



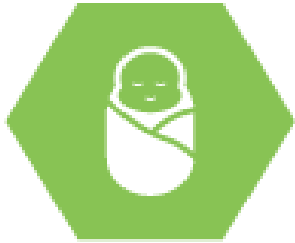
Moving towards universal registration in the context of the Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024) and improving statelessness statistics

Chloe Harvey
Associate Population Affairs Officer, ESCAP

Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Implementing Guidance on Inclusive CRVS Systems with a Focus on Forced Displacement, Statelessness and Children on the Move



What is Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)?



Birth



Adoption



Marriage



Divorce



Death



Cause of death

- Record of vital events
- Continuous
- Permanent
- Compulsory
- Universal

Important: Birth registration is the permanent recording of a child's existence, but it does not confer nationality



International standards, principles and recommendations for CRVS and identity management



Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Revision 3, United Nations 2014

- The United Nations Statistics Division is mandated to develop the methodological framework for CRVS
- Framework is extended to cover guidelines for a holistic approach to CRVS and identity management
- ESCAP supports with implementation of these frameworks

Handbook on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems: Management, Operation and Maintenance, Revision 1, United Nations 2018

Handbook on civil registration, vital statistics and identity management systems: Communication for development, United Nations 2019

Guidelines on the Legislative Framework for Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management, United Nations 2019

UN Strategy Paper on Legal Identity for All, 2019

United Nations Country Team LIA Guidelines, 2020



CRVS and the SDGs

- 6 years left until 2030!
- CRVS plays a pivotal role for achievement and monitoring of SDGs
 - A total of 67 SDG indicators benefit from CRVS data
- Complete and timely vital statistics provide policymakers with data on which to base and justify policies and SDG implementation plans



Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024)

“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”

Get every one in the picture Birth Certificate

¹ Name: **ASIAN AND PACIFIC CRVS DECADE, 2015-2024**

² Birth Date: Month **November** Day **28** Year **2014** ³ Sex: **Every one**

³ Place of Birth: **UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand**

⁴ Full Name of Parent(s): **Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific** ⁵ Nationality of Parent(s): **Asian and Pacific**

⁶ Signatures of Parents/Notifiers/Attendants/Registrars:

CRVS
Plan International





ASIAN AND PACIFIC CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS DECADE 2015 - 2024



Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific



Goal 1: Universal registration of births, deaths & 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 on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated



Situation in Asia and the Pacific



नेपाल अधिराज्य
निर्वाचन आयोग
जनसङ्ख्या परिचयपत्र

पञ्चदशम क्र. : ४१९४८६७

जनसङ्ख्या परिचयपत्र

पिता/माताको नाम, घर : रत्नमाया बापा २००८/४१९४८६७

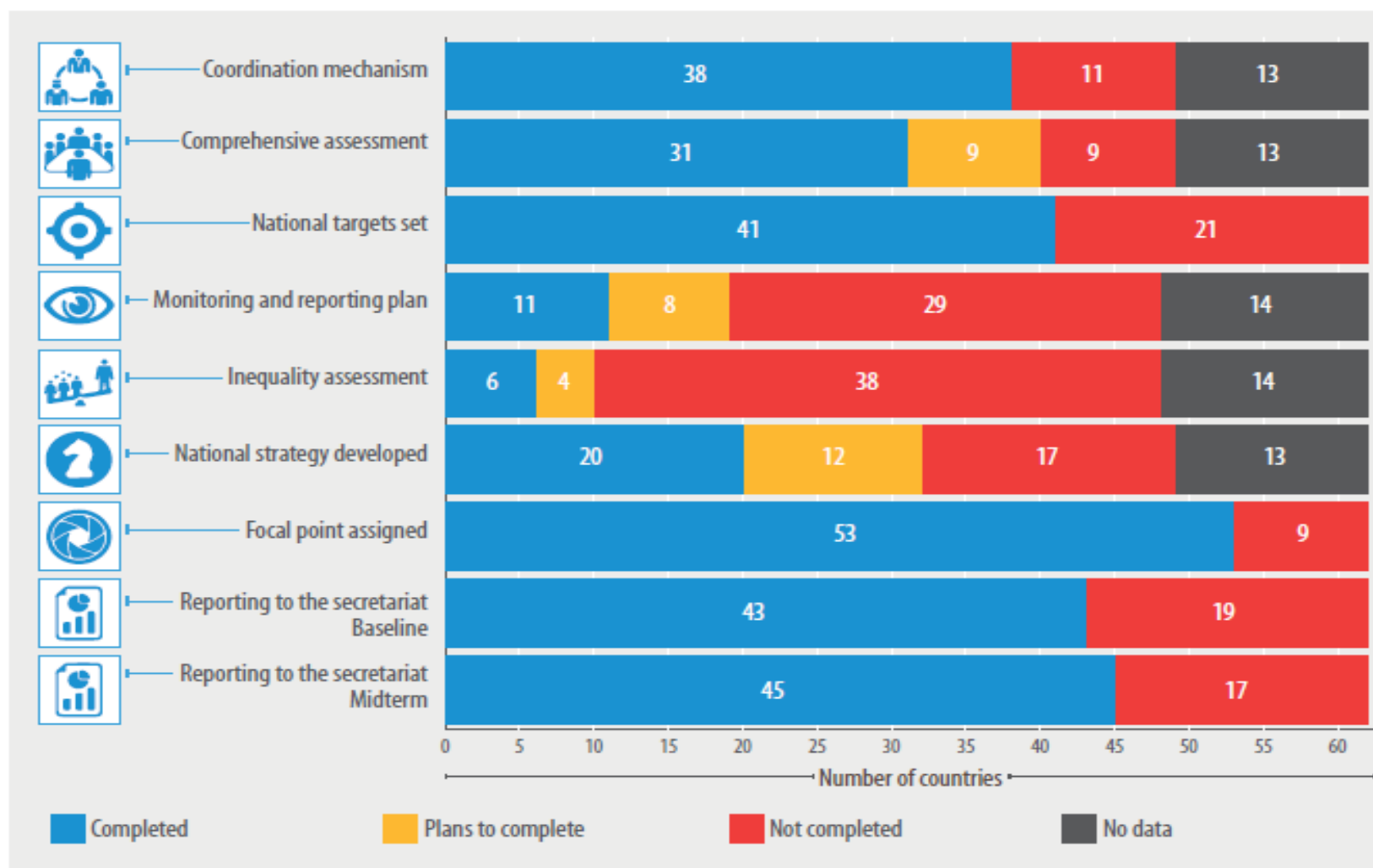
पिता/माताको नाम, घर : शेरबहादुर बापा बापा

ठेका/शिक्षा : दोनसा लिङ्गे २ बापा/आधिकारीको नाम : विमल

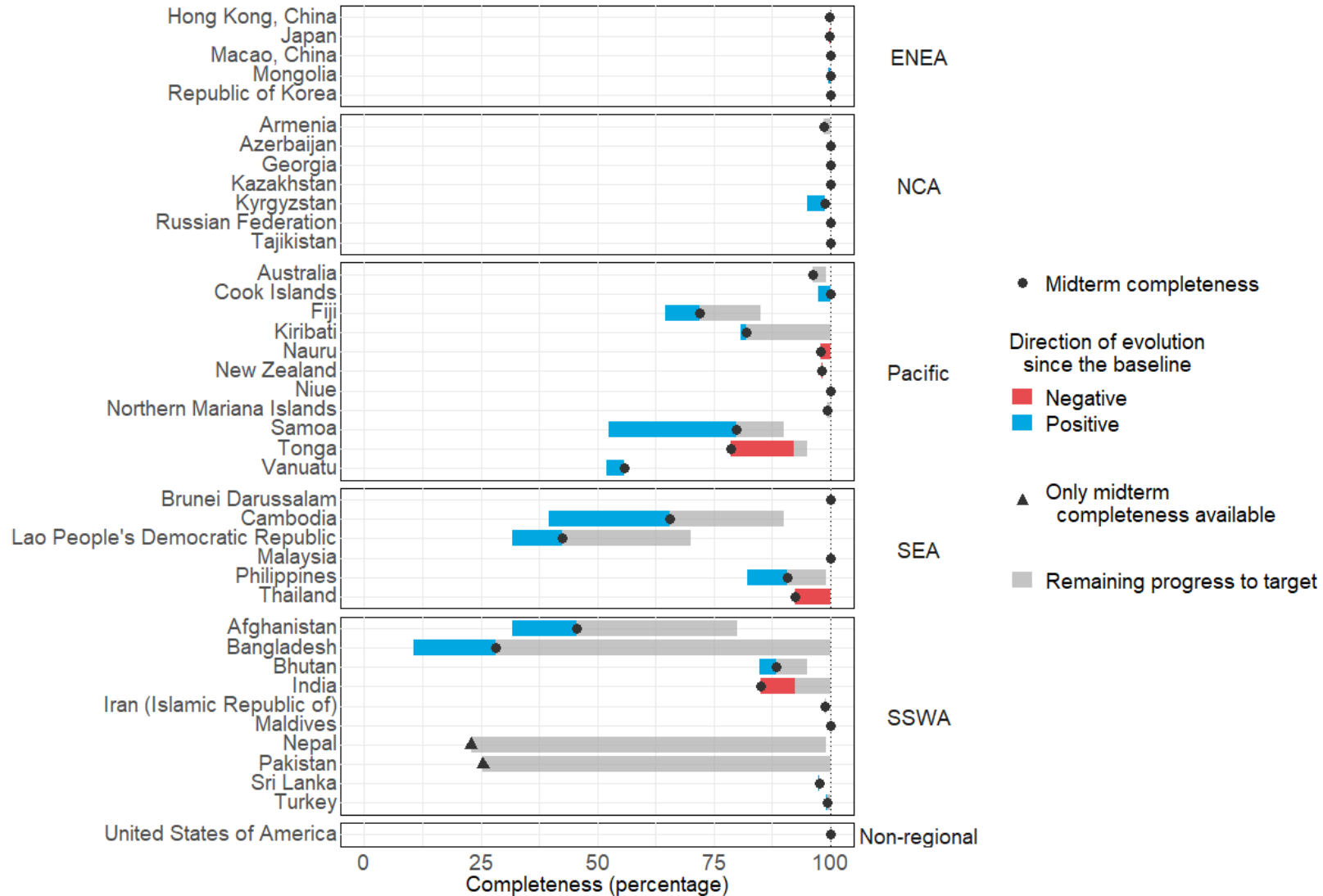
ठेका क्र. : १ गाउँ टोकाको नाम : तार्योली घर क्र. क

Implementation Steps

Figure XIV: Status of implementation steps



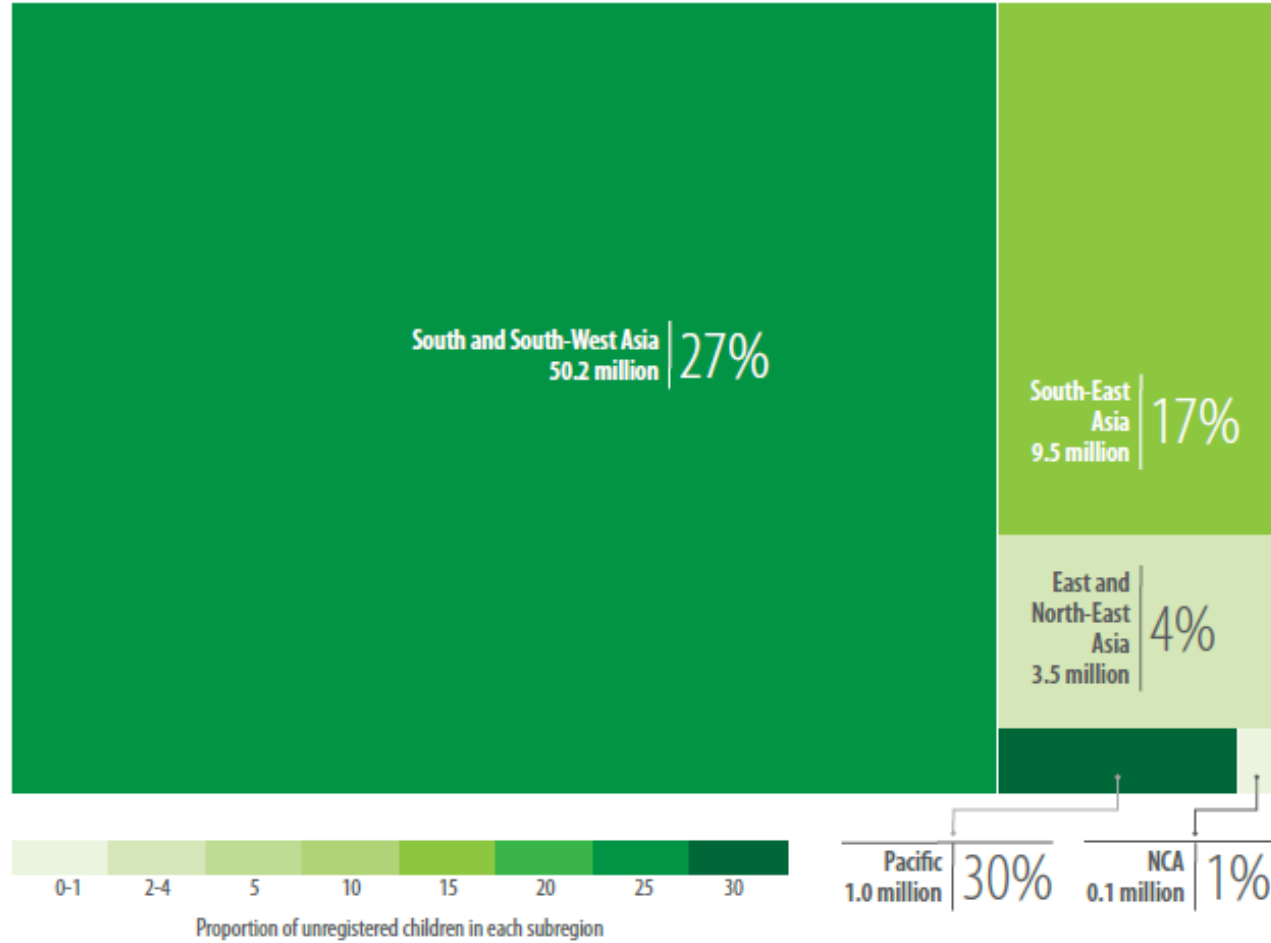
Birth Registration Completeness



Unregistered Children Under-5



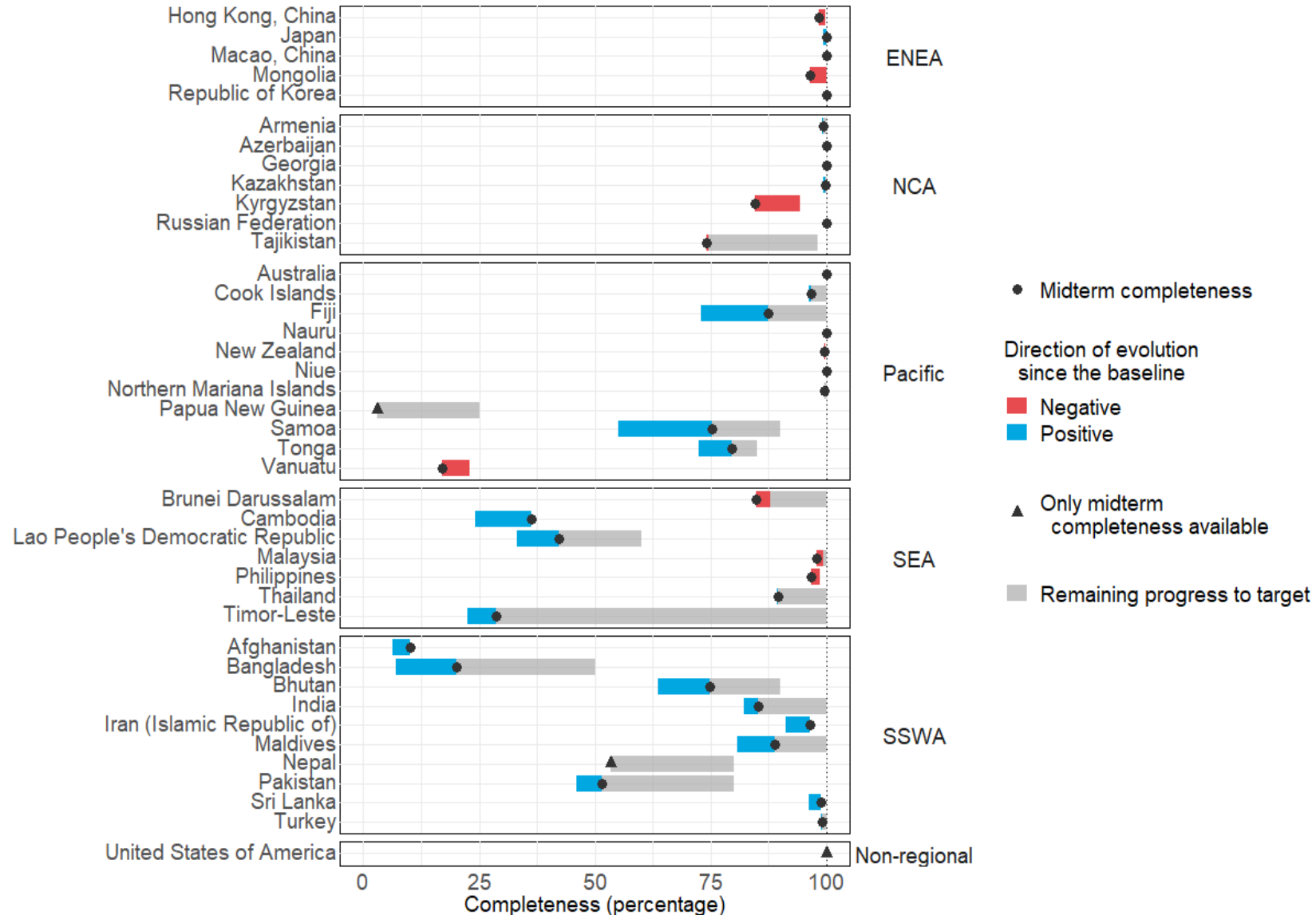
Figure VI: Number and percentage of children under five in Asia and the Pacific whose birth has never been registered, by subregion



Note: The figure is based on an estimated 356.4 million children under five, and 64.4 million of them unregistered (18%). Non-regional countries are not included in this graph.

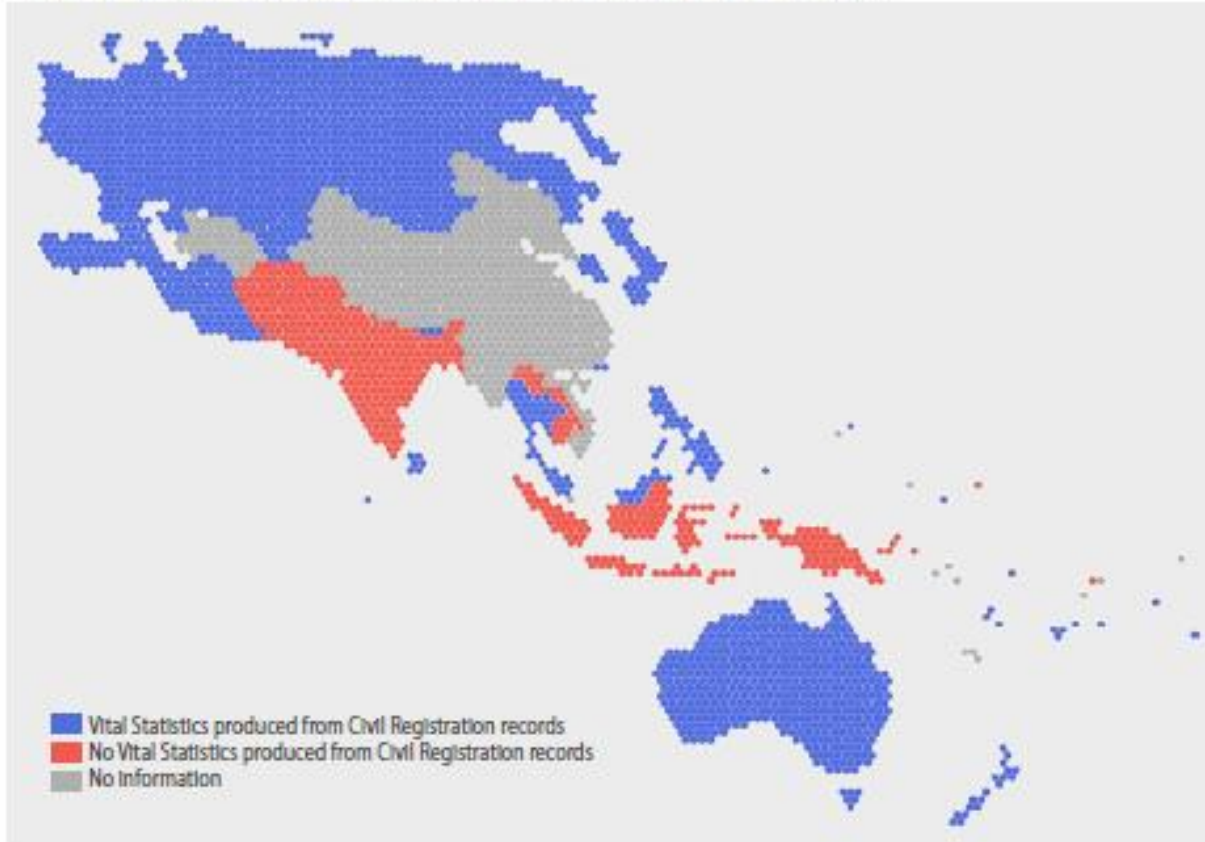


Death Registration Completeness



Vital Statistics

Figure XIII: Production of Vital Statistics from registration records by country in Asia and the Pacific



- At least 17 countries have yet to use civil registration records for vital statistics, and their dissemination in the public domain
- Statistics on cause of death still suffer from low proportion of deaths with a medically certified cause of death and a high percentage of ill-defined codes in many countries



Challenges in Asia-Pacific

- CRVS systems often under prioritized
- Outdated, paper-based systems
- Parallel systems and lack of coordination
- Insufficient capacity/skills (especially on coding causes of death)
- Outdated legislation (sometimes discriminatory)
- Lack of Standard Operating Procedures (or their implementation)





For more information, please visit:

getinthepicture.org

Statistics Division
United Nations Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the Pacific
United Nations Building
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue
Bangkok 10200, Thailand
escap-crvs@un.org