

ASEAN EFFORTS IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO LEGAL IDENTITY

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**SOUTH-EAST ASIA LAUNCH OF "GETTING EVERY ONE IN THE PICTURE – A SNAPSHOT OF
PROGRESS MIDWAY THROUGH THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC CRVS DECADE"**

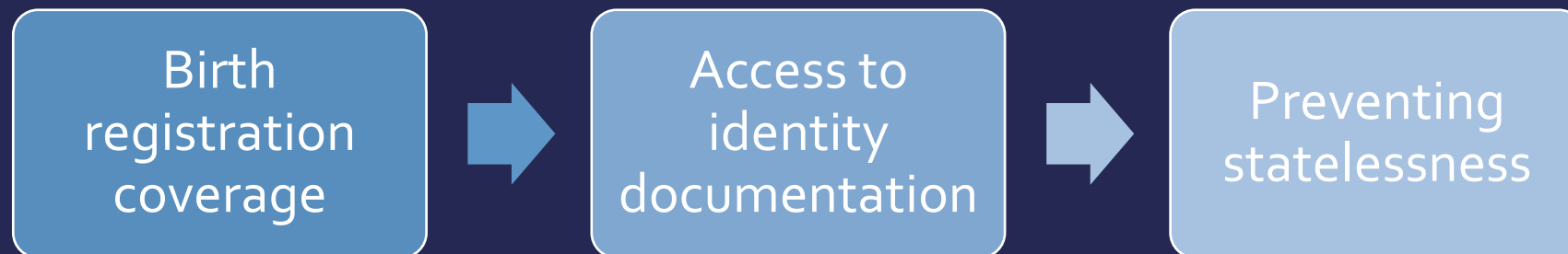
INTRODUCTION OF ACWC

- The ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children or ACWC (ACWC) was officially established on 7 April 2010, in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- Mandate: an intergovernmental body that has mandates to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and children in ASEAN, especially those who are often vulnerable and left behind including when they are undocumented, or their legal identity is unclear



THE ACWC, LED BY VIET NAM, AND UNHCR HAVE CO-FACILITATED REGIONAL DIALOGUES ABOUT WAYS TO INCREASE THE RECOGNITION OF THE LEGAL IDENTITY OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, PRIMARILY THROUGH EXTENDING CIVIL REGISTRATION

Since 2013



ACWC-UNHCR CO-OPERATION PROJECT

2013



Start with the ACWC-UNHCR Regional Workshops on Promoting the Rights of Nationality for Women and Children in implementation of CEDW and CRC in ASEAN



Recommendation adopted

ACWC-UNHCR CO-OPERATION PROJECT

ACWC-UNHCR Regional Workshop and Consultation on Promoting the Rights to Nationality for Women and Children in the ASEAN Member States and further Development of the ASEAN Community



Aim to promote the right to

- Birth registration,
- Documentation,
- Inclusion,
- Legal identity
- and nationality

2016

Recognize the importance of legal identity to facilitate the inclusion and well-being of all women, children and their family

Contribute to sustainable development, particularly for vulnerable groups

Adopted and included in our work plan a regional cooperation project

ACWC-UNHCR CO-OPERATION PROJECT

Research phase kicked off

2017 - 2019

Researches

Capacity
Development

Practice
sharing

2017

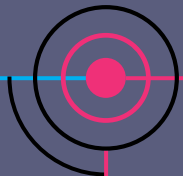
Preparation Workshop
Promoting Inclusion and
Sustainable
Development in Building
the ASEAN Community
through Ensuring
Recognition of the Legal
Identity of Women and
Children in ASEAN



ACWC-UNHCR CO-OPERATION PROJECT

2017 - 2019

2018



Preparation of the draft regional research report by **all ten** ASEAN Member States



Regional Consultation Workshop on Promoting Inclusion and Sustainable Development in Building the ASEAN Community through Ensuring Recognition of the Legal Identity of Women and Children in ASEAN

ACWC-UNHCR CO-OPERATION PROJECT



2019 - 2020

Finalization of the draft regional research report



PROJECT CONCLUDED

ACWC-UNHCR Co-operation Project

Examine issues related to legal identity, especially civil registration, birth registration, access to identity documentation, and citizenship at national level

Focus on access to civil registration of foundlings, non-nationals and stateless persons residing in the countries



Collect challenges and good practices in the region as well as shared some good practices from other regions

Make recommendations to address the identified challenge

The recommendations on CRVS are to *"make use of the Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit"* and *"make efforts to meet the targets set, by both ESCAP on CRVS by 2024 and by SDGs"*.

CASE OF VIET NAM: GOOD PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED ON CRVS

Passing enactment of the Law on Civil Status in 2014

Conducting administrative reforms of the work on birth registration, civil status registration and nationality

Adopting National Action Plan on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics for 2017- 2024

CASE OF VIET NAM: THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION 402/QĐ-TTGD ON PROMULGATING THE PLAN ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS' GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION IN MARCH 2020

- speeding up activities on civil registration of migrants, especially the vulnerable groups, at all stages
- ensuring the right to a nationality and civil registration of migrant children or children born to a Vietnamese and foreign national who reside in Viet Nam and may fall into statelessness situations
- evaluating current legislation relating to naturalization and civil registration of stateless people in Viet Nam
- expediting process for accession to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and 1961 Convention relating to Reduction of Statelessness

OTHER AMS AND ACWC: WORKING TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY

- In ***Cambodia***, the National Strategic Plan of Identification 2017-2026 is being implemented to include every person in the CRVS system. To reinforce this effort, the ACWC National Project in Cambodia has been developed to capacitate local civil registrars, especially the members of Commune Council for Women and Children (CCWC) who are in charge of civil registration and birth registration at the grass-root level.
- In ***the Philippines***, the ACWC National Project is also being developed. Through training workshops, the project aims to strengthen the capacity of local civil registrars, particularly the Barangay Civil Registration Systems, to facilitate vulnerable groups' access to birth registration and civil registration. Experiences and good practices of Baragay officials in other areas will be also shared and discussed during the trainings.
- In ***Indonesia***, the Presidential Regulation No.62 in 2019 on the National Strategy to Accelerate Population Administration for CRVS is being implemented to ensure birth registration for all in the country. The ACWC National Project will be developed to strengthen the implementation of the existing laws and this regulation, as well as to facilitate discussions about good practices, lessons learned as well as existing challenges on CRVS among national stakeholders through a workshop.

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