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CRVS Legal Reviews – Advancing Civil Registration Systems in the Asia-Pacific

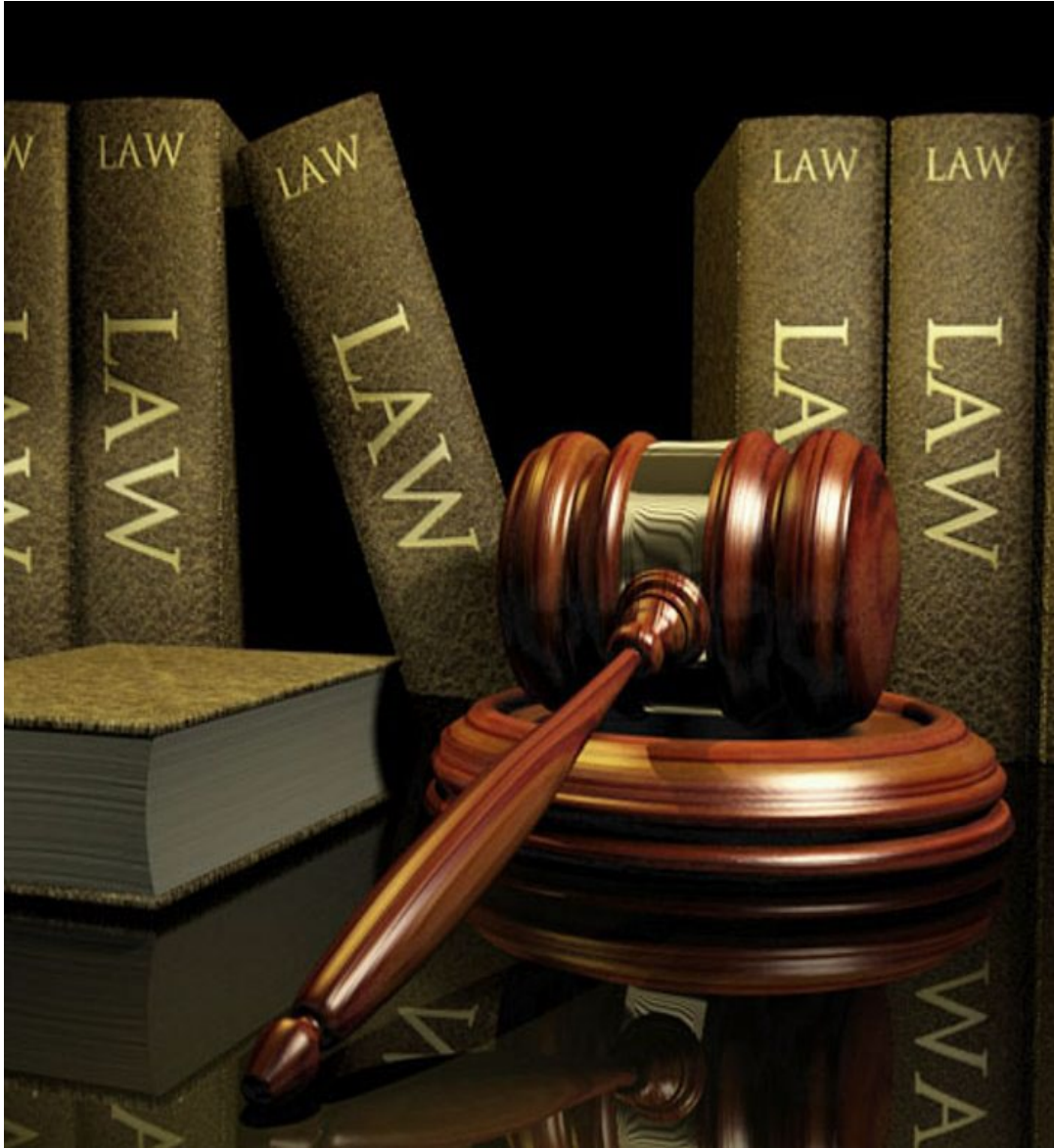
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What is a CRVS Legal & Regulatory Review?

- A carefully guided, step-by-step evaluation of a country's CRVS legal frameworks
- Completed by an In-Country Lawyer with GHAI Support
- Identifies whether current legal documents align with best practice
- Results in concrete, actionable recommendations for legal reform
- Conducted hand-in-hand with country stakeholders

Objectives of CRVS Legal and Regulatory Reviews



To identify gaps and obstacles in CRVSID Legal Frameworks that prevent the timely, continuous and universal notification and registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths, and other vital events;

To identify where CRVSID Legal Frameworks do and do not align with international best practices;

To clarify the roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders involved in CRVSID; and to strengthen and solidify their collaboration; and

To issue a recommendation report distilling the key ways in which the CRVSID legal frameworks can be strengthened and better reflect best practices.

Methodology for a CRVS Legal Framework Analysis

The CRVS Legal and Regulatory Review Toolkit

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CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS (CRVS) LEGAL AND REGULATORY REVIEW TOOLS AND METHODOLOGY

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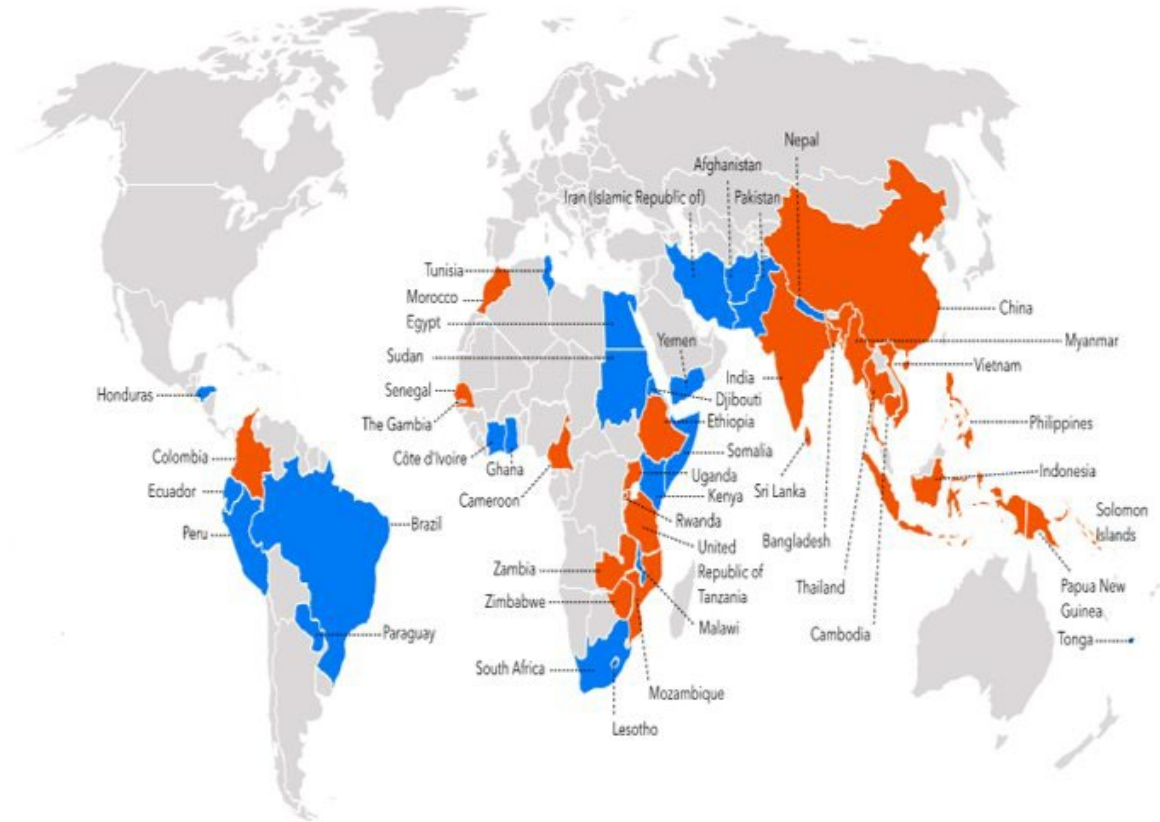
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CRVS Legal Review Projects in the Asia-Pacific



- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- India
- Indonesia
- Maldives
- Pakistan
- PNG
- Philippines
- Solomon Islands
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Vietnam



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Findings and Recommendations

Common thematic areas of findings and recommendations:

- Structure of Civil Registration Systems
- Informants
- Place of Registration and Required Evidence
- Information Collected at Registration
- Medical Certification of Cause of Death
- Verbal Autopsy
- Late and Delayed Registration
- Accessibility of Civil Registration Services
- Still Birth Reporting and Registration
- Vital Statistics
- National Identity Registration



Conclusion



Despite the significant progress that several countries in the Asia-Pacific region made in conducting legal reviews, only a few have stepped up to adopt new CRVS laws or introduce policy reform measures.

Because legal review is just a starting point in the pursuit of legislative reform, GHAI plans to strengthen the D4H intervention to support countries through the entire legal review and reform process, through deeper, longer term, and more strategic engagement in countries.

In countries prioritized for legal reform, GHAI will work to engage CSOs for multi-year implementation of political advocacy campaigns involving public and media advocacy as well as decision-maker engagement to push for law and policy reforms needed for CRVS system strengthening.