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Webcast schedule

Monday, 24 November 2014, 13:00-14:00
Innovations for CRVS (organized by UNICEF, WHO and Plan International)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvWgUNRvva0

Innovation can address many of the challenges in building universal and well-functioning CRVS systems. However, to achieve the long term vision of systems that encompass all CRVS functions and serve all stakeholders, a holistic "enterprise architecture" approach is required. Such an approach ensures that technology solutions are planned and designed to meet the needs of effective, efficient, agile and durable CRVS systems. Central to such an approach is the analysis of existing and future capabilities, business processes, organisational structures and actors, and the identification of the technologies that are needed to support them. To help foster political dialogue around the use of ICTs for the improvement of CRVS systems, this session will present selected best practices using examples from across Asia and the Pacific.

Monday, 24 November 2014, 14:00-15:00
Civil registration in the context of emergencies, displacement and to prevent statelessness (organized by UNHCR)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wyD6jXVycc

Emergencies and displacement create major challenges for CRVS systems. The displaced are among the groups that are most in need of the protective environment that CRVS systems can help create. This session will present successful approaches to civil registration for UNHCR's population of concern, including refugees, internally-displaced persons and persons at risk of statelessness. Case studies will show how barriers to civil registration can be overcome, including through joint work between the government, civil society and UNHCR and the role that birth registration has in the prevention of statelessness. The panel discussion will also highlight key reasons why these vulnerable populations ought to be included in the Ministerial Declaration on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific.

Tuesday, 25 November 2014, 13:00-14:00
Leave no data behind: CRVS and the data revolution (organized by PARIS21)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THSP0qOZLsc

Quality statistics are fundamental to a data revolution that improves lives. They inform development policies and programs, support the delivery of essential public services, and promote accountability and transparency. Vital statistics produced from a complete civil registration system, like official statistics from other reliable administrative sources, will be indispensable in monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals. However, in many developing countries civil registration systems remain incomplete and thus inadequate for producing useful vital statistics. This session will open with a video documentary followed by a panel on the challenges and impediments to generating quality vital statistics, as well as providing recommendations for ensuring maximum use of civil registration data for development. The discussion will focus on the potential role and responsibilities of national statistical systems to effectively bridge the gap in generating vital statistics and promoting their use in governance, policy, and planning.

Tuesday, 25 November 2014, 15:45-17:00
The role of CRVS in preventing child marriage in the Asia-Pacific region (organized by UNFPA and UNICEF)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLA_uXd7yDc

Child marriage is a human rights violation and denies a girl her childhood, disrupts her education and heightens risks to her health, protection and future opportunities for empowerment and fulfilment of her rights. Most countries have legal frameworks stipulating the minimum age of marriage, ranging from 16 to 20. There are, however, several challenges with socio-cultural barriers and gaps between law and practice. Forced and illegal marriage of girls persists in several countries, particularly in South Asia. This side event will focus on the opportunities offered by CRVS for addressing the high prevalence of child marriage in some countries of the region. The discussion will focus on the role of CRVS in providing vital legal documentation of births and marriages for improved monitoring of the age of marriage, and how accountability for CRVS can be strengthened to support national actions to end child marriage.

Wednesday, 26 November 2014, 09:00-10:30
Youth voices matter: Get us in the picture! (Plan International, UNICEF and ESCAP) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gSnyC_q2zM

Youth in Asia and the Pacific are speaking up for the millions of unregistered young people in the region who are denied a legal identity. This special session will provide youth representatives from around the region with an opportunity to share their experiences related to civil registration, and to engage and influence delegates. The youth will also present their own Youth Declaration to compliment the proposed ministerial declaration to "Get every one in the picture" in Asia and the Pacific and the regional action framework. The Youth Declaration will serve as a call to action for youth and governments across the region. Two German youth advocates will be on-hand to share their experience from a successful campaign to support Plan International's "Count Every Child" initiative in Germany.

Wednesday, 26 November 2014, 17:00-18:00
Regional Consultation on the Global Financing Facility for Every Woman Every Child (organized by Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, WHO and ESCAP) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csJ7_MkKVcI

As the 2015 deadline for the MDGs draws near and the post-2015 development agenda arrives, there is unprecedented global momentum to further accelerate improvements in Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH). To support this, the World Bank and the Governments of Canada, Norway and the United States on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in September 2014 announced catalytic funding for the creation of a Global Financing Facility (GFF) for Every Woman Every Child. The GFF would seek to build long-term domestic and international funding commitments for women's and children's health in collaboration with a range of stakeholders. A key objective of the GFF is to achieve universal birth and death registration by 2030. The GFF will offer a dedicated window to support the development and financing of multi-sectoral national CRVS plans and a Centre of Excellence for CRVS that articulates best practices and shares lessons on implementation. This session will feature a panel and discussion followed by a reception hosted by The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) together with WHO and ESCAP. It provides a timely opportunity for information and discussion about the GFF prior to its anticipated mid-2015 launch.

Thursday, 27 November 2014, 10:30-12:00
Ministerial roundtable on CRVS and the post-2015 development agenda (organized by ESCAP) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJILICxN8YI

The General Assembly's Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, in its May 2014 proposal proposed a target of "By 2030, legal identity for all, including birth registration". This high-level dialogue will bring together different perspectives on how CRVS systems will contribute to achieving key elements of the new global development agenda, including how legal identity and high quality and disaggregated vital statistics are prerequisites for 'leaving no one behind' and how CRVS systems are a core component of good governance and effective national institutions. This session aims to conclude on how CRVS can feature in the post-2015 development agenda as an objective in its own right and how it can contribute to the vision of inclusive and people-centered sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.

Thursday, 27 November 2014, 14:00-15:00, 15:15-17:00
Friday, 28 November 2014, 09:00-10:30
COUNTRY STATEMENTS
Item 6: Policy priorities for improving CRVS in Asia and the Pacific
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyrCuuuN-vE

Delegations will highlight their policy priorities for the "Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade" of 2015-2024, and will have an opportunity to share their achievements, challenges and expectations for regional collaboration on CRVS. As part of their countries' commitments to implementing the regional action framework, governments are invited to announce their national targets to be achieved by the conclusion of the Decade in 2024.

Friday, 28 November 2014, 10:45-12:00
Modernizing the role of the health sector in improving CRVS (organized by WHO)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRX0_WUk3IY

CRVS systems underpin a broad spectrum of contemporary health information needs. In well-functioning CRVS systems, the health sector is not only a beneficiary of universal and responsive CRVS systems, but is also a substantial contributor to the recording of vital events, specifically births and deaths, including medically-certified causes of death. Innovative strategies, including new technologies for proactive health data collection, analysis and dissemination, will be essential to the success of the regional CRVS plan for Asia and the Pacific. This session provides an opportunity to share recent developments at global and country levels, and discuss how the health sector can work with other stakeholders to achieve a holistic approach to CRVS.

Friday, 28 November 2014, 12:00-13:00
Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan: Experiences and lessons for the Asia-

Pacific Region (organized by the Brisbane Accord Group)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8N1hvpJtOoO

Pacific island countries and territories have made significant progress in their CRVS systems over the last few years. The efforts have been supported by the Brisbane Accord Group of development partners through the Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan. The Plan, which began in 2011, has resulted in greater coordination and collaboration among development partners, and significantly increased the assistance to countries. This session will share innovative ideas, experiences, and lessons learnt from the Pacific, and highlight the work done in improving CRVS systems and key issues for moving forward. Three case studies will be presented, followed by questions and discussion.

Friday, 28 November 2014,14:00-15:15
Moving Forward: Civil registration and identification systems as smart investments (organized by The World Bank Group)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9oRyMFiLJ4

In May 2014, the World Bank Group together with WHO, governments and other development partners published the Global CRVS Scaling Up Investment Plan for 2015 to 2024. Efforts are now underway to develop a global CRVS programme to support national CRVS improvement strategies in 75 priority countries. This session will provide a platform for delegates to discuss how countries can effectively implement the ministerial declaration to 'Get every one in the picture' and the regional action framework for civil registration and vital statistics in Asia and the Pacific. The topics covered will include mobilizing financial resources, effective ways donors and development partners can support countries, how political commitment can be solidified, effective engagement with civil society and the private sector, and monitoring and accountability for progress.

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