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Data for Health's "Data for COVID-19 Webinar Series"

Last week, as part of its ongoing webinars entitled the "Data for COVID-19 Webinar Series", the Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health (D4H) Initiative hosted its first webinar on Rapid Mortality Surveillance for Epidemic Awareness.

Today (Wednesday, 29 April), D4H will continue the series with new lectures on *Certification and Coding of COVID-19 + Iris Recommendations for COVID-19*. The second webinar will begin at 8:00 AM EST / 12:00 GMT / 13:00 WAT / 14:00 CAT / 20:00 HKT.

Participants must register ahead of the webinar at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tkkeX7V-Re6ejiHmjVrLxA. After registration, each participant will be sent a link to join the Zoom session.

WHO publishes International Guidelines for classifying COVID-19 as a cause of death

With the explicit goal of helping countries accurately identify deaths from the novel coronavirus in a uniform manner, the WHO recently published the International Guidelines for Certification and Classification (Coding) of COVID-19 as Cause of Death. The document was released on 16 April.

How are CRVS systems responding to the COVID-19 crisis?

As referenced in our April edition of *CRVS Insight*, the UN Statistics Division developed a short survey for National CRVS focal points to assess the impact of the global pandemic on the functioning of civil registration worldwide, as well as provide information regarding national solutions. In Asia and the Pacific, the questionnaire was distributed by ESCAP to National CRVS Focal Points.

The survey results can be found on the UN Legal Identity Agenda website, along with guidance on maintaining operational continuity during this ongoing crisis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Due to the ongoing developments with COVID-19, all CRVS-related events organized by ESCAP are currently postponed until further notice. However, preparations for the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific continue.

NEW RESOURCES

- In the continued build up to the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS, the ESCAP CRVS team took a moment to write an information note reflecting on the development of the Regional Steering Group and its central role in supporting the CRVS Decade. The new information note can be found on www.getinthepicture.org.
- Because robust and inclusive ID systems are critical for development, as enshrined in SDG 16.9, the ID4D Initiative has developed a Catalog of Technical Standards for Digital Identification, including a newly published Procurement Guide and Checklist for Digital Identification Systems aimed at preventing vendor and technology lock-in.

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