

Asia-Pacific CRVS Research Forum

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Programme

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Day 1

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1.1	09:00 – 9:15 am	Ms Rachael Beaven, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP, Thailand Opening remarks from ESCAP
1.2	09:15 – 9:30 am	Ms Treta Sharma, Chair of the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific & Administrator General for the Ministry of Justice, Fiji Opening remarks
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2.1	09:30 – 09:45 am	Ms Amanda Bissex, UNICEF, Regional Office for South Asia, Nepal Keynote address
2.2	09:45 – 10:00 am	Mr Neel Singh, Ministry of Justice, Fiji The positive impact of financial incentives on birth registration completeness in Fiji
2.3	10:00 – 10:15 am	Mr Ariel Odtojan, World Vision International, Philippines First line of defence: Perspectives of children and youth on CRVS
2.4	10:15 – 10:35 am	Dr Shah Ali Akbar Ashrafi, Directorate General of Health Services, Bangladesh Lessons from implementation research of the Kaliganj model: A Sustainable project to improve birth and death registration in Bangladesh
2.5	10:35 – 10:50 am	Mr Surender Prasad Pandey, The University of Melbourne & Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Nepal Differentials, barriers, and enablers of death registration in Nepal: Evidence from the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Survey
2.6	10:50 – 11:30 am	Ask the authors Individual break-out rooms for in-depth discussion with the authors Join the Break-out room: Room 1 (2.2) Room 2 (2.3) Room 3 (2.4) Room 4 (2.5)

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3.1	13:30 – 13:45 pm	Dr Claire Brolan, The University of Queensland, Australia Keynote address
3.2	13:45 – 14:05 pm	Ms Aditi Saxena, Global Health Advocacy Incubator, India Integrating gender-equity in CRVS legal review and reform processes
3.3	14:05 – 14:25 pm	Ms Lumana Upreti, Himal Innovative Development and Research, Nepal Practices, Legal, and Practical Barriers to Birth Registration in Nepal
3.4	14:25 – 14:45 pm	Ms Anita Mittal, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, India Efficient delivery of social protection: Leveraging interoperability with CRVS systems
3.5	14:45 – 15:00 pm	Dr Syed Mursalin, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Pakistan Challenges and barriers to civil registration for hard-to-reach populations in Pakistan
3.6	15:00 – 15:20 pm	Mr Weixun Hu and Selsah Pasali, ESCAP, Thailand Inequality of Opportunity in Asia and the Pacific: The case of birth registration in Fiji
3.7	15.20 – 15.35 pm	Mr Mohammed Shahidul Islam, Cabinet Division, Bangladesh Enhancement of birth and death registration through the improvement of CRVS system monitoring in Bangladesh
3.8	15:35 – 16:15 pm	Ask the authors Individual break-out rooms for in-depth discussion with the authors Join the Break-out room: Room 1 (3.2) Room 2 (3.3) Room 3 (3.4) Room 4 (3.5) Room 5 (3.6) Room 6 (3.7)

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4.3	09:30 – 9:50 am	Ms Lidiya Teklemariam, Global Health Advocacy Incubator, USA CRVS Legal Reviews – Advancing Civil Registration Systems in the Asia-Pacific
4.4	09:50 – 10:10 am	Mr Shafqat Hussain, UNICEF, India A digital solution for strengthening the Civil Registration System in Rajasthan
4.5	10:10 – 10:30 am	Dr. Muhammad Cholifihani and Mr Hariyadi Sabar, The Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency, Indonesia Applying legal analysis and business process mapping for CRVS system strengthening: Lessons from three districts study in Indonesia
4.6	10:30 – 10:45 am	Dr Muhammad Asif, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Pakistan Study to understand the existing mechanisms and reasons for weaknesses, challenges and bottlenecks in the vital events registration system in Pakistan and how they can be effectively addressed
4.7	10:45 – 11:05 am	Mr Godfrey Ngoboka, Ministry of Health, Rwanda A sustainable CRVS eLearning course to upskill competencies of practitioners in the registration of vital events: Experiences from Rwanda
4.8	11:05 – 11:45 am	Ask the authors Individual break-out rooms for in-depth discussion with the authors Join the Break-out room: Room 1 (4.2) Room 2 (4.3) Room 3 (4.4) Room 4 (4.5) Room 5 (4.6) Room 6 (4.7)
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5.1	12:30 – 12:45 pm	Dr Philip Setel, Vital Strategies, USA Keynote address
5.2	12:45 – 13:05 pm	Dr Tim Adair, The University of Melbourne, Australia Integrating verbal autopsy and medical certification of cause of death data to strengthen local health evidence
5.3	13:05 – 13:25 pm	Dr Soukvixay Sikhaxay, Lao Tropical and Public Health Institute, Lao People’s Democratic Republic Fragmentation of mortality information systems in Lao PDR

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5.4	13:25 – 13:40 pm	Ms Isariyaporn Kanta, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand Development and implementation of a medical certificate of cause of death audit system for hospital deaths in Thailand
5.5	13:40 – 14:00 pm	Dr Rangana Wadugedara, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka Streamlining the mortality inquest system in Sri Lanka
5.6	14:00 – 14:20 pm	Mr David Eristavi, The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information Georgia with UNFPA Quality and availability of demographic and healthcare data in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
5.7	14:20 – 14:50 pm	Ask the authors Individual break-out rooms for in-depth discussion with the authors Join the Break-out room: Room 1 (5.2) Room 2 (5.3) Room 3 (5.4) Room 4 (5.5) Room 5 (5.6)
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6.1	15:15 – 15:30 pm	Dr Stéphane Helleringer, Professor of Social Research and Public Policy, New York University, Abu Dhabi Keynote address
6.2	15:30 – 15:50 pm	Dr Maria Midea Kabamalan, University of the Philippines Population Institute, the Philippines Male-female disparities in potential years of life lost due to premature mortality in the Philippines
6.3	15:50 – 16:10 pm	Dr Saman Gamage, CDC Foundation, Sri Lanka Evaluation of the implementation of Iris automated coding system in the Philippines
6.4	16:10 – 16:30 pm	Dr Thomas Moultrie, Professor of Demography and Director of the Centre for Actuarial Research, University of Cape Town, South Africa Innovation in regional estimates of completeness of death registration
6.5	16:30 – 17:00 pm	Ask the authors Individual break-out rooms for in-depth discussion with the authors Join the Break-out room: Room 1 (6.2) Room 3 (6.3) Room 4 (6.4)
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7.1	17:00 – 17:15 pm	Ms Carla AbouZahr, CRVS Consultant Keynote address
7.2	17:15 – 17:20 pm	Ms Rachael Beaven, ESCAP, Thailand Closing remarks from ESCAP