Getting every one in the picture

A snapshot of progress midway through the Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade

Pacific

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Asia-Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics 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”
Where are we at the midterm of the Decade?

**Pacific**
(representing 14 out of 21 countries)

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**Targets**

- **1A**: Birth registration within a year
- **1B**: Birth registration of children under five
- **2A**: Issuance of birth certificates
- **1D**: Death registration within a year
- **2B**: Issuance of death certificates
- **1E**: Recording of causes of death
- **3D**: Reduction of ill-defined causes of death codes
- **3F**: Publication of births and deaths statistics
- **3G**: Publication of causes of death statistics
- **3H**: Publication of a vital statistics report
Birth registration: Progress is bridging the gap between countries

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Direction of evolution since the baseline:
- **Positive**
- **Negative**

- Midterm completeness
- Remaining progress to target
- Only midterm completeness available
Legal time period to register births:
Different time periods for different systems and situations
Death registration:
Less incentives, lower completeness
Collaboration as a way to universal registration

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CRVS, an essential tool for disaster mitigation

• Natural disasters are major threats to civil registration systems

• Need to made resilient through:
  • Digitalization of records
  • Improvement of collaboration
  • Reform of the legal framework

• Robust CRVS systems can be critical in mitigating disasters
  • Response planning
  • Delivery of emergency services
  • Impact assessments
Special efforts have led to great progress, but work remains on regularity and timeliness.
## Implementation steps: Catalysts of progress

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Number of countries
Implementation steps: Catalysts of progress

8 steps to

• Identify needs
• Set objectives
• Monitor progress
• Report achievements

Efforts made by countries since 2014 to achieve their national targets, with support from partners

Only 2 countries have assessed CRVS inequalities
THE SECOND MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON CRVS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

WHEN
16-19 NOVEMBER 2021

WHERE
BANGKOK & VIRTUALLY

WHO
- Heads of Government
- Ministers of Interior, Health, Planning and Justice
- International development partners
- Civil society and non-governmental organizations

WHY
- Review the progress made toward meeting the goals of the CRVS Decade
- Promote civil registration systems as the foundation for legal identity management
- Emphasize the importance of civil registration and vital statistics for achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Focus on the essential role of CRVS systems in the response to pandemics and the recovery from COVID-19

SESSIONS ON
- Picture of progress
- Health & COVID-19
- Vital Statistics
- Legal identity
- Gender
- Economics of CRVS
- Leaving no one behind
- To lead to a Ministerial Declaration

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