2024 Review of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade

United Nations ESCAP

Ninth meeting of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

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## Implementing the Regional Action Framework

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<td>Members and associate members submit baseline report to the secretariat</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>Regional baseline analysis</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>Members and associate members submit midterm report to the secretariat</td>
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<td>2020</td>
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<td>Members and associate members submit final report to the secretariat</td>
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2024 Review of CRVS Decade – Timeline and Process
1. Preparation of the initial version of the 2024 Review questionnaire and accompanying guidelines

2. National Focal Point Nomination

3. Presentation of the initial version at the 10th meeting of the Regional Steering Group

4. Modification of the questionnaire based on feedback received from the RSG meeting

5. Testing the questionnaire with several countries and incorporating feedbacks into the final version

6. Launch of the 2024 Review of the CRVS Decade
7. Questionnaire submission to NFPs

8. Support for reporting including regional meetings to assist countries in completing the questionnaire

9. Collecting responses and following up with countries

10. Response validation, analysis and report drafting

11. Presenting the 2024 Review report at the Third Ministerial Conference
2024 Review Process (Cont’d)

Administering questionnaire May 2024

National Focal Point

Civil Registration Authority

Coordination and Validation

Ministry of Health

Government

Ministry of Planning

Answer September 2024

ESCAP

2024 Regional Report
Standard Review Elements – Goals and Targets

**Goal 1:** Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events

1A Birth registrations per year
1B Birth registration of children below 5 years
1C Birth registration of all
1D Death Registrations per year
1E All deaths have medically certified cause of death recorded

5 Targets

**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

2A Official birth certificate issued for all births registered
2B Official death certificate issued for all deaths registered per year

2 Targets

**Goal 3:** Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated

3A Birth statistics from civil registration records
3B Death statistics from civil registration records
3C Death code derived from medical certificate for all deaths in health facilities
3D Reduction in deaths coded to ill-defined codes
3E Death code derived from verbal autopsy for all deaths outside health facilities
3F Publication of vital statistics on births and deaths from registration records
3G Publication of vital statistics on causes of death from registration records
3H Publication of vital statistics report from registration records

8 Targets

2014 - 2024

3 GOALS

15 TARGETS
### Status of action for key targets at the midterm of CRVS Decade

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#### Targets

- **1A**: Birth registration within 1 year
- **1B**: Birth registration for children under five
- **2A**: Issuance of birth certificate
- **1D**: Death registration within 1 year
- **2B**: Issuance of death certificate
- **1E**: Recording of causes of death by the health sector
- **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

Note: The Regional Action Framework contains 15 targets. For summary purposes and because data are incomplete for some of the targets, only 10 of them are presented here. The classification of targets was based on the trends showed by country reporting data between the baseline and midterm years: if fewer than 1 in 10 countries showed stagnation or regression, the target was considered ‘Actioned’. If fewer than 1 in 3 countries were in the same situation, it was considered ‘Being actioned’. If more than 1 in 3, it was considered ‘Need for action’. More details on how progress was assessed are provided in the notes to Figure III and Figure VIII and in technical report (https://getinthepicture.org/resource/technical-report-crvs-decade-midterm-report).
Implementation Steps

- Coordination mechanism
- Comprehensive assessment
- National targets set
- Monitoring and reporting plan
- Inequality assessment
- National strategy developed
- Focal point assigned
- Reporting to ESCAP
5. Has your country completed an inequality assessment related to CRVS?
Regional synthesis report to serve as the basis for the 2024 review of the Decade at the Ministerial Conference in 2025.

2025 Ministerial Conference to celebrate the endpoint of Asia-Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (2015 - 2024)

The direction and focus of efforts towards 2030

Potential Themes
General Criteria for Consideration

**Usefulness**
- Will the evidences produced from this review be useful?
- Will key stakeholders appreciate its usefulness?

**Policy Relevance**
- Global and regional CRVS directions
- CRVS and relevant sector policies at the national level

**Synergy with RAF**
- Continuity of progress
- Coherence with previous reviews

**Reporting Capacity**
- Is the data available?
- What time and resources would be needed for countries to report on this?

**Operationalization**
- Is the concept measurable?
- What meaningful indicators could capture this concept?
Potential New Themes for the 2024 CRVS Decade Review

Links with legal identity and digitalization
- Countries are increasingly exploring the use of civil registration as the basis for legal identity
- Forms the basis for including this theme into the Decade beyond 2024

Inclusivity
- Accounting for marginalized and disadvantaged groups of population accelerates progress towards universal targets
- Highlights the needs for inequality assessment and innovative practices

Gender equity
- Better understand rationales behind gender gaps in civil registration
- Catalyses and collates good practices in the region on gender equity in CRVS

Resilience
- Following recent crises (COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, etc.), countries are improving the resilience of their CRVS system
- Accounting for these efforts offers incentives for inclusion in the Decade initiative beyond 2024
Thank you!

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