Deadline for reporting of national targets and baseline data

Today, Tuesday 15 December 2015 is the deadline to report on national targets and baseline data for the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade in Asia and the Pacific. National Focal points have been sent information to assist them in reporting, including Guidelines for setting and monitoring the goals and targets of the Regional Action Framework and a template. For further information on the Ministerial Declaration and Regional Action Framework please access the CRVS Decade brochure. The information collected from countries' reports will be used for a synthesis report to the 72nd session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and it will be a reference point for the following decade of CRVS policy in Asia and the Pacific. Countries who will not be able to meet the deadline should contact the Secretariat.

Workshop for Asian national CRVS focal points held in Bangkok

A workshop for national CRVS focal points was held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok from 9 to 10 December 2015. It brought together national CRVS focal points from 17 countries and bilateral and multilateral development partners. The workshop aimed to support national CRVS focal points in understanding and communicating the regional initiative to key stakeholders in countries and providing the ESCAP secretariat with regular updates including responses to requests for reporting. Presentations from the workshop are available here.

Training Course on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems

The International Statistics Program at CDC has developed a training course on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) systems to provide information to epidemiologists, statisticians, demographers, and others working in public health about vital statistics data gathered from a national civil registration system. The course contains a general description of the administrative process of civil registration and fundamentals of vital statistics generated from a national civil registration system. The intent is to provide background information for persons using vital statistics data so they understand: how those data are obtained, ways to use and disseminate the data, and some problems and limitations of the data.

New CRVS decade webpage

www.getinthepicture.org is now available as of December 8th the new website for the CRVS Decade in Asia and the Pacific is available on www.getinthepicture.org. The new website includes a detailed overview of regional CRVS activities and provides a one-stop-shop for CRVS resources, including tools, research, guidelines, country studies and others. In addition, news items are continuously added to the website to highlight CRVS activities, new resources and tools. The website also offers a forum for Regional Steering Group members and blogs from individuals involved in CRVS improvement activities across the region. Contributions to the website are welcome.

A Call for Contributions

We are looking for you to make your voice heard. The newsletter contributes to the reach and visibility of the CRVS Decade. Please send your contributions to the newsletter and website through to sejersent@un.org. For more information, contact the Statistics Division of United Nations ESCAP at stat.unescap@un.org or +66 2288 2593, or visit www.getinthepicture.org.