Implementing inequality assessments and strengthening demographic analysis capacity

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

Bangkok, Thailand, 10-12 May 2023
Asia Pacific CRVS decade: 2015-2024

Building on the agreements from 2014 to achieve our shared vision:

“…by 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development”
The regional ambition for the Decade

Goal 1: Universal registration of births, deaths & other vital events

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

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

Implementation Steps:
- Coordination mechanism
- Comprehensive assessment
- National targets set
- Monitoring and reporting plan
- Inequality assessment
- National strategy developed
- Focal point assigned
- Reporting to ESCAP

Goals:
1A 1B 1C 1D 1E

Civil Registration

2A 2B

Legal Documents

3A 3B 3C 3D 3E 3F 3G 3H

Vital Statistics

Targets
Implementation Steps: Midterm review

Figure XIV: Status of implementation steps

- Coordination mechanism: 38 completed, 11 plans to complete, 13 not completed, 13 no data
- Comprehensive assessment: 31 completed, 9 plans to complete, 9 not completed, 13 no data
- National targets set: 41 completed, 21 plans to complete, 9 not completed, 13 no data

Inequality assessment:
- Focal point assigned: 53 completed, 9 plans to complete, 19 not completed, 9 no data
- Reporting to the secretariat: 45 completed, 17 plans to complete, 19 not completed, 9 no data
Series of Expert Group Meetings (2021) to provide guidance for countries on inequality assessments

Qualitative assessments and the Bali Process toolkit
https://tinyurl.com/2ymdjyp9

Quantitative assessments using secondary data sources and indirect demographic methods
https://tinyurl.com/ehss9kmz

Information note on inequality assessments in the region https://tinyurl.com/d6spkntn

3 regional workshops (2022)

National capacity building workshops (2022)
Current project: 2022/3

- Facilitate the implementation of CRVS inequality assessments using secondary data sources
- Refine further guidance which can be used in other countries in the region and globally
- Build capacity to allow countries to undertake inequality assessments in the future
- Two countries finalized, two countries in progress, two countries in inception phase
- Regional workshop (8-9 May 2023)
- Project website: https://tinyurl.com/ft7htas5
Regional progress in inequality assessments

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What we’ve learnt so far

- It’s not easy!
  - Training well received
  - Challenges in coordination on many different levels
- Context is everything
- Compromises are needed
- Capacity strengthening is essential
- Need the national champions – but also need to institutionalize
- Need to support putting evidence into action
- Countries learn a lot from one another
Next steps

- Finalization of work in Pakistan and Bangladesh, implementation in Samoa and Philippines
- Evidence to action workshops in Fiji, Lao PDR and Bangladesh – how can we ensure the findings are used?
- Ensure institutionalization of inequality assessments (how often?)
- Further refinement and dissemination of guidance and experiences in implementing inequality assessments
- Next phase of funding – implement in further countries, improve understanding of measuring adult mortality
Thank you!
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