Way forward for CR8 – Focus areas, working arrangement, and 2024 review of the CRVS Decade

Thursday, 8 June, InterContinental Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh
1. Preparation of the initial version of the 2024 Review questionnaire and accompanying guidelines

2. National Focal Point confirmation of existing nominations/new nominations

3. Presentation of the draft questionnaire 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

June – November 2023

December 2023 – February 2024

March 2024

March 2024

March – April 2024

May 2024
7. Questionnaire requests sent to NFPs, with MFA and development partners in copy.

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. Editing, translation, and dissemination

12. Presenting the 2024 Review report at the Third Ministerial Conference
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 causes of death 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**

**3 GOALS**

**15 TARGETS**

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Standard review elements – Implementation steps

Implementation Steps

- Coordination mechanism
- Comprehensive assessment
- National targets set
- Monitoring and reporting plan
- Inequality assessment
- National strategy developed
- Focal point assigned
- Reporting to ESCAP
Figure XIV: Status of implementation steps

- Coordination mechanism
  - Completed: 38
  - Plans to complete: 11
  - Not completed: 11
  - No data: 13

- Comprehensive assessment
  - Completed: 31
  - Plans to complete: 9
  - Not completed: 9
  - No data: 13

- National targets set
  - Completed: 41
  - Plans to complete: 21
  - Not completed: 21
  - No data: 0

- Monitoring and reporting plan
  - Completed: 14
  - Plans to complete: 29
  - Not completed: 14
  - No data: 0

- Inequality assessment
  - Completed: 11
  - Plans to complete: 8
  - Not completed: 38
  - No data: 0

- National strategy developed
  - Completed: 12
  - Plans to complete: 17
  - Not completed: 17
  - No data: 0

- Focal point assigned
  - Completed: 53
  - Plans to complete: 0
  - Not completed: 0
  - No data: 0

- Reporting to the secretariat Baseline
  - Completed: 43
  - Plans to complete: 0
  - Not completed: 0
  - No data: 0

- Reporting to the secretariat Midterm
  - Completed: 45
  - Plans to complete: 0
  - Not completed: 0
  - No data: 0

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Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

UN ESCAP

UNICEF

Vital Strategies
1. **Coordination Mechanism**

   1. Has your country established a national CRVS coordination mechanism?
      • Please list the Members and their official positions
      • Date of establishment?

2. **Comprehensive Assessment**

   2. Has your country conducted a standards-based comprehensive assessment of CRVS?
      • Was the assessment (co)produced by a government agency/ministry?

3. **National targets set**

   3. Has your country set national targets?

4. **Monitoring and reporting plan**

   4. Has your country developed a plan for monitoring and reporting on the Regional Action Framework targets?
5. Inequality Assessment
5. Has your country completed an inequality assessment related to CRVS?

6. National Strategy developed
6. Has your country developed a multisectoral, national CRVS strategy?
   • Was the national CRVS coordination mechanism involved in its development?

7. Focal point assigned
7. Has your country assigned a National Focal Point?

8. Reporting to ESCAP
8. Has your country reported progress to ESCAP
2024 regional synthesis report to serve as the basis for deliberations 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 evidence 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?
New Themes for the 2024 CRVS Decade Review

- Redefining CoD Questions
- Inclusivity
- Resilience
WAY FORWARD
Progress

• Sharing of country experiences
  
  *Criticism is the best way to improve systems; and perfection is a process.*

• Day 2 – the objective is to set the priorities
  
  • We have targets – SDGs, Decade of Action

• Key topics
  
  - Identity management
  - Linkages with service delivery
  - Digitization
Way forward

• Milestones for universal birth and death registration
• Identify accelerators to achieve these targets – interoperability with health, social protection, education, and national ID systems
• Targeted strategies for marginalized and vulnerable populations for inclusivity and equity
• Innovative, safe and cost-effective digitization
• Vital statistics
• Sub-regional framework for South Asia
• Enhanced partnerships
• Financial commitments – both Government and Partners
Way forward

• Coordination
  • UNICEF, ESCAP, and VS can coordinate among CR8 members to organize activities and facilitate country-to-country engagements

• Regular engagements / not only physical but also virtual options
  • Peer learning approach to be facilitated / convened by partners
  • Quarterly meetings / webinars for best practices sharing
  • Ad-hoc bilateral engagement and technical exchanges on need basis

• Documentation and sharing of good practices – on CRVS
  • Regional, cross-regional, etc.

• Support for research, generating evidence, documenting good practices
  • On-demand support for knowledge production and dissemination
THANK YOU