CRVS PROGRAMME’S IMPLEMENTATION IS A TOP PRIORITY IN PAKISTAN

Pakistan is “aggressively” prioritizing CRVS programme improvements to ensure “that all citizens attain legal identity” by including targeted advancements in governmental agenda items. The Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, Development and Reforms, Kanwal Shauzab, outlined the priorities at a recent meeting on the Development of the Pakistan CRVS Trust Fund for Strengthening CRVS System at the Pakistan Planning and Management Institute Complex. . . READ MORE

LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS IN THE PHILIPPINES

According to the Philippines Statistical Authority (PSA), around “5 million Filipinos nationwide remain unregistered” (out of a population estimated at 105 million), and about “40 percent of the total unregistered Filipinos are children aged 0-14 years old”. However, mobile registration is helping Filipino authorities address these challenges and expand access to social services for those without legal identities.
CALL FOR PROPOSALS FROM THE GLOBAL FINANCING FACILITY
On 18 March, the Global Financing Facility (GFF) announced a call for proposals from civil society organizations supporting countries with high maternal and newborn mortality to scale up proven innovations for reducing maternal and newborn mortality. This call responds to increasing demand from countries to expand and sustain innovations supporting health and nutrition priorities by tackling critical bottlenecks to improved outcomes at scale. Please see the press release and call for proposals for more information and instruction on how to apply.

GLOBAL VIRTUAL SUMMIT ON DIGITAL IDENTITY
UNHCR, in partnership with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), is inviting written contributions to a Global Virtual Summit on how digital identity can provide greater opportunities for refugees and asylum-seekers, allowing them to contribute more to their host communities. The Summit will include three thematic virtual events that will take place throughout May, followed by a final event in Canada in June. UNHCR and IRCC are seeking to catalyze dialogue with a broad group of stakeholders to envision what a "good" digital identity for refugees should look like, as well as to make recommendations that will contribute to realizing the goals of the Global Compact on Refugees. Follow the hyperlinks for more information, including the timeline of key dates and how to submit written contributions.

DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT
Finally, in a new perspective article, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) elaborates on the role CRVS data plays in reaching development milestones. Not only can CRVS data provide information on 67 of the 230 indicators from the 2030 Agenda, but it is also critical to meeting target 16.9 by providing identity for
all. The perspective also details numerous IDRC, country-led interventions to improve systems; including, for example, the progress in Kyrgyzstan where "civil registration paper-based records were digitized into an electronic civil registration system to produce timely and complete vital statistics report" . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SECOND WORKSHOP OF THE PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN VITAL STATISTICS REPORT WRITING, 1-5 APRIL, BANGKOK, THAILAND
  - Starting this week, ESCAP's Stats Division and D4H will be kicking off the second workshop for its regional project to strengthen the production and dissemination of vital statistics reports based on civil registration records. Facilitators will continue working with Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and Thailand on their report from 1 – 5 April here in Bangkok.

NEW RESOURCES

- GLOBAL HEALTH DATA METHODS
  - Researchers Sarah B. Macfarlane and Carla Abouzahr have edited contributions from a variety of global experts and released a new Palgrave Handbook on Global Health Data Methods for Policy and Practice.

- KNOWLEDGE AND POLITICS IN SETTING AND MEASURING THE SDGS
  - A special issue of the Global Policy Journal was recently released concerning Knowledge and Politics in Setting and Measuring the SDGs. Among other topics, the selected papers consider the politics shaping the SDGs and the selection of measurement methods.