Outcomes of the Second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, 16-19 November 2021

RSG- CRVS
9th March, 2022
Where we are now
Key information about the Conference

- 12 conference co-organizers
- 400 participants
- 43 members States, 1 associate member, 4 permanent observers and 15 international organizations
- A record number of 40 Ministerial level participants and speakers
- 2 Ministerial roundtables, 5 warm-up sessions and 11 side events organized by ESCAP and 16 countries and partners
- 83 speakers, representing the different countries and partners

Discussions on resilient CRVS systems, integration of CRVS with identity management systems, and how CRVS supports the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and gender equality
Highlights from the conference

- High-level political commitment to build and maintain robust CRVS systems
- Recognition of the support from development partners
- Importance of gender-sensitive CRVS systems
- Need to integrate the health sector and CRVS systems
- Value of legal identity for all
- Catalytical role of digitization
- Progress needs to be accelerated

=> Regional initiative may be needed beyond the end of the Decade in 2024
Ministerial Declaration

Building a More Resilient Future with Inclusive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

- Proclaims the continued commitment to the shared vision that all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) system
- Encourages the implementation of the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda
- Calls upon member states to strengthen their CRVS systems through various actions
- Calls upon development partners to maintain or expand their assistance
Action areas for the second half of the CRVS Decade

🌟 Role of health sector in CRVS systems
🌟 Digitization
🌟 Interoperability of CRVS and identity management systems
🌟 Legal and regulatory frameworks
🌟 Medical certification of causes of deaths
🌟 Inequality assessments
🌟 Production of vital statistics
ESCAP’s areas of support for the remaining half of the Decade

- Inequality assessments
- Production of vital statistics
- CRVS business process improvements
- Evidence to best practice and policy
- Regional networks of civil registration professionals
- Information products for the Regional Action Framework
- Secretariat support to Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific and the Asia Pacific CRVS Partnership
- Continued advocacy for CRVS improvements
Role of partners and RSG in implementation

- Continue to build on the existing work around implementation of the RAF
- Promote the adoption of the UN Legal Identity Agenda in countries
- Support action areas listed in the Declaration
- Engagement with Covid response and recovery
- Support to further work on inequality assessments
- Integration with, and catalyst for, the SDGs
Thank you!

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