
CRVS INSIGHT - ASIA PACIFIC



Enroll in the facilitated CRVS eLearning course today

The Global CRVS Group and the [World Bank's](#) Open Learning Campus (in partnership with the Korea Ministry of Strategy and Finance) are launching a state-of-the-art [CRVS eLearning facilitated course](#). The course will run for six weeks from September 11th until October 20th. Enrollment is free and is open from now until 15 September.

The pre-requisite for participation is the completion of three self-paced basic modules which give an overview of CRVS systems, discuss their importance and explain common institutional arrangements. Following the completion of these three modules participants are awarded a Basic Level Certificate in CRVS Systems. The facilitated advanced course more in-depth topics including legal frameworks, birth registration, death registration, marriage/divorce registration, digitization, ID Management systems and the analysis, use, production and dissemination of vital statistics. Participants will receive an Advanced Level Certificate upon completion of the modules on birth registration, death registration and three additional modules of the learner's choice.

Registration for the basic core modules is available [here](#), while the advanced course can be found [here](#). Click on "Register Now" on the top right of the page if it is your first time using the [Open Learning Campus](#) site. Registration for the basic course is open and can be accessed at any time, while registration for the advanced course is on a first-come, first-served basis.



Cambodia completes survey to establish national baselines on CRVS

Cambodia has completed a [national baseline survey](#) on the status of CRVS. The survey provides key benchmark data to monitor the country's progress towards achieving the targets set in its [National Strategic Plan for Identification](#) as well as under the [Regional Action Framework](#). The results can also be used to understand which factors contribute towards inequality in registration thanks to the disaggregated nature of the data.

Conducted in October and November of 2016 with the financial support of [UNICEF](#), the survey involved 22 416 respondents in four provinces and the capital Phnom Penh. According to the sample,

89.7% of Cambodians have had their birth registered. Encouragingly, the registration rate of children under 5 sits at 78.0%, 4.7 percentage points higher than the same figure estimated in 2014 by the Cambodia Demographic and Health survey. The report also makes several recommendations to improve the CRVS system, particularly on the registration of vulnerable groups.



The Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific welcomes new members

The [Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific](#) (RSG) welcomes new members in anticipation of its [third meeting from 18-20 October](#). The [RSG is tasked](#) with providing guidance on how to implement the [Regional Action Framework](#) and overseeing regional progress towards achieving the goals of the [Asia Pacific CRVS Decade](#) (2015-2024).

New members include [Ms. Ani Mkhitarian](#), Head of the [Civil Acts Registration Agency](#) within the Ministry of Justice, who takes over as the new representative of Armenia. The Civil Acts Registration Agency is responsible for registering civil status acts, organizing civil status statistics and creating a registration database for Armenia.

Australia's new representative is [Ms. Justine Boland](#), Program Manager of the Health & Disability Statistics Branch of the [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#). The Health & Disability Statistics Branch is responsible for producing vital statistics as well as health and disability indicators including cause of death.

Cambodia has named [Ms. Hang Lina](#), Director General of the [National Institute of Statistics](#), as its new representative. The National Institute of Statistics is the statistics focal point of Cambodia, consolidating and analyzing data received from the statistics departments of other line ministries as well as conducting surveys and censuses.

A new partner organization has also joined the Regional Steering Group: the [Bloomberg Data for Health Initiative \(D4H\)](#).



Updates from the Pacific

The [Pacific Ministers of Health Meeting](#) was held in the Cook Islands from 28-30 August. Ministers emphasized the importance of CRVS to the health sector for monitoring key regional priorities such as the Pacific "Healthy Islands" Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Ministers also noted the importance of continuing to improve birth, death and cause of death data quality through health information systems and a multi-sectoral approach to CRVS.

In June, the Solomon Islands hosted a [national stakeholder meeting as part of their ongoing review of CRVS legislation](#). Proposals focused on addressing key structural and design issues related to the national CR system and will form the basis for further

consultations by the national committee as well as for a white paper to be sent to the government.

Finally, from 9-11 October the [Pacific Community \(SPC\)](#) will be hosting a review/"train the trainers" [meeting in Fiji on improving cause of death certification](#). All three initiatives have benefited from the support of the [Pacific Community \(SPC\)](#) and the [Brisbane Accord Group \(BAG\)](#) and its members.

Events & Media

[Pacific Civil Registrars Network Workshop on Disaster Planning and Response](#)

2-4 October 2017
Suva, Fiji

[CRVS Partnership Meeting](#)

17 October 2017
Bangkok, Thailand

[Third Meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific](#)

18-20 October 2017
Bangkok, Thailand

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 sejersent@un.org

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