Asia-Pacific Regional Action Framework on CRVS

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“By 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development”
To realize this shared vision, Asia-Pacific governments:

- Adopted the **Ministerial Declaration** to “Get every one in the picture”
- Proclaimed the Asian and Pacific **CRVS Decade, 2015-2024**
- Developed the **Regional Action Framework**
  - 3 goals
  - 15 nationally set targets
  - 7 action areas
  - 8 implementation steps
Regional Action Framework: 
*Goals*

**Goal 1**
*Universal civil registration* of births, deaths and 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
Well-functioning CRVS systems are:

- Essential for *planning and implementing SDGs* related to social inclusion, health, education, good governance, etc.
- Best source for continuous and timely data to *monitor SDGs* related to maternal mortality, NCD related deaths, etc.
- Source of *72+ of 230 SDG indicators*

*Figure: SDG indicators that have source data from a CRVS system*

*Source: Data for Health*
Regional Action Framework: *Implementation Steps*

- Establish national **CRVS coordination mechanism**
- Conduct a comprehensive assessment
- Set the national target value for each target
- Assess inequalities related to CRVS experienced by subgroups of the population, and, where appropriate, set national targets to address those inequalities
- Develop a comprehensive multi-sectoral national CRVS strategy
- Develop and implement a plan for monitoring achievement of the national targets
## Progress in South Asia

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**SDG Indicator: 17.19.2(b):** Proportion of countries that have achieved 90 per cent birth registration and 75 per cent death registration

*Source: RAF Baseline Reports, UNSTATS, DHS*
Progress in the Asia-Pacific: 
**Political Commitment and Coordination**

**Achievements**
- Strong country initiatives and partnership support
- Political support
- Establishment of national targets, strategies and embedding CRVS improvements in national development plans

**Challenges**
- Despite progress, coordination can still be improved
Progress in the Asia-Pacific: Registration Completeness

Achievements

- Improved registration legislation and procedures for access
- Registration campaigns and mobile registration increasing outreach
- Leading to notable improvements in registration especially in South Asia and the Pacific

Challenges

- Completeness and inequality assessments
- Awareness and user engagement
Regional Action Framework: Regional Support

- **Regional Steering Group**
  - Consist of countries and development partners
  - Oversight and guidance for implementation of the Regional Action Framework
  - Taskforces to provide technical support

- **Regional Partnership Network**
  - Partners including development banks and NGOs
  - Coordinate partnership activities to avoid replication
Next steps

- Leveraging RAF for political commitment and stakeholder coordination
- Continue to foster partnerships, knowledge sharing and high level commitment
- Further work to support countries with producing vital statistics

For the Asia-Pacific region:

- Upcoming 2020 Ministerial Conference on CRVS:
  - Review and accelerate progress
  - Strengthen linkages between ID and CRVS
  - Ensure ongoing commitment and momentum
- Collaboration among countries and partners
Thank you!

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