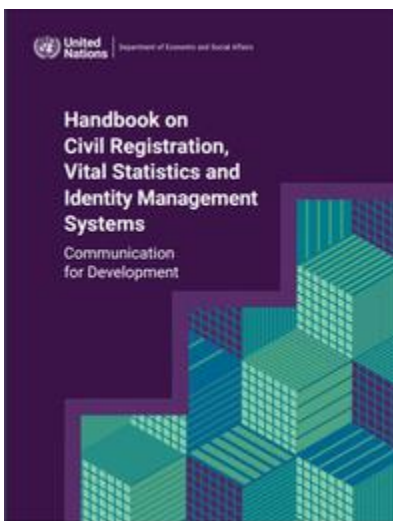




## CRVS Insight

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### **Handbook on Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management Systems: Communication for Development**

The Handbook is now available online, in [English](#) and [French](#) language, it provides guidance and assistance to countries to help them strategically design and carry out evidence based and measurable communication for development activities in support of a comprehensive improvement programme of civil registration, vital statistics and identity management systems. It incorporates contemporary approaches, good practices, lessons learned and recent developments in this field, to support programmes' capacity to change behavior and social norms in concerned societies, to increase the levels of civil registration of main life events.

The Handbook is designed for use with the other Handbooks of the series *Handbooks on Civil Registration and Vital Statistic Systems*, which deal with important aspects of civil registration and vital statistics improvement:

(a) [Handbook on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems: Management, Operation and Maintenance, revision 1](#); (final version in English available online, with French and Spanish to follow), and

(b) Guidelines on the Legislative Framework for Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management; (expected online by the end of 2022)

All three publications, in English, French and Spanish will be available under publications on the [UNLIA webpage](#).



## Experiences from Asia and the Pacific highlighted at the conference: Empowering Women, Saving Lives -Strengthening CRVS systems

[The Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems](#), hosted at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and UNICEF had organized [the 3rd CRVS and gender global conference](#) on 17-18 October 2022 in New York at UNFPA headquarters. The aim of the Conference was to engage with key stakeholders on gender and CRVS - including researchers, practitioners, decision makers and policy advocates - in order to ensure that everyone, in particular women and children, is registered, certified and counted by 2030. More specifically, the conference aimed to:

- 1) Assess developments on CRVS and gender since 2020 Conference in Ottawa, including the impact of Covid-19
- 2) Highlight the value of CRVS data for tracking gender inequalities at national, regional and global levels
- 3) Showcase and advance practices to strengthen gender-responsive CRVS systems to advance the 2030 agenda, and in particular SDG 3 and SDG5 and commitments “Leave No One Behind”
- 4) Identify research/evidence and practice gaps at the intersection of CRVS and gender that require further prioritization now through to 2030.
- 5) Advance community of practice around gender and CRVS, including nurturing a new generation of CRVS practitioners

Presenters from Georgia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Indonesia, Pakistan, Fiji, and Lao PDR shared experiences during the conference.



## The 2nd National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (2NCCRVS), Manila, Philippines

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) organized [the second national CRVS convention](#) on 6-7 October 2022 in Manila. *Ms. Rachael Beaven*, Director of ESCAP Statistics Division had been invited to deliver a message to the participants.

The convention was attended by city/municipal registrars, solemnizing officers, academicians, statisticians, and other stakeholders all over the country. The activity served as a venue for the "dissemination of recent developments in civil registration and vital statistics and the recognize the outstanding Local Civil Registry Offices for the year 2021."

The conduct of the 2NCCRVS is one of the country's initiatives, through the PSA, towards the realization of the vision on CRVS Decade 2015-2024, that is, *"By 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development."*



## **D4H CRVS budget advocacy and strategy development workshop in the Maldives, 4-7 October 2022**

The Global Health Advocacy Incubator's (GHAI) Data for Health Team co-hosted a week of civil registration and vital statistics consultations in the Maldives with partners from Vital Strategies, Imagine Law and UNESCAP. The first two days of the workshop which were led by Imagine Law, focused on legal review and reform of the CRVS system, engaging CRVS stakeholders in discussions on a draft CRVS bill for Maldives. The remaining two days of the workshop focused on CRVS budget advocacy and leveraging domestic financing to support CRVS system strengthening. ESCAP also presented the results of the Business Process Improvement (BPI) work it supported in the Maldives, as a basis for informing focus areas for budget advocacy. The workshop engaged over 40 participants from the Department of National Registration, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Home Affairs, National Centre for Information Technology, Local Government Authority, and representatives from Atoll Councils.

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**Building Inclusive and Trusted ID systems to Empower People and Meet the SDGs** - A published story from ID4D, World Bank on how countries are striving for an inclusive and trusted ID and civil registration systems in rights-based, people-centered, and context-appropriate ways. Read full article [here](#).

**Guidance Note on Engaging Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for Successful ID Systems (English)** - The story of ID projects, developed over the past year with inputs from a number of global and national CSOs. Read [here](#).

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 25-28 October 2022: Second National Workshop on Demographic and Statistical Capacity Building, Vang Vieng, Lao PDR. Participation in the [Workshop](#) is by invitation only.
  - 7-11 November 2022: Workshop on Probabilistic Population Projection, at Pattaya, Thailand, jointly organized by NESDC, the United Nations DESA, and UNFPA Thailand.
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### **RESOURCES**

- [ESCAP Blog](#): Rarely is a death certificate a news item - often it doesn't even exist, released on 4 October 2022.
- [World bank blog](#): Taking the right turns: Harnessing available evidence and guidelines to bridge gaps in gender data production, released on 29 September 2022.
- [World Economic Forum blog](#): Civil registrations and vital statistics: Here's why they're fundamental to society, by Steve MacFeely and Martin Bratschi, released on 7 October 2022.

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### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- *Statistics & Monitoring Specialist (Administrative Data)*, (P-4), Temporary Appointment (364 days), DAPM, #122144. A position at UNICEF, apply by 30 October 2022. [Vacancies | UNICEF Careers](#).
- *Statistics Adviser* (Civil Registration and Vital Statistics) position at SPC is now being advertised. Application must be online by 13 November 2022, 11:00 pm (Noumea time). Refer to [SPC's careers page](#) for further details.
- *Technical position for the initial phase of the Pacific Islands Regional Programme on Strengthening the Availability and Quality of Causes of Death Data - Regional* - RFQ22-4698. A position at SPC, closing date is 30 October 2022. Find more details [here](#).
- *Technical Officer (Health Information Systems Strengthening)*. At HQ/HIS Health Information Systems Strengthening, in Switzerland-Geneva, apply by 7 November 2022. Details [here](#).
- *Statistician P3*. A temporary job opening at UNESCAP - Statistics Division, apply by 31 October 2022. Find more details [here](#).



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