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Vietnam delegation visits the Danish Central Population Register

Last Month, a delegation from Vietnam visited sunny Copenhagen for in-depth insight into infrastructure and data flows related to the Central Population Register (CPR). The delegation consisted of a broad range of representatives from central governmental institutions of Vietnam, namely the General Statistics Office, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Justice. Besides the office for The Central Population Register, the delegation also met with Digital Hub Denmark, the Danish Health Data Authority and Frederiksberg Municipality. The outcome of the visit seems promising for the upcoming activities within the Strategic Sector Cooperation between Statistics Denmark and the General Statistics Office of Vietnam.

Original LinkedIn post can be found [here](#).



First Evidence to Action consultative meeting in Bangladesh

The first consultative meeting of Evidence to Action (E2A) was held by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), with technical support from ESCAP, and supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative

The attendees of the workshop consisted of a core group of CRVS knowledge producers and users in Bangladesh including representatives from the national statistics office. Discussion revolved around supporting evidence to inform policy outcomes to improve the availability, accessibility, and use of existing CRVS and other official demographic statistics available in Bangladesh. Participants also shared their experiences with the E2A cycle and offered opinions on how it can be improved nationally.

More information on the event available [here](#).



Nepal Government visits ESCAP and Thai civil registration offices

Directors and officers from the Nepali Civil Registrar and National Statistical Office travelled to Bangkok to participate in a weeklong training workshop organized by the Statistics Division of ESCAP, in collaboration with UNFPA Nepal and UNICEF Nepal.

The training was focused on the production of vital statistics and on the improvement of demographic skills. The Nepali delegation also visited Chulalongkorn University's College of Population Studies and the Bureau of Registration Administration (BORA) of Thailand. They also had the opportunity to observe operations at a local registration office.

This experience aimed to strengthen the Nepal's capacity to regularly produce and report vital statistics using civil registration records and prepare for their upcoming first vital statistics reports and future inequality assessment of the CRVS system. It also facilitated experience and best practice sharing between Thai and Nepali Civil Registration authorities.

More information on this event available [here](#).



India aims to reinforce the link between national ID system and civil registration

The Indian Parliament is set to introduce a Bill to amend the Registration of Birth and Death Act, which would aim to make Aadhaar (India's national ID number system) mandatory for the registration of vital events. The Bill would also require states to frequently and routinely share data on registered births and deaths with the Registrar General of India in order to continuously update the National Population Register.

Full article available [here](#).

Nepal becomes the second country in Asia allowing marriage registration for same sex and other non-traditional couples

Nepal's Supreme Court recently issued an interim order to the government to put in place a transitional mechanism to ensure marriage registration of same-sex couples and other non-traditional couples. The interim order directs the Office of Prime Minister, the Council of

Ministers and other concerned ministries to establish a transitional mechanism ensuring the registration of marriages for non-heterosexual couples by giving rights to marriage to all.

Full article available [here](#).

RESOURCES

- Pacific Civil Registrars Network: 2023 Meeting Report. Available [here](#).
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **30 July – 03 August 2023:** [Workshop on Data Analysis and Report Writing for Civil Registration Based Vital Statistics in Maldives](#)
 - **23 – 25 August 2023:** [Refreshing the PNG CRVS National Action Plan, Port Moresby](#)
 - **26 – 29 September 2023:** [Regional workshop on strengthening the national civil registration and vital statistics in Indonesia](#)
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