



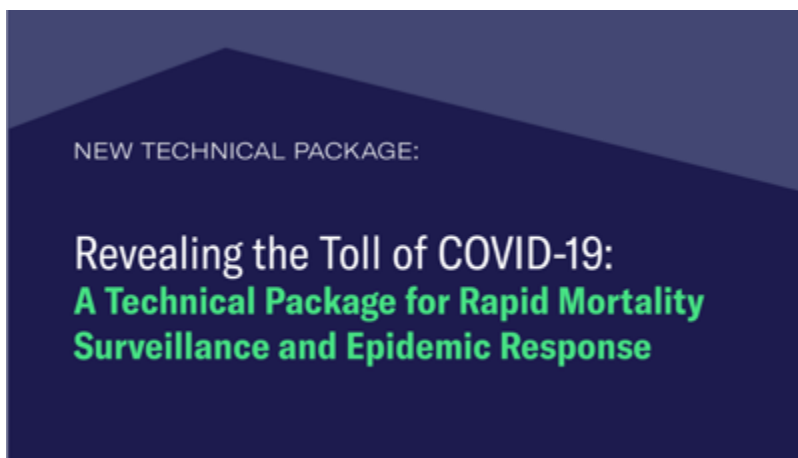
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Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS postponed until 2021

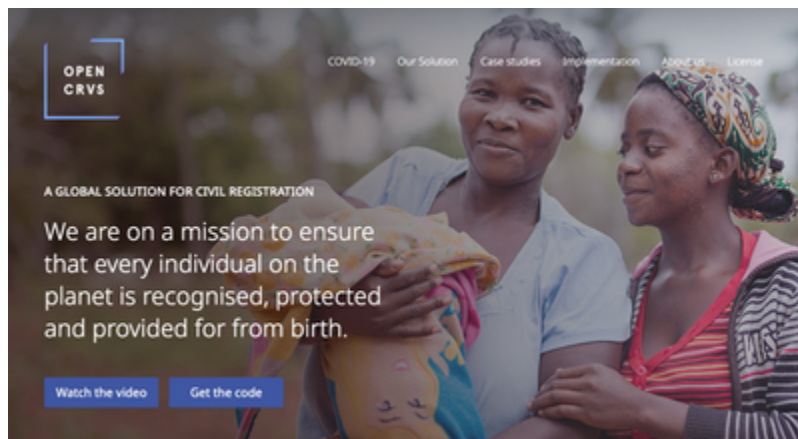
Considering the ongoing challenges due to COVID-19, the Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific [made a recommendation](#) to the [76th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific](#) to postpone the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS until 2021. The Commission adopted the decision to postpone the Second Ministerial Conference on 21 May 2020. The Secretariat will now work with the Regional Steering Group and co-organisers of the conference to identify new dates.



New technical guidance for rapid mortality surveillance

Limited testing capacity for COVID-19 makes it difficult to assess case numbers & deaths, especially in low-income settings. A new technical package, designed by [Vital Strategies](#), provides guidance on how rapid mortality surveillance can give a clearer picture on total disease burden. The new guidance, [Revealing the Toll of COVID-19: A Technical Package for Rapid Mortality Surveillance](#), builds on existing surveillance and national CRVS systems wherever possible, providing fit-for-purpose guidance for implementation in low- and middle-income countries.

The technical package was developed with technical experts from Vital Strategies and partner organizations that helped shape the package, ensuring clarity, rigor and ease of use: Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative, CDC Foundation, Pan American Health Organization, UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO).



OpenCRVS kicks off a series of webinars

[Plan International](#), the creators of OpenCRVS, the digital civil registration system designed for low resource settings, will host and participate in a series of webinars for governments, donors, development partners and system integrators.

Interested stakeholders are invited to attend the *OpenCRVS: product capabilities and technical deployment* webinar on Tuesday, 2 June 2020, from 3:00 - 4:00 (Bangkok time) which will include a presentation from the OpenCRVS Team and an opportunity for Q&A. Interested parties can join via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 826 7761 9253 & Password: 960428).

For those unable to join, a recording of the webinar will be made available at www.opencrvs.org

Pacific stakeholders can also join the webinar on OpenCRVS organised with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community & Pacific Civil Registrar's Network on 3 June 2020 at 10:00 a.m. In advance of this webinar, interested parties can read a [short background note](#) with instructions on how to join.

Readers can also find presentations and recordings from the recently concluded webinar series jointly organised by the secretariat of the UNLIA taskforce, the global CRVS group and the Pacific Community [here](#).



Data for Covid-19 webinar series

[Data for Health's](#) Data for COVID-19 Webinar Session this week was on *Maintaining Civil Registration during COVID-19*. (link to the [session recording](#) and [English language version of the slides](#))

Next week's webinar will focus on *COVID-19 Data Analysis for Public Health Action*. The session will occur next Wednesday, 27 May at 8:00 AM EST/ 12:00 GMT / 13:00 WAT/ 14:00 CAT/ 20:00 HKT.

Finally, for those wanting to review previous webinars, please find links to slide decks and recordings from all previous sessions below.

- **Session 1** (April 22) - *Rapid Mortality Surveillance*: [Recording](#) & session slides [English version]
- **Session 2** (April 29) - *Certification and Coding of COVID-19 & Iris Recommendations for COVID-19*: [Recording](#) & session slides [[English](#) version, [Spanish](#) version, [French](#) version]
- **Session 3** (May 6) - *Verbal Autopsy in the Context of COVID-19*: [Recording](#) & session slides [[English](#) version, [Spanish](#) version, [French](#) version]
- **Session 4** (May 13) – *Measuring Excess Mortality due to COVID-19*: [Recording](#) & session slides [[English](#) version, [Spanish](#) version and [French](#) version]



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
for CRVS Systems

Online Directory of Experts -

A global community of CRVS expertise and support, your inputs are needed

The [Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems](#) will launch a new online "Directory of Experts" in June 2020. Key functionalities will include searchable and filterable profiles of the Directory members, direct communication between users and members, as well as the ability for members to manage/update their profiles. Organisations working in the field of CRVS can also create accounts, which will allow them to circulate announcements, job postings, information, news to relevant members.

Who is the new Directory for? Governments and organizations can use the Directory to: Search for vetted experts to support their CRVS initiatives; Post jobs and calls for proposals, and share research, news items, and more; Discover CRVS knowledge, resources, news, events, and training; Connect to experts and peers. Professionals and experts can also use the Directory to hear about opportunities in CRVS such as: Consultancies; Research projects; Need for technical services; and Capacity Strengthening projects.

This updated online platform will provide a more dynamic, inclusive, and user-friendly space for the global CRVS community to share knowledge, expertise, and support. [A short promotional video can be viewed here.](#)

Finally, as part of the new directory platform, the Centre is considering providing e-learning opportunities for members. Below is a link to a short survey to share your e-learning experiences and preferences. This survey will take about 3 minutes to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2BX2VGY>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ESCAP's Statistics Division will begin a new 'Stats Cafe' webinar series on 27 May at 12.00 p.m. (Bangkok time), 22.00 (PDT – May 26), 6.00 (BST), 7.00 (CEST), 10.30 (IST), 12.00 (ICT), 15.00 (AEST), 17.00 (FJT). The first 'Stats Cafe will focus on 'Accessing and using subnational population statistics' and be based on the ESCAP Stats Brief, [Broken down by age and sex: Why reliable and timely population statistics are more important than ever.](#)
 - Please [register for the Stats Cafe here](#), and you can [join the webinar via Microsoft Teams](#).

NEW RESOURCES

- Recognizing civil registration as the "fundamental means of granting legal identity, the [UN Legal Identity Agenda Task Force](#) released new [Guidelines for country teams](#) on best methods for implementing the UN's legal identity agenda.



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