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**CRVS Business Process Improvement:
Success Stories from Asia-Pacific**

Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series
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Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series: CRVS Business Process Improvement: Success Stories from Asia-Pacific

ESCAP and United Nations Legal Identity Agenda (UNLIA) are hosting the Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series on "CRVS Business Process Improvement: Success Stories from Asia-Pacific". The event will take place virtually on 3 April 2024, 11:00 - 12:15 (UTC+7).

The session will offer an insight into implementation of CRVS Business Process Improvement (BPI), and the experiences and success stories from countries in Asia and the Pacific.

For more information and the registration link, please visit the [event page](#) here.



Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Implementing Guidance on Inclusive CRVS Systems with a Focus on Forced Displacement, Statelessness and Children on the Move

The workshop, held on 18 - 21 March 2024 in Bangkok, was a joint initiative between the United Nations ESCAP, the Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS), International Data Alliance for Children on the Move (IDAC), UNICEF and UNHCR. The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of Member States to achieve inclusive CRVS systems, and to produce and use statistics on statelessness, forced displacement, and children on the move. 55 participants from civil registration authorities and national statistics offices and relevant line ministries attended the workshop.

To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the core commitment of Leaving No One Behind (LNOB), the rights and wellbeing of forcibly displaced and stateless people, who are among the most vulnerable, must be ensured. Through the Global Compact on Refugees and Global Compact on Migration, UN Member States agreed to make concerted efforts to improve the lives of refugees and migrants through more inclusive and better targeted national policies and programmes. To inform such efforts, reliable data and evidence, especially those produced through national statistical systems, on these population groups are critical. Within that, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems are often the best source of data for monitoring development indicators.

For more information about the workshop, please visit the [event page](#) here.



Workshops on cause of death data and CRVS in the Pacific

On 5 - 7 March 2024 in Palau, the Pacific Community (SPC) in collaboration with Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA), Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), other Brisbane Accord Group (BAG) partners, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) organised a 3-day workshop to strengthen capacity in medical certification of cause of death and strengthen civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) and health systems.

The workshop was held in alignment with the regional priority to strengthen cause of death certification and coding for analysis, reporting and evidence-based policy direction. It helped countries to move towards accurate and reliable mortality data to monitor population health and guide public health decision-making.

The next [workshop on cause of death data and CRVS strengthening](#) for the Pacific is organised on 11 - 15 March 2024 in the Federated States of Micronesia.



CRVS system strengthening in Bangladesh

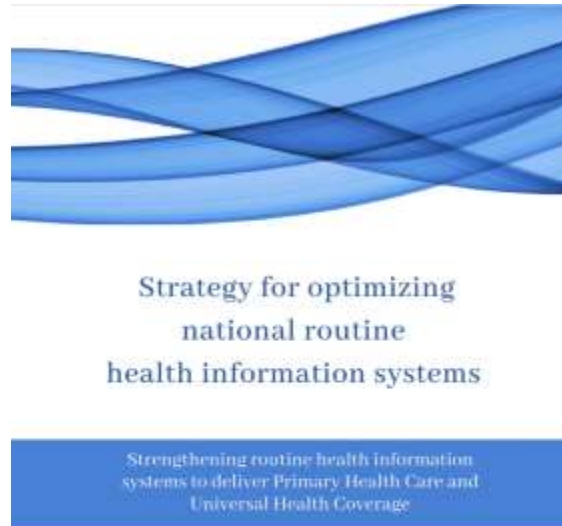
Vital Strategies, in collaboration with the Cabinet Division of Bangladesh, conducted a series of workshops from March 10th to 13th, 2024, focusing on the strengthening of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) system.

The workshops delved into various aspects of the CRVS system, including CRVSID Architecture, Civil Registration-based Vital Statistics Production, and Statistics on Causes of Death. Participants gained invaluable insights and practical guidance aimed at enhancing the registration of births and deaths and collecting information on causes of death—an indispensable foundation for informed decision-making in health programs and policies.

One particular highlight was the CRVSID Architecture workshop which was co-hosted and co-funded by UNICEF Bangladesh. The discussions revolved around aligning CRVSID architecture with the UNLIA model, emphasizing the proactive role of the health sector in facilitating birth and death registration. The pressing need to strengthening birth and death registration in city corporations in Bangladesh was also underscored. The second workshop focused on Civil Registration Based Vital Statistics Production, where strategies and roadmaps were outlined for generating vital statistics reports based on existing data. Consensus was reached on developing a Strategic and Action Plan to establish a robust Vital Statistics System in Bangladesh. Additionally, the third workshop on Cause of Death statistics system took stock of current data collection and utilization practices within the CRVS system. Decisions were made regarding the next steps for establishing a cause-of-death system in Bangladesh.

These workshops brought together participants from various government stakeholders in Bangladesh and development partners such as ESCAP, UNICEF, UNDP, UNICEF HQ, UNHCR, GHAI, WHO, UN RCO, Australian High Commission in Bangladesh (DFAT), and Vital Strategies.

Read more about the [#CountingEveryone](#) campaign here.



WHO releases strategy for optimizing national routine health information systems

With Routine Health Information Systems (RHIS) playing an integral part of overall national Health Information Systems (HIS) by providing regular, systematic data that empowers health managers and policymakers to take timely evidence-informed decisions, the World Health Organization (WHO) has released a "Strategy for optimizing national routine health information systems: strengthening routine health information systems to deliver primary health care and universal health coverage".

The strategy, developed as part of WHO's SCORE (Survey, Count, Optimize, Review, Enable) for Health Data Technical Package, aims to support countries to strengthen their capacity to implement key interventions to optimize their RHIS, enabling the monitoring and delivery of Health Care Services, especially Primary Health Care (PHC).

Please find the [publication](#) here.



Nepal to assign unique ID number at birth as part of digital ID program

Nepal's Department of National ID and Civil Registration has started assigning national ID numbers to children during birth registration, as the country moves away from citizenship certificates and toward biometric smart national ID cards.

With unique national identity numbers assigned as early as birth registration, the country is hopeful for citizens to have better access to government documents. The government is also accelerating efforts for wider adoption of the national ID card for Nepali citizens based on their biometric and demographic data.

Please read the [full story](#) here.



Registration campaign for persons with disabilities in Vanuatu

The Civil Registration and Identity Management Department (CRIM), Vanuatu Electoral Office (VEO), Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Community Services (MOJCS), and other partners have launched a campaign to increase the registration of persons with disabilities to ensure that People with Disability (PWD) are visible, have access to government services, and are enfranchised as voters.

The country's new National ID civil registry database and population register captures information on people with disabilities so that their information can be used for planning and targeted support.

Please find [more information](#) here.



Viet Nam-Denmark: strengthening statistics to support the just green transition

In the rapidly evolving socio-economic landscape of Viet Nam, a nation with over 100 million people pushing towards digitalization and a just green transition, the improvement of statistical data emerges as a cornerstone for progress. Initiated in 2022, the strategic partnership between Viet Nam and Denmark, aims to enhance the quality and efficiency of statistical data using administrative records.

The core of this project is the collaboration between the General Statistics Office (GSO) of Viet Nam and Statistics Denmark. The GSO, a part of the Ministry of Planning and Investment, is the central authority providing statistical data to both national and international stakeholders and overseeing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Viet Nam. The partnership focuses on enhancing the capacity of the GSO, particularly in areas regarding education statistics, environmental statistics and the use of big data for statistical production.

Furthermore, the cooperation supports the development of population and migration statistics in Viet Nam. The aim of this specific component is to investigate how to improve future population censuses by taking advantage of existing relevant administrative data held by external public data owners. By replacing their census-based population statistics with data based on administrative registers, this will provide up-to-date and low-cost information, informing decision makers in SDG-related areas such as poverty reduction, gender equality and climate change measures.

Crucially this partnership is interwoven with the principles of the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) and the Green Strategic Partnership, underscoring a shared commitment to a just green transition. Through a capacity development approach that includes peer-to-peer learning, training exchanges, and policy dialogs, the collaboration aims to fortify Viet Nam's statistical system. As Viet Nam's global footprint expands, precise and reliable statistics become instrumental in identifying sustainable development solutions, including those related to the JETP and facilitating opportunities for green financial investments.

More information about Statistics Denmark and the partnership is available [here](#), and information about GSO is available [here](#). To read more about the overall Strategic Sector Cooperation initiative, visit the Danish Embassy of Viet Nam's website [here](#).



Vietnam's Law on Identification 2023 to take effect from July 2024

Vietnam's National Assembly passed the Law on Identification in 2023 to replace the Law on Citizen Identification 2014. The new law, taking effect from July 2024, is extended to migrants and foreigners settling in the country. People of Vietnamese origin living in Vietnam without citizenship will have identity certificates issued, and this will help ensure their fundamental rights. The Law on Identification will also expand and integrate information of citizens from other database into the national database on population.

Read more on [this story](#) here.

NEW RESOURCES

- [ID4D Global Dataset 2021: Volume 1: Global ID Coverage Estimates](#)
- [ID4D Global Dataset 2021: Volume 2 - Digital Identification Progress & Gaps](#)
- [Inequality of Opportunity in Asia and the Pacific: Birth Registration](#)
- [Data Governance: Practices in Asia and the Pacific](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Global calendar of statistical events](#)
- **3 April 2024:** [Stats Cafe in collaboration with the UNLIA on Business Process Mapping](#)
- **6 May 2024:** [Meeting of the Asia Pacific CRVS Partnership](#)

- **7- 9 May 2024:** [Meeting of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific](#)
- **21-24 May 2024:** [ID4Africa 2024 Annual General Meeting](#)



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