



# Asia-Pacific CRVS Research Forum

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## Speaker Bio: Dr. Philip Setel, Vital Strategies



Currently serving as the Director and Vice President of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Improvement Program at Vital Strategies – a New York-based NGO – Dr. Setel leads the organization’s efforts to improve CRVS and the understanding and use of data for public health policymaking in more than 20 low-and middle-income countries.

For over 20 years, he has been actively engaged in the development, management and execution of monitoring, learning, and evaluation projects in the fields of epidemiology, demography, and healthcare, for instance, the Adult Morbidity and Mortality Project in Tanzania on behalf of Newcastle University, UK.

Before assuming his role at Vital Strategies, Dr. Setel served as the Deputy Director of the Measurement, Learning and Evaluation unit within the Global Health Division at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, post which he ran his own private consultancy where his clients included Bloomberg Philanthropies, Hewlett Foundation, the US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and UNICEF, among others.

With a track record of thirty-five publications to his name, Dr. Setel holds a PhD in Medical Anthropology from Boston University.