Midterm Review of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade

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# Reporting and Regional Reviews

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<td>2015</td>
<td>Members and associate members submit baseline report to the secretariat</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>Regional baseline analysis</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>Members and associate members submit midterm report to the secretariat</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>Midterm regional review conducted</td>
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<td>2024</td>
<td>Members and associate members submit final report to the secretariat</td>
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<td>2025</td>
<td>Final regional review conducted</td>
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How have the baseline reports been used

- Report to the 72rd Commission
  - Summary of regional situation
  - Highlighting where countries need more assistance
  - Provide baseline to assess progress at the midterm review 2019/2020
  - Baseline reports were used as starting point for development partners to provide support to countries

- [www.getinthepicture.org](http://www.getinthepicture.org)
  - Country profiles with implementation steps
  - Country reports published here
  - Other documents from countries published if agreed by country
  - Regional overview
1. Country reports on midterm progress in achieving the goals of the RAF (i.e., universal registration; legal documentation to all; and accurate, complete and timely vital statistics) using the midterm questionnaire (2019);

2. Compilation of the country reports in a regional synthesis report (2019 - 2020); to serve as the basis for the midterm review of progress by the Ministerial Conference in 2020.

3. Ministerial Conference to celebrate the midpoint of the Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (2015–2024), review progress and consider the direction and focus of efforts towards 2024.
Why conduct a Midterm Questionnaire?
Two primary reasons

Monitoring progress

In 2015, Countries around the Asia-Pacific region self-selected targets under the Regional Action Framework for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific and committed to reaching those targets by 2024

The 2019 questionnaire will be used to monitor progress

ESCAP used these answers to draft a regional synthesis report

Basis for the Second Ministerial Conference, 2020

Unlike the First Ministerial Conference, ESCAP will be able to present current data on regional progress toward meeting the goals of the RAF

Ministers will assess progress, prioritize areas needing concentration, and highlight strong areas of improvement
Why conduct a Midterm Questionnaire? Additional reasons

**Targeted development funding**

Monitoring will also enable development partners and researchers to address areas of country-specific weakness.

In turn, this will grant relevant ministries a basis upon which to make funding requests.

**2030 Agenda**

As mentioned previously, population data makes up a significant portion of the data needed to monitor the SDGs.

Without accurate population data, countries may not be able to accurately depict their SDG progress.
Structure of the Questionnaire

- Introductory portion
  - Cover
  - Context
  - Guidance
  - Definitions
- Table 1: Implementation steps
  - Ex: Has your country conducted a standards-based comprehensive assessment of CRVS?
    - Follow-up questions provide context and elaboration
- Table 2: Birth Registration
- Table 3: Death Registration
- Table 4: Cause of Death
- Table 5: Vital Statistics
- Guidelines (will accompany the questionnaire and provide explanatory information)
How should the questionnaire be completed?

- National Focal Points must act as the central coordinator
- Involve the relevant development partners
- Involve the relevant ministries
- If possible, ESCAP recommends hosting a small summit to allow representative to validate answers and respond to National Focal points questions
Setting targets for 2024

STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION SHOULD BE ACHIEVABLE (BASED ON CURRENT SITUATION)

EXPERIENCES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES CAN HELP
Country example (Iran)

Steps:

1. Identifying primary stakeholders
   - Ministries / Agencies & External partners
2. Identifying and assigning tasks
   - Working groups / Task forces
3. Developing goals and strategies
   - E.g.; Does research need to be done? Has the legislative framework been reviewed?
4. Identifying timeline for completing the questionnaire
5. Questionnaire
6. Validating the completed questionnaire
   - Development Partners
7. Identifying challenges and best practices
Support for reporting

- Established reporting structure agreed to during the Ministerial Conference and contained in the Regional Action Framework

- Guidelines for setting and monitoring the goals and targets of the Regional Action Framework on CRVS to be released

- Questions and answers on reporting will soon be made available on www.getinthepicture.org

- Online questions and answers session on the midterm questionnaire to be conducted on 7 November 2019

- Series of workshops on the midterm questionnaire:
  - Pacific, 11 July
  - Various sub-regions, 20 September
  - North and Central Asia, 11 October
  - South Asia, 2nd half of November
## National Focal Points

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