Malaysia Experience on Completing the Midterm Questionnaire in 2019

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Malaysia has adopted the resolutions proposed in the Ministerial Conference in a Ministerial Declaration to ‘Get Everyone in The Picture’ and Regional Action Framework (RAF) for the Decade in 2014.
Strategies in Completing Questionnaire
STRENGTHENING MALAYSIA CRVS GOVERNANCE

Establish governance comprise of data providers and stakeholders.

SETTING THE TIMELINE

Clearly Setting the deadline for completing questionnaire.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Frequently discussed and follow up meetings with agencies. Regular meetings to discuss issues in completing this questionnaire.

APPROVAL

Validate the completed questionnaire with all the related agencies and presents the finding to the top management of stakeholders.

GET EVERYONE IN THE PICTURE
# Strengthening Malaysia CRVS Governance

## 1. Steering Committee

**Chaired by Secretary General of Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA)**

**Members**
- Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA)
- Ministry of Health (MOH)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Women & Family
- Ministry of Economy Affairs (MEA)
- National Registration Department (NRD)
- Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)
- Attorney General’s Chambers (AGC)
- Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU)
- Department of Islamic Development

**Term of Reference (ToR)**
To evaluate and endorse the suggestion, planning or enhancement activities on CRVS

## 2. Technical Committee

**Chaired by Director General of National Registration Department (NRD)**

**Members**
- Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA)
- Ministry of Health (MOH)
- Ministry of Women & Family
- Ministry of Economy Affairs (MEA)
- National Registration Department (NRD)
- Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)
- Immigration Department of Malaysia
- Royal Malaysian Police (RMP)
- Social Welfare
- Department of Islamic Development
- Sabah State Secretary
- Sarawak State Secretary

**Term of Reference (ToR)**
To prepare suggestion, planning and execute the enhancement on CRVS

## 3. Technical Working Group (TWG)

**Chaired by Director of Population and Demography Statistics Division, DOSM**

**Members**
- Maternal Mortality Data
- Under-5 Mortality Data
- Stillbirth Mortality Data
- Covid-19 Mortality Data
- Suicide Data

**Term of Reference (ToR)**
To validate and endorse the statistics

## 4. Inter Agency Planning Group (IAPG)

**Chaired by Chief Statistician, DOSM**

**Members**
- All data providers & Stakeholders

**Term of Reference (ToR)**
To check and verify the data

## CRVS Publications

- Vital Statistics
- Statistics Causes of Death
- Abridged Life Tables
- Marriage and Divorce Statistics
- Population Current Estimates
NRD have made a revision on Birth and Death Registration Act (Peninsular Malaysia) in 2017 to improve services and strengthen laws related to the enforcement of birth and death registration in Peninsular Malaysia.

Empowerment of NRD Outreach Program to facilitate and deliver services to the people’s door especially the rural people in remote areas that are less able in terms of transportation, physical and also income.

NRD has setup an integrated system to register births and deaths online at any NRD offices and kiosk.
Data in questionnaire to provide:

a. Sheet 1: Implementation Step
b. Sheet 2: Birth registration
c. Sheet 3: Death registration
d. Sheet 4: Causes of Death
e. Sheet 5: Vital statistics
TIMELINE OF COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRE

**August 2019**
Malaysia received the questionnaire from ESCAP

**September 2019**
Distribute the questionnaire to agencies (MOHA, NRD & MOH)

**October 2019**
Review the questionnaire with agency

**November 2019**
Early November: Validation and approval from top management agencies & DOSM
End of November: Submit questionnaire to ESCAP
Challenges in Completing Questionnaire
CHALLENGES

1. **As is Process in DOSM**: Malaysia did not face major issues in completing the questionnaire since DOSM is the agency responsible in producing Vital Statistics since 1963.

2. **Statistical Differences**: Statistics on Children Under 5 records from DOSM and NRD are difference because the records generate from registration system in NRD are cumulative figures involving various years. The data cannot be released according to the required year. Meanwhile, the records from DOSM are based on population current estimates which has taken into account of natural increases and net migration.

3. **Registration of births and deaths are using different acts between Peninsular of Malaysia and West Malaysia (Sabah & Sarawak)**: Definition of late registration for Malaysia is based on Birth and Death Registration Act (Peninsular Malaysia) and Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance (Sabah and Sarawak).

   **Birth**: registered within 60 days for Peninsular and 42 days for Sabah and Sarawak
   **Death**: registered within 7 days for Peninsular and 1 days for Sabah and Sarawak
1. Malaysia has undertaken continuous engagement with the respective agencies as well as establishing working groups to ensure the quality of vital statistics is in line with international standard. The working groups are:
   a. Technical Working Group (TWG);
      i. TWG on maternal deaths
      ii. TWG on Under-5 deaths
      iii. TWG on Stillbirths
      iv. TWG on COVID-19
      v. TWG on Suicide
      vi. TWG on Vital Statistics, COD & Marriages & Divorces
   b. Inter-agency Planning Group (IAPG); and
   c. DOSM’s Publication Committee.

2. Malaysia publishes the following reports:
   a. Vital Statistics (quarter and annual)
   b. Causes of Death Statistics (annual);
   c. Marriage and Divorce Statistics (annual); and
Mid-term Review Report: Malaysia Achievement
### Figure I: Status of action for key targets of the Regional Action Framework at the midterm of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade

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### Figure II: Proportion of reporting countries having achieved key targets of the Regional Action Framework, by Asia-Pacific subregions

- **East and North-East Asia** (representing 5 out of 7 countries)
  - 2A: Birth registration
  - 1B: Birth registration for children under five
  - 3G: Publication of birth and deaths statistics

- **North and Central Asia** (representing 7 out of 9 countries)
  - 2A: Birth registration
  - 2B: Issuance of birth certificate
  - 3F: Publication of causes of death statistics

- **Pacific** (representing 14 out of 21 countries)
  - 1A: Birth registration within a year
  - 1B: Birth registration for children under five
  - 3D: Reduction of ill-defined causes of death codes

- **South-East Asia** (representing 8 out of 11 countries)
  - 2A: Birth registration
  - 1B: Birth registration for children under five
  - 3F: Publication of causes of death statistics

- **South and South-West Asia** (representing 10 out of 10 countries)
  - 2A: Birth registration
  - 1B: Birth registration for children under five
  - 3F: Publication of causes of death statistics

### Targets

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Note: The Regional Action Framework contains 15 targets. For summary purposes and because data are incomplete for some of the targets, only 10 targets are presented here. Non-regional member States are not included in this graph. For more information on the subregional groupings, please refer to Annex III.
MID-TERM REVIEW REPORT: MALAYSIA ACHIEVEMENT

THE THREE (3) GOALS

GOAL 1
Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events.

GOAL 2
Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics are produced based on registrations records and are disseminated.

GOAL 3
All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other.
GOAL 1
Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events by 2024

98% of births in the given year

99.5% of children under 5 years old

99.5% of all births

100% of all deaths

100% of all deaths recorded by health sector have medically certified cause of death

TARGET 1.A ACHIEVED

TARGET 1.B ACHIEVED

TARGET 1.C

TARGET 1.D

TARGET 1.E ACHIEVED

Target 1.A Performance (2018)
Estimation 501,945
Actual 507,359
% 101.1

Estimation 2,595,300
Actual 3,137,249
% 120.9

Estimation 26,994,526
Actual 28,849,479
% 93.2

Target 1.D Performance (2018)
Estimation 172,031
Actual 168,456
% 97.9

Target 1.E Performance (2018)
Estimation 117,387
Actual 56,420
% 100
GOAL 2
All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other by 2024

of all registered births are issued with official certificates
of all registered deaths are issued with official certificates

TARGET 2.A ACHIEVED
TARGET 1.B ACHIEVED

- Estimation: 507,359
- Actual: 507,359
- %: 100

- Estimation: 168,456
- Actual: 168,456
- %: 100
GOAL 3
Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics are produced based on registrations records and are disseminated

- TARGET 3.A
  - Achieved
  - Current Performance
  - The required statistical data are readily available annually in accordance to Statistics Act 1965 (Revised 1989).

- TARGET 3.B
  - Achieved
  - Current Performance
  - The required statistical data are readily available annually in accordance to Statistics Act 1965 (Revised 1989).

- TARGET 3.C
  - Achieved
  - Performance (2018)
  - 2018 Achieved

- TARGET 3.D
  - Previous Performance
  - 2017 (%) 1.8
  - 2018 (%) 1.6

**Number of deaths occurred have underlying cause of death code defined by ICD**

**Reduction of proportion of deaths to ill-defined codes**

**Production of annual nationally statistics on births**

**Production of annual nationally statistics on deaths**

**MALAYSIA ACHIEVEMENT (GOAL 3)**

**MID-TERM REVIEW REPORT**
GOAL 3
Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics are produced based on registrations records and are disseminated

- **Target 3.E** Achieved
  - Current Performance
  - Ministry of Health is in the implementation of this effort.

- **Target 3.F** Achieved
  - Current Performance
  - The required statistical data are readily available annually on DOSM's website.

- **Target 3.G** Achieved
  - Current Performance
  - The required statistical data are readily available annually on DOSM’s website.

- **Target 3.H** Achieved
  - Current Performance
  - The required statistical data are readily available annually on DOSM’s website.

- **Target 3.E** Achieved
- **Target 3.F** Achieved
- **Target 3.G** Achieved
- **Target 3.H** Achieved

- Verbal autopsy for deaths taking place outside of health facility
- Annual publically available key summary of vital statistics on births in electronic format
- Annual publically available key summary of vital statistics on deaths in electronic format
- Publically available an accurate and complete vital statistics report for the previous two years
"STATISTICS BLOOM IN HARMONY"

Doesn't matter far or near
Strength in numbers
we don't live in fear

Birds of feather flock together
Statistics our form of adour
We, will always live it up

So let us live in solidarity
And in the world arena we'll succeed
It is statistics that will come to be
The reason we will bloom in harmony

Everybody undivided
Data's where our hearts reside in
There will always be a bind

Just like fire that ignites
That's how brightly lit our dreams are
We'll reach higher than the stars

Sending love to one another
Leaving no one in a slumber
We will stand with unity

Muster ing our courage while
Embracing our disparities
We'll achieve our victory

One dream with unity
One love with harmony