



CRVS Insight

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Asia-Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Research Forum - **New deadline for Abstract Submission (Monday 12 December 2022)**

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) welcomes the submission of abstracts for the first Asia-Pacific CRVS Research Forum to be held from **3 – 4 April 2023**. Hosted by ESCAP in Bangkok, this fully online event offers a major research, information sharing, and capacity-building opportunity for participants, who will be able to present at and attend paper presentations and interactive sessions, including networking opportunities. Funding for the Research Forum was provided by the Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative.

We are pleased to inform you of the extension of the deadline for abstract submission to **Monday 12 December 2022**.

Selected authors from ESCAP Member States will be offered continued assistance from the CRVS team at ESCAP to support publication of their papers in international peer-reviewed journals following the Forum.

To download a copy of the abstract submission guidelines, please click [here](#).

To submit an abstract, please click [here](#).



Second National Capacity Building Workshop for Assessing Inequalities in Civil Registration (Suva, Fiji)

A multi-stakeholder group of approximately 20 participants from Fiji Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Health and Medical Services convened for the [second capacity building workshop](#) for assessing inequalities in civil registration in Suva, Fiji from **29 November to 1 December 2022**. The practical workshop which was organized in collaboration between ESCAP and Fiji Bureau of Statistics focused on assessing the quality of different administrative data sources and inequality analysis of birth registration. Participants produced and compared inequality analyses using different data sources (MICS survey data and administrative data) as the denominator for civil registration completeness rates. The draft inequality assessment report is now being prepared and will be discussed during the closing workshop in early 2023 before finalization and publication. Fiji will also participate in the regional workshop for countries who have joined the inequality work planned for May 2023.



Webinar on regional cause-of-death training and ICD-11

The Pacific Community (SPC) in collaboration with Brisbane Accord Group (BAG) partners will be running workshops for Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) on medical certification of cause of death (MCCD) and ICD mortality coding. The workshops will also provide guidance on the new version of ICD (ICD-11). These workshops will be implemented under the ***Pacific Islands Regional Programme on Strengthening the Availability and Quality of Causes of Death Data*** supported by the Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative. This project builds on the support for CRVS systems strengthening that BAG has provided to PICTs since 2010. Working with previously trained individuals, the aim is to build a pool of trained professionals who would lead capacity strengthening efforts in the region through peer-to-peer training and support.

A virtual workshop will be held on the **Thursday 15th December 2022**. Please join through [the meeting link](#) here. This webinar will:

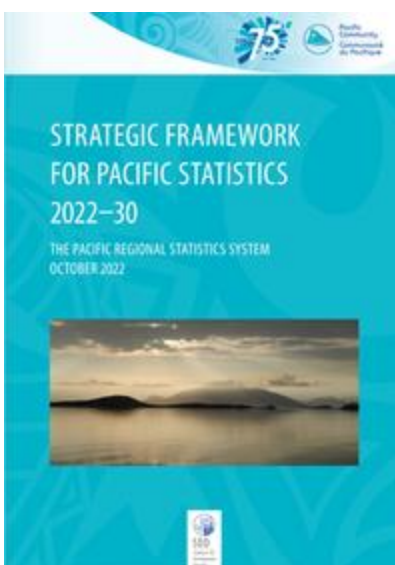
- Present an overview of regional initiatives to strengthen cause of death data including training-of-trainers workshops on medical death certification and ICD mortality coding planned for February-March 2023
- Identify individual country needs for support
- Provide an overview of ICD-11

Country participants should kindly complete a [short questionnaire](#) prior to the workshop, to help the organizers identify the type of technical support needed for cause-of-death certification and coding. Anyone with an interest in discussing regional training and support for medical death certification and ICD mortality coding, and the implementation of ICD-11 in the Pacific Island region are welcome to attend the webinar. Target participants include:

- Doctors and ICD mortality coders
- Managers and analysts of cause-of-death data, producers of vital statistics (mortality and cause-of-death statistics)
- Officials from national health departments and statistics department

If you have any questions, please email ScottP@spc.int or carah@unsw.edu.au

Find out more detail [here](#)



Ten-Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPSS II) 2022–2030

The *Ten-Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPSS)* 2010–2020 was adopted by leaders of Pacific Islands Countries and Territories (PICTs) in 2009. TYPSS was developed in recognition of the need for a comprehensive plan to drive the improvement and development of statistics in the Pacific region.

A new Strategic Framework for the Development of Pacific Statistics 2022-2030 (TYPSS II) was presented at [the fourth Pacific Statistics Standing Committee \(PSSC\) meeting](#) on **8th-9th November** in Noumea, New Caledonia. The TYPSS II succeeds the Ten-Year Pacific Statistic Strategy (TYPSS) 2011–2020 which was reviewed and evaluated in 2021.

The TYPSS II includes coverage of CRVS data and indicators on births and deaths as key measures of progress. The *Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan* (PVSAP) sat under the TYPSS 2011–2020 and has guided the technical assistance by the *Brisbane Accord Group* (BAG) for CRVS in the Pacific. The PVSAP will be reviewed among BAG members to ensure alignment with the TYPSS II. An in-person 2-day meeting of the BAG is being planned for **23-24 March 2023**. Relevant resources can be found here:

- [A copy of the TYPSS II](#)
 - [The End of Ten-Year Pacific Statistics Strategy \(TYPSS\) 2011-2020 Evaluation report](#)
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ID for Inclusive Service Delivery and Digital Transformation in Indonesia

A new World Bank project aims to strengthen population and civil registration and increase usage of digital identification to improve delivery and accessibility of selected public and private sector services for all Indonesians.

The Project is organized into five components that together form a comprehensive, integrated, and forward-looking approach for achieving the PDO (Project Development Objective):

- Improved access to and efficiency of population and civil registration
- Modern, scalable and secure ICT infrastructure
- Adoption of identity verification, e-KYC (Know-your-customer), digital ID and data exchange to improve service access and delivery
- Strengthened institutional and human capacity
- Project management, risk management, monitoring and evaluation, and communications

This Project is aligned with the *Principles on Identification for Sustainable Development* and other international good practices and standards related to ID systems and civil registration, as well as digitalization more broadly.

Example Project activities to highlight are: Expanding coverage in lagging regions and among vulnerable populations; PR/CR (Population Registration and Civil Registration) process re-engineering; Human centered design for digital ID, etc.

The Project Information Document (PID) is available [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 30 January - 3 February 2023: Workshop on data analysis and report writing for civil registration based vital statistics for Pacific countries, conducted by ESCAP in Nadi, Fiji.
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- *Establishment of Community of Practice on the Use of Surveys and Censuses for Adult Mortality*, a consultant position at ESCAP (closing 16 December). Find more details [here](#).
 - *An international consultant for writing a paper on assessing and addressing inequalities in CRVS in South-East Asia* with ESCAP (closing 14 December). Find more details [here](#).
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