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

- Birth registration coverage
- Access to identity documentation
- Preventing statelessness
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 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

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

Aim to promote the right to
- Birth registration,
- Documentation,
- Inclusion,
- Legal identity
- and nationality

Adopted and included in our work plan a regional cooperation project
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

2018

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

Preparation of the draft regional research report by all ten ASEAN Member States
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, assess to identity documentation, and citizenship at national level.

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

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

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”.

Legal Identity of All Women and Children in ASEAN
A Regional Synthesis

Promoting Inclusion and Sustainable Development through the ASEAN Community: Promoting the Recognition of the Legal Identity of All Women and Children in ASEAN.
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
CASE OF VIET NAM: THE PRIME MINISTER’S DECISION 402/QD-TTGON 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
• 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.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!