Midterm Review Process

Fifth meeting of the Regional Steering Group on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific: 17-19 September 2019

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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 72nd 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
  - Country profiles with implementation steps
  - Country reports published here
  - Other documents from countries published if agreed by country
  - Regional overview
Midterm Review

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 midterm 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
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
Midterm Questionnaire

Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Decade 2015-2024

Midterm Questionnaire on the implementation of the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

Please return by 30 November 2019

Country: Kyrgyzstan

National Focal Point

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Midterm Questionnaire

- Introductory portion
  - Cover
  - Context
  - Guidance
  - Definitions
- Implementation steps
  - Ex: Has your country conducted a standards-based comprehensive assessment of CRVS?
    - Follow-up questions provide context and elaboration
- Birth Registration
- Death Registration
- Causes of Death
- 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 ministries, possibly through national CRVS coordination mechanism
- Involve the relevant development partners
- If possible, ESCAP recommends hosting a small summit to allow representatives to validate answers and respond to National Focal point’s questions
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](http://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
Regional Synthesis Report

- **General Objectives**
  - Regional overview of the implementation of the Regional Action Framework
  - Basis for the discussions on the midterm review to be conducted at the Ministerial Conference
  - To be finalized by June 2020

- **Content**
  - Progress towards the targets
  - Implementation of CRVS improvement activities (implementation steps)
  - Recommendations for the second half of the Decade
  - Additional chapter(s) on selected Action Areas or key topic(s) (to be discussed in sessions 7-13)?
## Reporting status

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Thank you!

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