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# **Are we getting every one in the picture to achieve the 2030 Agenda?**

**The Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Decade  
(2015-2024)**

Fifth meeting of the Regional Steering Group on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

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# Agreements in Asia and the Pacific



# Asia-Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Decade, 2015-2024

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**Birth Certificate**

1 Name: **ASIAN AND PACIFIC CRVS DECADE, 2015-2024**

2 Birth Date: Month **November** Day **28** Year **2014** 3 Sex: **Every one**

3 Place of Birth: **UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand**

4 Full Name of Parent(s): **Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific** 5 Nationality of Parent(s): **Asian and Pacific**

6 Signatures of Parents/Notifiers/Attendants/Registrars:

**CRVS**

## A Shared Vision

*“By 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development”*



# 2014 Ministerial Conference on CRVS

- ◆ Adopted the **Ministerial Declaration** to “Get every one in the picture”
- ◆ Proclaimed the Asian and Pacific **CRVS Decade**, 2015-2024
- ◆ Developed the **Regional Action Framework**
  - 3 goals
  - 15 nationally set targets
  - 7 action areas
  - 8 implementation steps



# Commitment by 2024



Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;



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



Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated



# Regional Action Framework: *Implementation Steps*

- ◆ Identify **national CRVS focal point**
- ◆ Establish national **CRVS coordination mechanism**
- ◆ Conduct a comprehensive **assessment**
- ◆ Set the **national target** value for each target
- ◆ Develop a **comprehensive multi-sectoral national CRVS strategy**
- ◆ Develop and implement a plan for monitoring achievement of the national targets
- ◆ **Assess inequalities** related to CRVS experienced by subgroups of the population, and, where appropriate, set national targets to address those inequalities

# CRVS Decade: *Organisation*

## Regional Steering Group

- Consist of countries and development partners
- Oversight and guidance for implementation of the Regional Action Framework
- Taskforces to provide support

## CRVS Partnership

- Development partners
- Discuss and coordinate partners' activities to avoid replication
- Standardize partners' message about the CRVS decade

## National Focal Points

- Country representatives (1 per country)
- Responsible for reporting to ESCAP
- Coordinate technical assistance to their country

# Supporting the vision Regional Steering Group on CRVS

- ◆ 30 members
- ◆ Representing NSOs, MoH, Registrars, and partners across the ESCAP region
- ◆ Custodian of the CRVS Decade
- ◆ Responsible for implementing the **CRVS Decade**
- ◆ Membership 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 groups

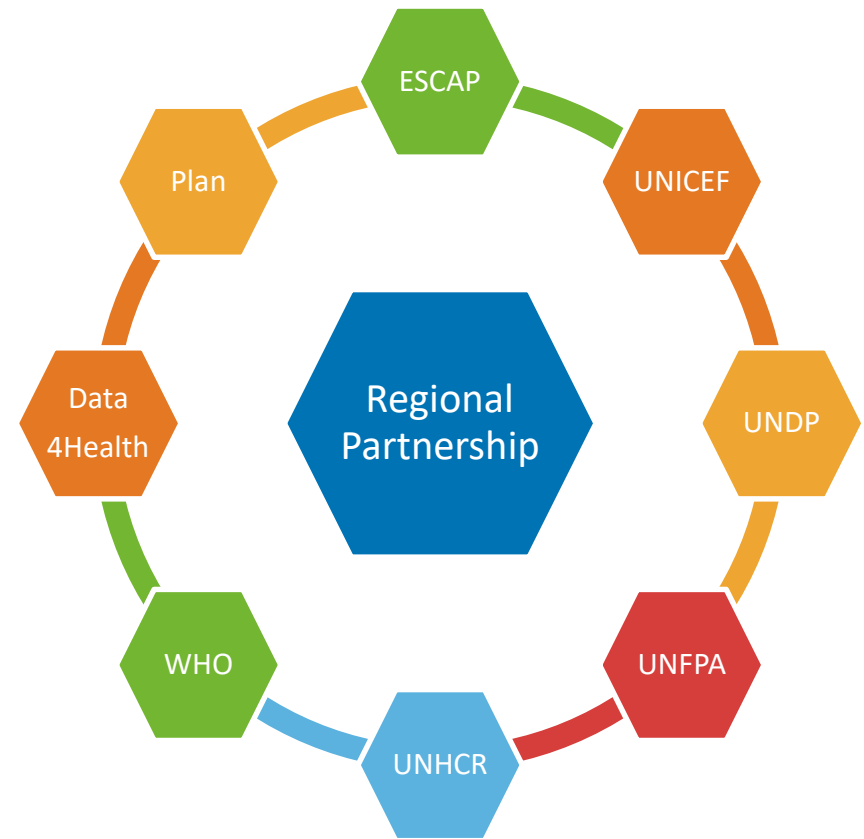




# Supporting the vision

## The regional CRVS Partnership

- ◆ Up to 22 organizations involved
- ◆ Whole-of-government approach
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Tools development
- ◆ Implementation research
- ◆ Technical support
- ◆ Knowledge sharing
- ◆ Linking country, sub-regional, regional and global initiatives



# Next steps



# 2020 Ministerial Conference

- ✧ ESCAP resolution 74/8 requested the convening of a second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific in 2020
- ✧ Expected outcomes:
  - ✧ A Ministerial Declaration on CRVS
  - ✧ Possibly minor amendments to the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific agreed to in 2014

# Objectives of the Ministerial Conference 6-9 October 2020

- ✧ To **celebrate the achievements** of the first half of the CRVS Decade;
- ✧ On the basis of the mid-term assessment, **identify areas where further work is needed** to achieve goals and targets of the 2014 Ministerial Declaration and the Regional Action Framework;
- ✧ reviewing the Regional Action Framework and its **means of implementation** to catalyse efforts during the second half of the Decade;
- ✧ to emphasize how the CRVS Decade is instrumental to achieving **the 2030 Agenda** in the Asia-Pacific region and integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas;
- ✧ promoting civil registration as a **foundation for legal identity** for all;
- ✧ emphasizing how the CRVS Decade is instrumental to development priorities including **gender equality and inclusion** more broadly.

# Zero draft outline of the 2020 Ministerial Conference

- ◆ Senior official segment (6-8 October)
  - ◆ Opening
  - ◆ Key issues and perspectives for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific
  - ◆ Reporting on progress towards the targets (country statements)
  - ◆ Integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas
  - ◆ Promoting CRVS as a foundation for legal identity for all
  - ◆ Review of Draft Declaration
  - ◆ Special topics sessions
  
- ◆ Ministerial segment (9 October)
  - ◆ Opening
  - ◆ Integration of CRVS into international and national sustainable development agendas
  - ◆ Promoting CRVS as a foundation for legal identity for all
  - ◆ Reporting on progress towards the vision (country statements)
  - ◆ Adoption of the Declaration

# We need to agree on:

- ✧ How to support countries to ensure quality submissions of midterm evaluation reports
- ✧ Which topics should be in focus at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific in October 2020 (outcome document, background papers, special sessions etc.)
  - ✧ CRVS as the foundation for legal identity
  - ✧ CRVS and the SDGs
  - ✧ Other topics
- ✧ Key elements and language for the draft outcome document for the Ministerial Conference

# We need to be prepared to:

- ✧ Support and encourage high level participation at the ministerial Conference
- ✧ Engage to ensure quality submissions of midterm evaluation reports
- ✧ Identify key areas where we may want to put forward proposals for side events, exhibitions etc.

**2018**

**May**

Adoption of  
Resolution 74/8:  
Accelerating the  
implementation of  
Regional Action  
Framework on  
CRVS



**2020**

**March**

Preparatory meeting  
for the 2nd Ministerial  
Conference

**April**

Midterm Report  
Process: Synthesis  
Report

**October**

Civil Society Forum  
**2nd Ministerial  
Conference**

**2019**

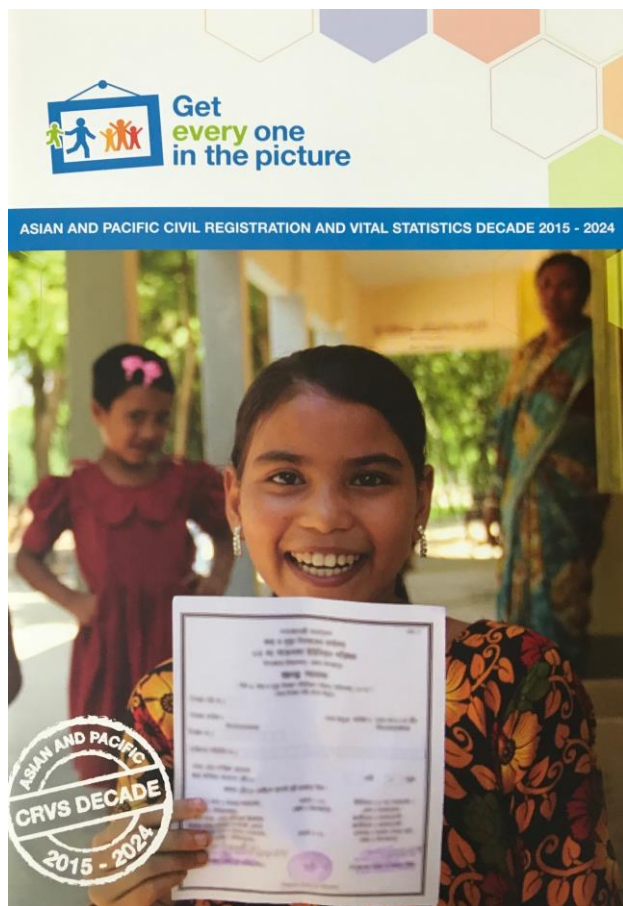
**August**

Midterm Review  
Process:  
Questionnaires  
sent





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