The end of the Asia Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024)
-what does it mean?

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

A Shared Vision

“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”
2014 Ministerial Conference on CRVS

- 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

Get every one in the picture
Commitment by 2024

Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;

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

Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated
But we are not there yet....

The midterm report in 2021 found that many countries are unlikely to meet their national targets by 2024.
What is our current mandate?

The Regional Action Framework for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific outlines the need for regional reviews - but does not specifically mention Ministerial Conferences.

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<td>Members and associate members submit final report to the secretariat</td>
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Key dates for reporting and reviewing progress on implementing the regional action framework
Resolutions

- Highlighting the issue and asking ECAP to organize the first Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: ESCAP Resolution 69/15 (2013) Implementing the outcome of the High-level Meeting on the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific


- Global agreements on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: A/RES/70/1 - Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Highlighting the need for additional attention and asking ECAP to organize the second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific ESCAP Resolution 74/8 - Accelerating the implementation of the Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

- Likely ESCAP resolution in 2022, getting the Ministerial Declaration from the Second Ministerial Conference adopted by the Commission
Third ministerial conference in 2025?

- The RSG will be leading the final regional review of the CRVS Decade (as it did for the baseline and midterm reviews)

- The RSG oversaw the organization of the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS, including deciding on the key areas to be included in the Ministerial Declaration, the sessions and documents
Extension of the CRVS Decade?

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ends in 2030
- We have not yet achieved all our goals
  - We are on track with some of the targets
  - But many countries will not be able to reach universal registration by 2024
  - And even more countries are struggling to produce timely and high-quality statistics based on civil registration
  - In particular, statistics on causes of death is lacking behind, as highlighted by COVID-19
- An extension of the Asia and Pacific CRVS Decade could highlight our unfinished business and support continued attention to CRVS
Thank you!

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