What is the CRVS Decade and the Asia-Pacific CRVS Partnership?

The importance of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) to eradicate poverty in Asia and the Pacific
30 March 2017, Bangkok
Why is Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Important?
Civil registration

Vital statistics

Legal documents
Civil registration provides legal identity and helps protect human rights.
Who needs Civil Registration and Vital Statistics?

**Communities**
- Need information to determine infrastructure and services’ requirements.

**Governments**
- Require both types of information and cause of death information to inform sectoral policy and budget priorities.

**Individuals**
- Every newborn child has the right to a name and nationality.
- Birth certificates provide access to social services and legal documents.
- Death certificates are required for burial and for settling property transfers.
16.9 By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration.
Declared!
The Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade, 2015 - 2024
Ministerial Conference on CRVS 2014: Outcomes

- Declaration of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade 2015 – 2024
- Ministerial Declaration to ‘Get Every One in the Picture’ in Asia and the Pacific
- Regional Action Framework comprising:
  - 3 Goals
  - 15 targets set individually by countries
  - 7 Action Areas
  - 8 implementation steps
Commitment: by 2024 …

- Universal civil registration
- Legal documentation
- Vital statistics
Implementation steps
## Regional Reviews

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Far from universal birth registration, in particular among vulnerable groups
• ID systems are sometimes being implemented in parallel
• Low rates of death registration
• Only a few countries have complete data on causes of death
• Vital statistics is rarely produced based on CR data
The Regional CRVS Partnership

- Up to 22 organizations involved
- Ensure alignment of activities to avoid overlaps and gaps, frequently requested by countries
- Knowledge sharing
- 8 Institutional members of the Regional Steering Group, which also includes 22 country officials and meet yearly.
Want to know more?

- Ministerial Declaration and Regional Action Framework

- Overview of the current situation in Asia and the Pacific
  [www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/E72_22E.pdf](http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/E72_22E.pdf)

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