



## Status Update: Australia

- **Main national stakeholders** *(Who are the national stakeholders engaged in CRVS activities?)*
  - Australian Bureau of Statistics (national statistical organisation)
  - 8 State/Territory Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages
  - National Coronial Information System
  - Prime Minister and Cabinet (Indigenous Affairs) and Commonwealth Department of Health (key users)
  - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (key users and statistical producers)
- **International Development Assistance** *(Support received to support national CRVS activities)*
  - Not applicable – ABS receives a small amount of funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to work with other development partners in the Pacific

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## Implementation steps

- **Status of National improvement plan** *(Has a national CRVS improvement plan been developed? If not, what is the status of development?)*
  - Plan in place since 2013 - Focus? Improving data harmonisation and access, stakeholder co-ordination and profile of Australia's CRVS system
- **National Coordination Mechanism** *(Has a national coordination mechanism been established, who participate?)*
  - National Civil Registration and Statistics Improvement Committee – NCR SIC
  - Co-chaired by the ABS and a state/territory Registrar, all Registrars are members with the NZ Registrar General as an ex-officio member
- **National targets of the RAF** *(Status of defining national targets under the RAF?)*
  - Been assessed as having a very strong CRVS system
  - Key focus is to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data quality and coverage and data accessibility

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## Activities

● Ongoing/planned activities *(Outline planned and ongoing activities related to one of the action areas of the Regional Action Framework)*

● ACTION AREA: Co-ordination and Production/Dissemination/Use

● ACTIVITIES:

- Increase secretariat resources for NCR SIC – strong support necessary to ensure co-ordination and action across a diverse and geographically spread set of key stakeholders
- Implement a stakeholder engagement and communication plan – to improve profile and showcase innovation
- Upscale innovation already in place to enable State/Territory Registrars to manage release of the causes of death unit record file through one access point and apply to fact-of-death and fact-of-birth files (national identity and large database management)
- Use digital means to enable more seamless transfer of and broader access to vitals data including for integration purposes

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