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CRVS AGENDA IN THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)

ESCAP will organize the session from **23 to 25 August 2022** at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok and online.

Country statements will be most welcome in the formal session of agenda item 3(b) Monitoring progress in response to the Get Every One in the Picture initiative on civil registration and vital statistics, to be held on **23 Aug 2022**, at 1400 hrs. The Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific will report on their work during this agenda item. The report can be found [here](#).

Please follow this [link](#) for more details on program, side events and meeting documents.



REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON UNDERTAKING INEQUALITY ASSESSMENTS IN CIVIL REGISTRATION

The virtual workshop held from **2 to 5 August 2022** is part of a project to strengthen capacity to implement inequality assessments of civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems, which has been initiated by ESCAP and includes both in-country and regional level capacity strengthening activities.

The workshop helped participants understand why countries should undertake inequality assessments, review data for quality and assess its limitations, analyze results of an assessment, and how to present findings to policy makers so these can be used to improve civil registration of vital events among populations most left behind.

Visit [here](#) for concept note, presentation documents and workshop agenda.



DRAFT CRVS LAW IN PROGRESS: CAMBODIA HELD NATIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT LAW ON CIVIL REGISTRATION, VITAL STATISTICS, AND IDENTIFICATION

Cambodia's [Ministry of Interior](#) held a National Consultation Workshop on the Draft Law on Civil Registration, Vital Statistics, and Identification from 13th to 14th July. The intensive two-day workshop was presided over by H.E. Chan Sotheavy, Permanent Secretary of State from [Ministry of Justice](#) and Chair of the Law Drafting Working Group (LDWG) Other CRVS stakeholders represented their commitment to the Draft Law, including H.E Mao Chandara, Secretary of State from Ministry of Interior, H.E Dr. Lo Veasnakiry, Secretary of State from [Ministry of Health](#), and H.E. They Kheam, senior official from the [National Institute of Statistics](#) from Ministry of Planning.

The recent National workshop follows a series of sub-national consultations with key stakeholders and CRVS service providers, with the purpose of sensitizing stakeholders to the Draft Law and soliciting their feedback. These workshops are the culmination of sustained commitments from the relevant Cambodian Ministries to establish a rights-based, comprehensive legal framework for CRVS and ID. The new law will also establish the legal basis for an integrated national population register, which will generate a Unique Identity Code at the time of registration. Since 2017, Vital Strategies and Global Health Advocacy Incubator have provided technical assistance for the drafting of the law with funding support from Bloomberg Philanthropies' Data for Health Initiative.

An effective CRVS and Identification law will be fundamental for the establishment of a well-functioning CRVS system in Cambodia. The law is drafted in accordance with the draft *UN Guidelines on the Legal Framework for Civil Registration, Vital Statistics, and Identity*

Management, and once promulgated, will set clear mandates for responsible entities and create an enabling environment for essential reforms. In anticipation of the passing of the law, [Vital Strategies](#) and [Global Health Advocacy Incubator](#) are currently supporting Ministry of Interior on the drafting of supplementary regulations (sub-decrees) and Ministerial proclamations (Prakas) to operationalize the law after promulgation.

For more information on the draft UN guidelines, refer to this [link](#).



WORKING TOGETHER TO GET EVERY ONE IN THE PICTURE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

[A research article](#) on the regional initiative was recently published in the Statistical Journal of the IAOS (Journal of the International Association for Official Statistics).

Abstract: For almost a decade, countries and development partners in Asia and the Pacific have worked together to improve civil registration and vital statistics across the region. The regional initiative to 'Get Every One in the Picture' has had widespread support from countries and an increasing number of development partners who are also providing assistance and guidance to countries. This article looks at how this initiative has fostered coordination at the national, sub-regional and regional level and highlights some of the impact and improvements seen in civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific. Collaboration at the national, regional and global level has been key to the improvements made to CRVS and this paper outlines the structures supporting collaboration and the challenges and successes of this collaboration.



CONDUCTING VERBAL AUTOPSY BY TELEPHONE INTERVIEW DURING THE PANDEMIC TO SUPPORT MORTALITY SURVEILLANCE: A FEASIBILITY STUDY IN MALAYSIA

Verbal autopsy (VA) through face-to-face interviews with caregivers is a way to determine cause of death without medical certification. In Malaysia, the use of VA has improved mortality statistics. However, during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, face-to-face interviews were delayed, reducing VA data collection and affecting data for mortality surveillance. This study aims to investigate the feasibility and acceptability of conducting VA interviews via telephone calls, and the quality of the data gathered.

The version of this recently published article can be found [here](#).



LAUNCH OF OPENCRRVS R 1.0

OpenCRVS launched version 1.0 on 29th June with panel discussions from key experts on CRVS and Digital Public Goods (DPG). The launch included a demo of the product's new features and functionalities, including information about how the digital platform may be configured for the individual needs of countries. To access the video recordings of both sessions, click [here](#).

For more information about OpenCRVS, visit www.opencrvs.org and for documentation: <https://documentation.opencrvs.org>



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS - VITAL STRATEGIES TRAINING PROGRAM: EFFECTIVE USE OF DATA IN PUBLIC HEALTH JOURNALISM

Program Description: This 3-day workshop will build the data use skills of a select group of journalists to develop stories related to public health. The training will provide a detailed overview of public health data sources and build skills related to data use in reporting. Topics covered include: common data-related terms and concepts; primary sources of public health data; basic methods for analyzing, interpreting, and visualizing data; and effective tactics for interviewing public health experts and leaders about data-rich topics. Participants will be guided in developing a public health-related data story for publication.

Dates: The program will be held from **October 12-14, 2022**. Find more detail [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENT

- The Civil Registration Vital Statistics (CRVS) **First National Capacity Building Workshop** for Assessing Inequalities in Registration will be held in Vang Vieng, Lao PDR from **17 to 19 August 2022**.

RESOURCE

- [Asia and the Pacific Regional Trends - Forced Displacement 2021](#) is now publicly available on the Asia & Pacific Operational Data Portal Regional page and the UNHCR Asia Webpage.



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