

## ***CRVS Insight***

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### **Armenia continues to make registration more convenient**

Armenia recently updated various registration procedures. For instance, the [Ministry of Justice launched a new on-site birth registration programme](#) focusing on registration of births and acknowledgement of paternity in hospitals. For families, this means registration of births and other services can be performed on-site in the hospitals. Presently, these new procedures are implemented in seven hospitals in Yerevan and another three hospitals outside the capital are set to begin the programme soon.

In July 2020, the MOJ also launched the first Unified Office for Public Services in the center of Yerevan. The MOJ created the necessary conditions for citizens to receive services rendered by the Civil Status Acts Registration Agency and the State Register of Legal Entities, among other state entities.

Additionally, within the framework of Armenia's digital agenda, the MOJ launched the [e-services.moj.am](#) platform, making it possible to receive a statement of information on family status electronically, without physically visiting the office of the Agency for Civil Status Acts Registration. To read more about Armenia's continuing developments please visit the [Ministry of Justice website](#).



### **Congratulations to Pakistan on their success in raising birth registration awareness**

The South Korean AD STARS, an awards platform and innovation hub for Asian businesses, [awarded Telenor Pakistan a Gold Star Award for 2020](#) for its work on the Digital Birth Registration Initiative. Through a rigorous screening conducted by 184 judges, only 1,651 entries made it to the shortlist out of a total of 20,028 entries that came in from around the world from 57 Countries. While there were submissions from thousands of brands, the human rights category was very hotly contested and Pakistan's work on birth registration was recognized among the likes of CocaCola, Mastercard, Digi Malaysia, Red Cross, Walt Disney, Mondelez, WWF, and others.

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## **Impact of COVID-19**

### **Maintaining Civil Registration and Vital Statistics during the COVID-19 pandemic**

### **Global CRVS group conducts a four-part webinar series on COVID-19 and CRVS**

The UN Statistics Division, in close cooperation with the Organization of America States, ECLAC, the Global CRVS Group and CLARCIEV (Latin American and Caribbean Council for Civil Registration, Identity and Vital Statistics) concluded a series of four webinars on the impact of COVID-19 on civil registration and vital statistics in Latin American countries.

Civil registrars and statisticians from twenty Latin America countries participated. This webinar is yet another in the series of events that clearly indicate a considerable adverse impact of the pandemic on the universal registration of vital events and the resulting vital statistics. All the proceedings are available at the [UN Legal Identity Agenda website](#).

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### **Opportunities for CRVS experts**

UNICEF is currently looking for a home-based consultant to work on Scaling the Administrative Data Maturity model, Data & Analytics. The duration of the consultancy is 140 days over a 9 month period. The deadline to apply is 29 September. Further information is available on the [UNICEF job site](#).

UNDP is issuing a general call for Legal Identity Experts to be part of the UNDP GPN ExpRes ONE Roster. The deadline to apply is 11 October 2020. Details about the open call can be found on the [UNDP job site](#).

Finally, UNDP is also recruiting a consultant for the development of methodology on the 'cost of inaction' in providing legal identity to work as part of the BPPS/GPN/Governance team. The deadline to apply is 12 October and details about the job can found on the [UNDP site](#).

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Insight* readers are cordially invited to the Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series session on "[Financing Statistical Development – as part of the 'Road to Bern'](#)" to the UN World Data Forum (UNWDF)", which will take place on Monday, 5 October 2020 from 1200 to 1330h (Bangkok Time, GMT+7). Please [register for the session here](#) and join us at [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#).

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### **NEW RESOURCES**

During the month of September ESCAP Statistics Division conducted two more Stats Cafés, one on [Data Integration](#) and another on [Estimating the Size of Illicit Financial Flows](#). Recordings for both can be found by following the links and, as always, recordings of all previous Cafés can be found on the [Asia-Pacific Stats Café series](#) website. The cafes are open for all to attend.

The Singapore Department of Statistics recently released the annual publication '[Population Trends 2020](#)'. The publication provides a statistical analysis of Singapore's changing population profile and is the 16th edition of the annual series amalgamating different aspects of demographic statistics in a single volume.

The National Statistics Office for Georgia (GEOSTAT) has released their [Vital Statistics Report in Georgia - 2019](#). The third annual publication was prepared by the Population Census and Demographic Statistics Department, LEPL National Statistics Office of Georgia.

The Pacific Community's [Statistics for Development Division](#) conducted a six-part webinar series on utilization of registers and administrative data in census programmes of Pacific Islands countries. The six-part series can be found in its entirety on the [SDD's YouTube page here](#).

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