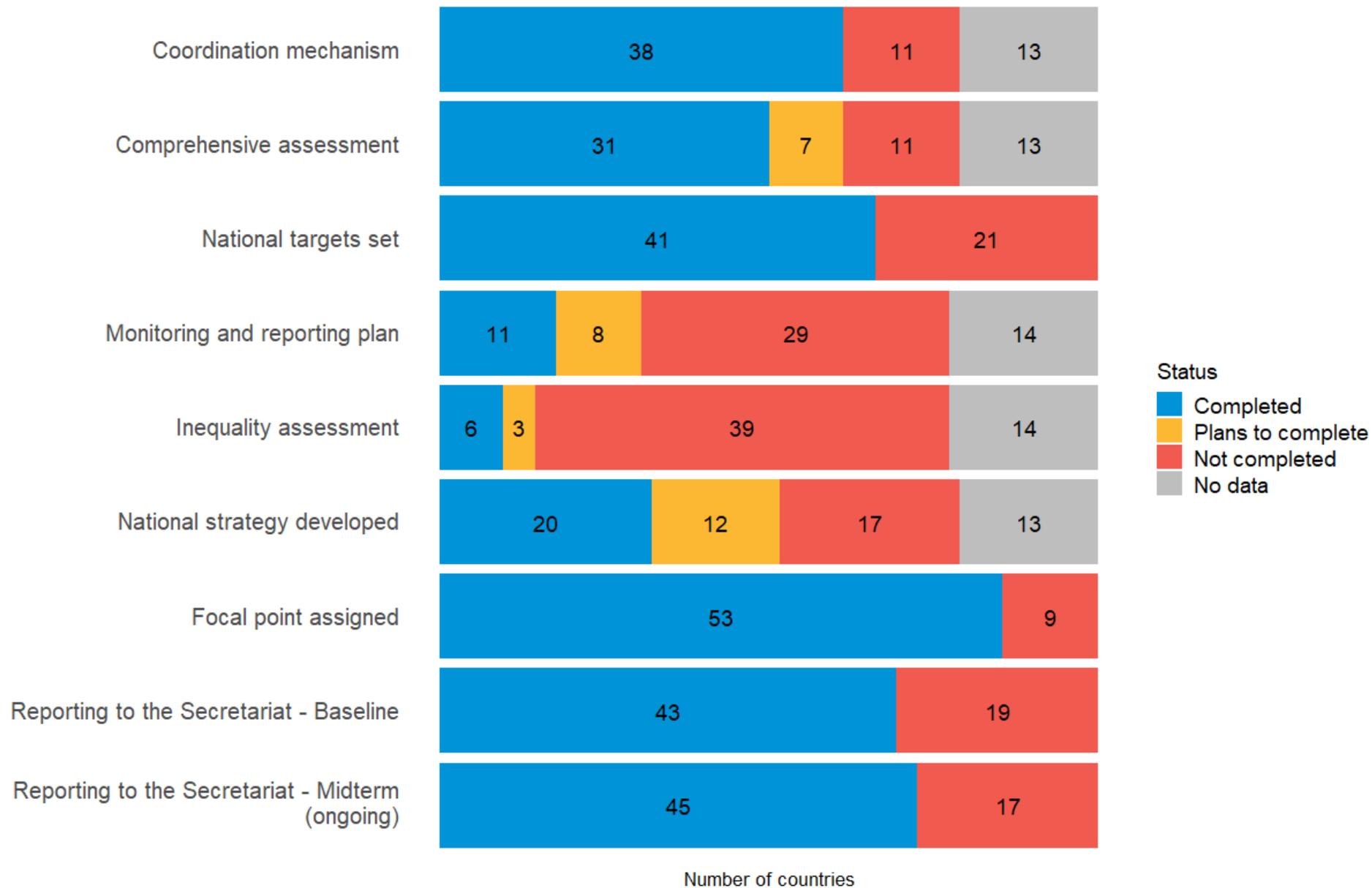
### Structure:

- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Achieving universal birth registration
- ◆ Recording all deaths and causes of death
- ◆ Harnessing civil registration records for statistics
- ◆ Efforts made to improve civil registration and vital statistics systems
- ◆ Conclusion

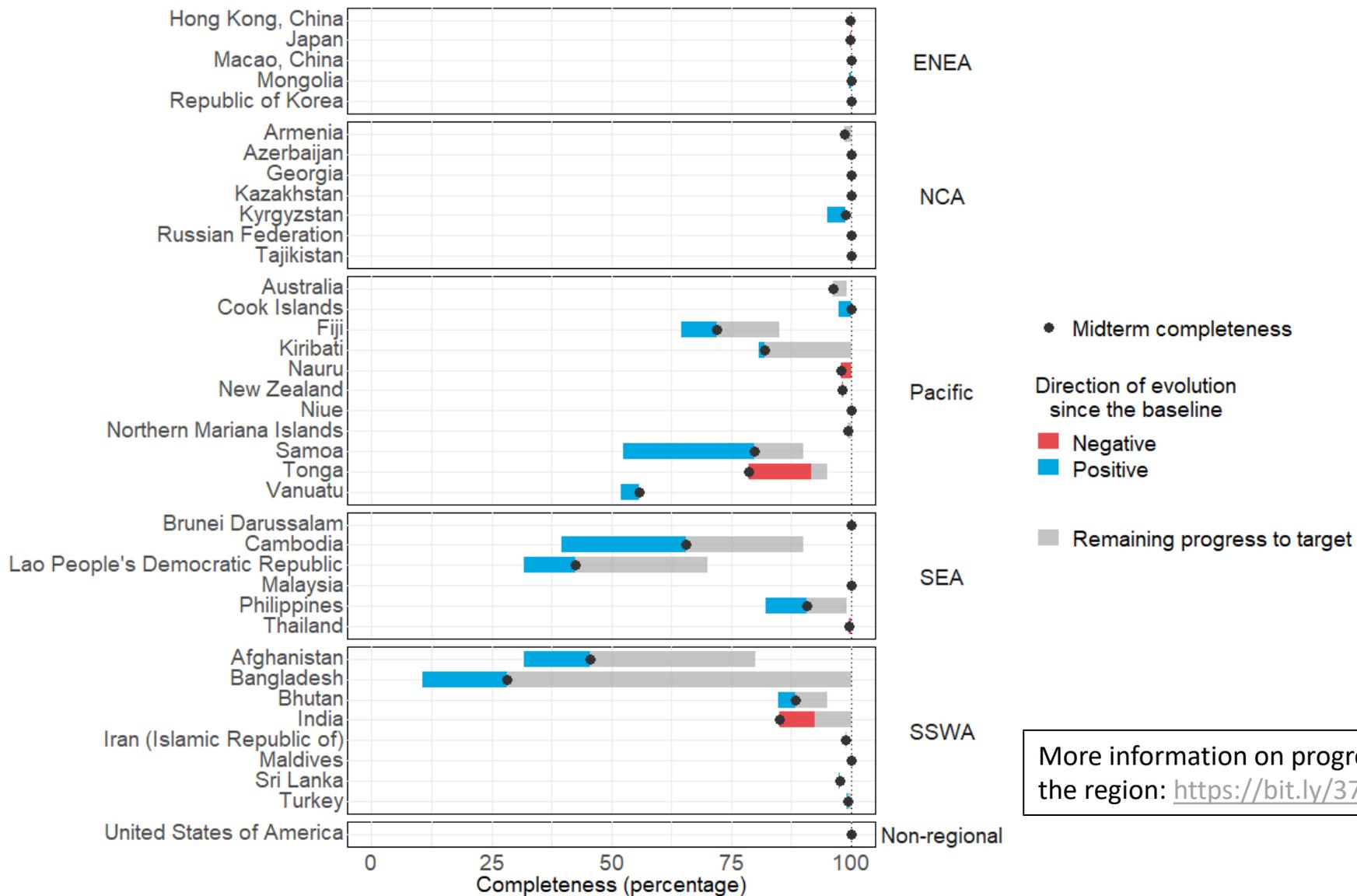
- ◆ Inclusion of country examples as text boxes (RSG members to review them and provide pictures)
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# Overview of progress: Implementation Steps

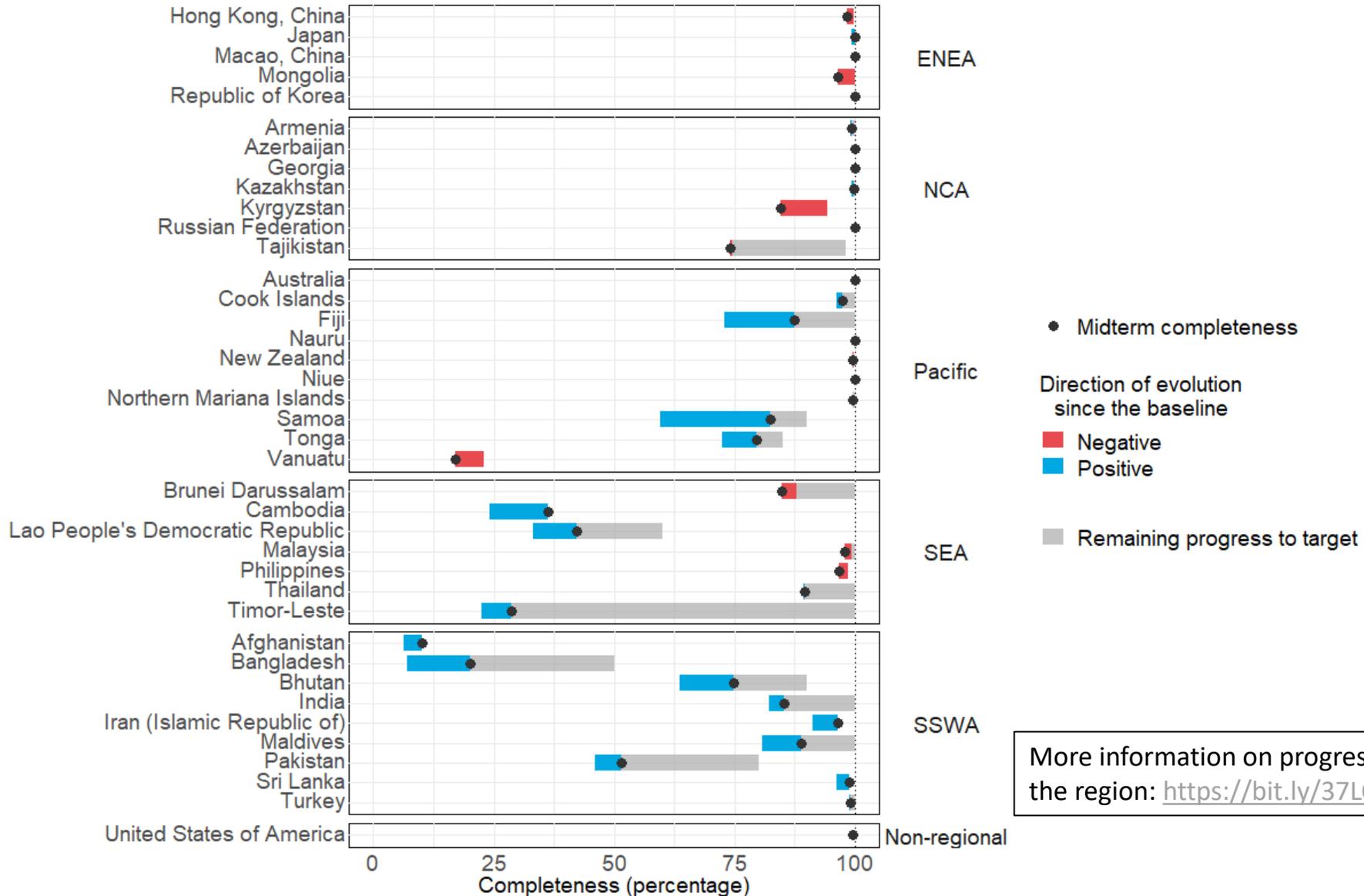


# Overview of progress: Completeness of Birth Registration within one year



More information on progress in the region: <https://bit.ly/37LQtaz>

# Overview of progress: Completeness of Death Registration within one year



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# Overview of progress: Vital statistics, including on causes of death

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At least 18 countries have yet to use registration records for statistics and disseminate these statistics in the public domain

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Statistics on causes of deaths still suffer from the low proportion of deaths with a medically certified cause of death and the high percentage of ill-defined codes in many countries



# Conclusions and recommendations



1. Although progress is visible in many countries, more needs to be done during the second part of the Decade to achieve the targets.
2. Universal means 100%, not 99%, thus, more than ever, it is critical to conduct assessment of inequalities related to CRVS experienced by subgroups of the population.
3. The COVID 19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in the recording of causes of death. More emphasis on the recording of causes of death will be required if countries want to achieve their targets and prepare for future pandemics.
4. More efforts are needed to harness civil registration records for statistics.



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# Preparations for the Ministerial Conference

- ◆ Conference documents to be shared with RSG for review throughout 2021
- ◆ ESCAP will be reaching out for
  - ◆ Country boxes for midterm report
  - ◆ Stories, quotes and photos for advocacy material
  - ◆ Other support for communication/advocacy
- ◆ Support with following up on invitations to ensure high level participation from countries and partners
- ◆ Possibility for additional short RSG meetings

# Ministerial Declaration (Outcome document of the Ministerial Conference)

- ◆ Pre-conference consultation
  - ◆ Inputs from RSG, recommendations (Dec 2020)
  - ◆ ESCAP develop zero draft (Jan-Feb 2021)
  - ◆ Regional Steering Group (25 Feb meeting)
  - ◆ National Focal points (April-May electronic)
  - ◆ Permanent representatives (June-July electronic)
- ◆ To be adopted at the Ministerial Conference in November 2021