

CRVS INSIGHT - ASIA PACIFIC



Opportunities: Consultancy at UNICEF

UNICEF is seeking a consultant to undertake a desk review and an in-depth assessment of sources of administrative data on civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) specifically for birth and marriage registration. This work will contribute to a larger project that also includes an in-depth review and assessment of administrative sources of data on violence against children. If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you. The vacancy announcement can be found [here](#).



UNHCR: The Campaign to end Statelessness

Across the world today more than ten million people are told they don't belong ANYWHERE. They are called 'stateless'. They are denied a nationality. And with it, they are denied their basic rights. Statelessness can mean a life without education, without medical care, or legal employment. It can mean a life without the ability to move freely, without prospects, or hope. Statelessness is inhumane. The main reason people are stateless is because of discrimination. Because of their ethnicity. Because of their religion. Because in some countries women cannot pass their nationality on to their children. We believe it's time to end this injustice. With enough courage we know it is possible. Governments can change their laws and procedures, and give stateless people their rights and a place to belong. In this sense, for example, the Philippines just passed a resolution exempting persons of Indonesian descent residing in the Municipality from civil registration fees and fees for the correction of entries in the civil registry. Within ten years, we can ensure everyone has a nationality. Because if we don't this injustice will only get worse. [Read more.](#)



For better health, countries must understand death

"Last week the [World Health Organization](#) announced a new partner in its effort to combat noncommunicable diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, which — together with injuries — account for roughly 80 percent of deaths worldwide. Michael Bloomberg, the former New York City mayor and billionaire philanthropist, is the WHO's new global ambassador for noncommunicable diseases. Bloomberg takes a famously data-driven approach to public policy, and the same is true for the foundation he founded, [Bloomberg Philanthropies](#). Last year the foundation launched a four-year, \$100 million [Data for Health](#) initiative that seeks to help ministries of health understand what people are dying from in their countries. (...) International health organizations and country governments have dedicated a great deal of time and resources to improving the registration of births. But in many cases, cause of death data goes

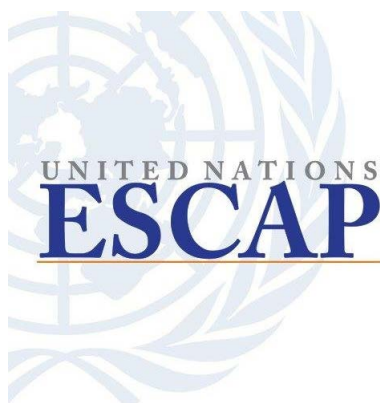
unrecorded, particularly at the national level." [Read more.](#)



Indonesia fosters research on CRVS

On July 28th 2016 the Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS) with the Center on Child Protection Universitas Indonesia PUSKAPA and the Australia-Indonesia Partnership on Governance for Growth KOMPAK launched a study looking at the bottlenecks, barriers, and opportunities in the existing birth and death registration system in Indonesia. The findings of this study inform Government interventions to bolster President Joko Widodo's plan to achieve 85% birth registration coverage by end of 2019 as well as his goal to reduce maternal and child mortality that can only be measured within an improved vital data. An ambitious plan considering that about 40% of Indonesian children were still unregistered. In the next three to five years, PUSKAPA and KOMPAK as well as other development partners will support the Government on bringing civil registration services closer to the community to reach the most vulnerable, facilitating civil registration processes through frontline services of health, education, and social assistance so events can be recorded at its first instance, and improving the quality of vital statistics produced from civil registry. All putting the most vulnerable -children, women, and people with special needs, at the center.

Events & Media



SPC
Secretariat
of the Pacific
Community



2nd Meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS

6-7 September 2016, United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok, Thailand. [Read more.](#)

SPC promotes workshop

SPC, with BAG partner agencies including ESCAP, UNFPA, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics, will be conducting a data analysis and report writing workshop from 19-30 September 2016.

Statistics for the 2030 Agenda

Asia-Pacific Conference: Transforming Official Statistics for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 24-26 August 2016. [Read more.](#)

A Call For Contributions

Do you have anything you want to share? We welcome contributions to the newsletter and website. If you have a story on CRVS, insights, events, information or tools, please send them through to perkinsm@un.org.

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