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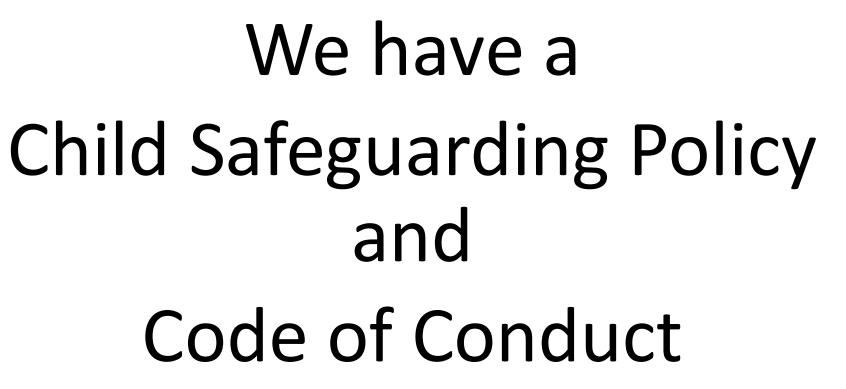
















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## [PLAY VIDEO 1]

# Statement from the Children



#### Recommendations

CRVS Issue: Corruption in governments

- Relax regulations and laws to align with human rights.
- Remove barriers for marginalized groups like migrants, refugees and informal sector workers who may struggle to prove their child's birth by providing special support.
- Create a process that allows people to directly communicate feedback to the government.
- Officials should be accountable. And corruption, like bribes for service, must stop. We demand fair and efficient service.

CRVS Issue: Negative impacts of registering death

#### Recommendation

 Government should study the potential negative effects or death registration, including problems of inheritance, pension and social exclusion.



CRVS Issue: Non-acceptance of marriage

#### Recommendation

 Governments, community leaders, religious leaders, CSOs, schools, and universities should raise awareness about the different situations of marriages.



CRVS Issue: Cost, expense, and access

#### Recommendation

• The government should establish mobile registration units, waive fees for underprivileged communities, work more on digital vans, and expand digital registration platforms to ensure a smoother, more inclusive process for all.



CRVS Issue: Not including people from diverse backgrounds

#### Recommendation

 Policy reforms should mandate inclusive, bias-free registration, training staff for cultural sensitivity, and launching awareness campaigns to ensure everyone is documented and recognized.



CRVS Issue: Monitory

#### Recommendation

 The government should invest in digital systems to make registration faster, easier, and more accurate.
Online portals and biometric verification can help people register from anywhere, reducing costs and effort.



#### CRVS Issue: Lack of awareness

#### Recommendation

- Government, CSOs, NGOs, and INGOs have a crucial role in increasing awareness based on local context and language.
- Capacity building is important and collaboration with CSOs to ensure that we reach remote areas by conducting program, advocacy campaigns by maximizing the internet.
- We also call that this will be part of the education curriculum.

CRVS Issue: Documentation and requirements needed

#### Recommendation

 Government, CSO to join raising awareness, provide guide, advise, alter process (e.g., online, outreach to community) and set mechanism to solve existing issues effectively for community people



Bridge the gap, break the silence, register now

Raise awareness, secure futures, register now

Transform communities, build equality, register now

Empower marginalized community, promote equal opportunity, register now

## [PLAY VIDEO 2]

We, the youth of Asia and the Pacific, recognize the vital role of Civil Society in making a future where we are heard and protected.





We call upon governments, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to listen to the 8 recommendations out of the consultation from the representatives of countries present in the forum.

The government should invest heavily in awareness and capacity building through community education, consultations, and localized, visually accessible IEC materials for all, including non-readers.

Stakeholders should use online and digital platforms to highlight the importance of civil registration and encourage birth, marriage, and death registration.

Government policies should be reviewed and reformed to align laws, improve implementation, and strengthen civil registration and vital statistics systems to meet community needs.

Adopt a digitized civil registration system with a centralized online platform for birth, marriage, and death records, ensuring accessibility while safeguarding data and preventing misuse.

Set up more local facilities to improve access to civil registration and strengthen the government's capacity to provide reliable services.

Promote respect, inclusivity, and sensitivity in civil registration by training personnel and eliminating discrimination based on gender, religion, economy, or culture.

The government should ensure inclusive civil registration by considering fragile contexts like migration, statelessness, conflict, polygamy, and abandonment, guaranteeing the right to identity and services for all.

Governments, civil society, and children and young people should collaborate to strengthen CRVS systems across Asia-Pacific.

## Everyone must be counted. No one must be left behind.

