



Regional Level Support for CRVS in Asia Pacific

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Priorities and Recommendations

1. Use of ICT for CRVS

Problem: Lack of knowledge of how to automate CRVS processes and best use of ICT (how do you define what is *appropriate technology*?)

Risk: Overspend on IT / vendor contracts / ineffective systems

Proposal:

- CRVS-DGB promotion / Technical Assistance
- Reference implementation
- D4H Enterprise Architecture training
- “Innovations in Birth Registration” publication → extend?
- OpenCRVS

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2. Implementation step: Conduct inequality assessment

Problem: Countries have not set specific targets for the marginalised populations

Proposal: Case study from e.g. Indonesia

- Indonesia has set a target for birth certificates for children in the poorest 40% households
- Government of Indonesia surveys vulnerable groups (census) and has included CRVS questions
- In Indonesia, donors have also supported civil society organisation to undertake surveys of vulnerable groups

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4. Implementation step: Create a monitoring and reporting plan

Problem:

- Marriage certification is not included within the monitoring / reporting framework

Marriage certificate are particularly important, in particular for women as it affects:

- Property rights within the marriage
- Custody of children in the event of a later marriage break-down
- Ability for the father and mother's name to be on the birth certificate (where both parents are known as mandated in the CRC)

+ Marriage certificates in some countries are one of the key barriers affecting higher rates of birth certification

Proposals:

1. Is it possible to have an **optional target** on marriage certificates
2. Future documents produced by UNESCAP highlight those countries that have set targets and/or collect data on marriage certificates issued.

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5. Lack of reporting / engagement

Proposals:

- Concise advocacy / communication strategy to raise importance of CRVS (linked to recognised agenda of national importance and global reporting – SDGs – 16.9 and 17.19b)
 - Built on CRVS and SDG linkages work done already – SPC
 - Alignment with the APAI-CRVS advocacy approach

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6. National level advocacy for prioritisation and funding of CRVS

Proposal:

- Guidance on the creation of a cost effectiveness assessment / sustainability plan for interventions

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7. Effective Legal frameworks

Proposal:

- Guidance and best practice on what needs to be in (conventions), constitution, national level law and what could practically (and more easily) be included in regulations and by-laws (depending on country practice)