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The Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

The 2nd Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific will be held from **16-19 November 2021** in Bangkok, Thailand. The virtual event will mark the midpoint in the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade (2015 – 2024), the shared vision declared at the 1st Ministerial Conference on CRVS in 2014 to “Get Every One in the Picture” and ensure, by 2024, that all people in the region will benefit from universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics. Outcomes included the adoption of the Regional Action Framework for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific to measure national progress.

What is CRVS?

Civil registration is a process whereby all major vital events occurring in a population are officially recorded, such as births, deaths, and marriages.

It is defined by the United Nations as ‘the continuous, permanent, compulsory and universal recording of the occurrence and characteristics of vital events in a population’, in accordance with the legal requirements of the country.

Essentially, CRVS is about a person’s legal identity, including their right to recognition as a person before the law and their formal relationship with the State.



The Second Ministerial Conference will bring together government ministers in charge of civil registration, planning, justice, health, statistics, finance and national identification systems.

An expected outcome of the conference will be the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration to identify outstanding challenges to national CRVS systems and promote the acceleration of progress in achieving the goals and targets of the CRVS Decade.

Regional ambition for the CRVS Decade

Goal 1:

Universal registration of births, deaths & other vital events.



Goal 2:

All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights.



Goal 3:

Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated.



Why is CRVS important?

It provides individuals with documentary evidence, for example a birth certificate, to prove their name, age, family relationships and the nationality of their parents, which can be important for accessing essential services such as healthcare, education and social protection.

This also has implications for other ensuing rights and empowering activities such as political participation, recourse to justice, nationality, property ownership, formal employment, using banking and financial services and inheritance.

Co-Organising Partners

Led by the Regional Steering Group for CRVS to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive process, and supported by 13 development partners: UNHCR, ESCAP, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UN WOMEN, UNDP, World Bank, SPC, Vital Strategies, World Vision, CDC Foundation and Plan International.