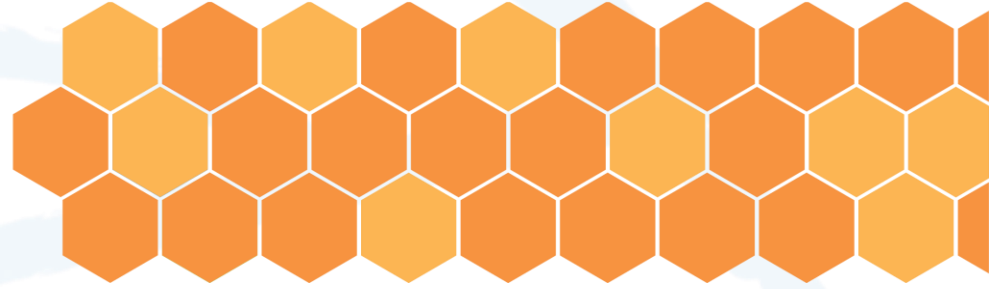




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Improving CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Getting every one in the picture

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Meeting of Civil Registration Professionals of South Asia (CR8)

Maldives, 26-28 November, 2019

Overview



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1. Background

Asia-Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024

“By 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development”



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Birth Certificate

1 Name: **ASIAN AND PACIFIC CRVS DECADE, 2015-2024**

2 Birth Date: Month Day Year 3 Sex:

November 28 2014 **Every one**

3 Place of Birth: **UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand**

4 Full Name of Parent(s): 5 Nationality of Parent(s):

Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific **Asian and Pacific**

6 Signatures of Parents/Notifiers/Attendants/Registrars:



Overview of CRVS Initiative

- ◆ ***First Ministerial Conference, November 2014***
 - ◆ Declaration of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade 2015 – 2024
 - ◆ Ministerial Declaration to ‘Get Every One in the Picture’ in Asia and the Pacific
 - ◆ (ESCAP Resolution 71/14)
 - ◆ Regional Action Framework
 - ◆ 3 Goals
 - ◆ 15 targets set by countries
 - ◆ 7 Action Areas and 8 implementation steps
 - ◆ Regional Steering Group

Ambition of the Decade



Goal 1: Universal registration of births, deaths & other vital events



Goal 2: All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights



Goal 3: Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated

Key Principles

- ◆ Countries take the lead
- ◆ A stepwise approach
- ◆ Flexibility and responsiveness
- ◆ Building on local expertise
- ◆ Consistency with international legal principles
- ◆ Coordination and alignment, including with sub regional initiatives



Implementation steps

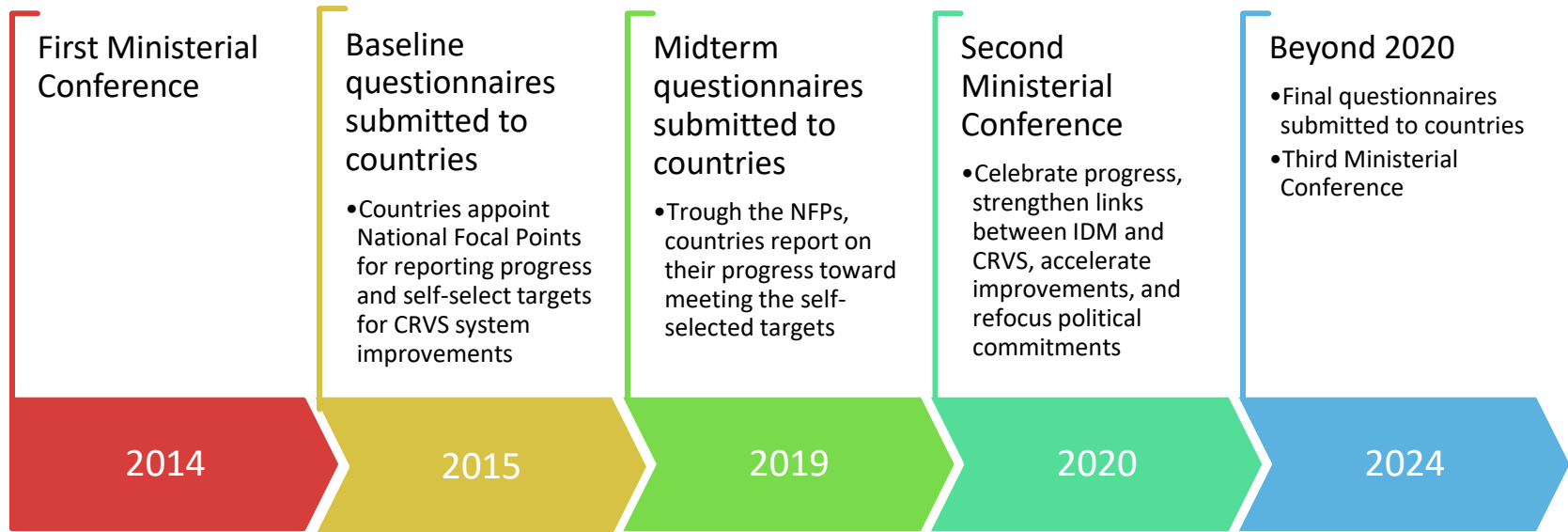
- ◆ National CRVS coordination mechanism
- ◆ Conduct a comprehensive assessment
- ◆ Set the national target value for each target Assess inequalities related to CRVS experienced by subgroups of the population, and, where appropriate, set national targets to address those inequalities
- ◆ Comprehensive multi-sectoral national CRVS strategy
- ◆ **Assign a national focal point**
- ◆ **Report relevant information to the ESCAP secretariat by December 2019**





2. Organisation of the CRVS Decade

Timeline of CRVS Decade, 2015-2024



CRVS Decade: *Organisation*

Regional Steering Group

- Consist of countries and development partners
- Oversight and guidance for implementation of the Regional Action Framework
- Taskforces to provide support

CRVS Partnership

- Development partners
- Discuss and coordinate partners' activities to avoid replication
- Standardize partners' message about the CRVS decade

National Focal Points

- Country representatives (1 per country)
- Responsible for reporting to ESCAP
- Communication link between country stakeholders and partners

Organisation in your countries



Country	National Focal Point	Regional Steering Group Member	Baseline
Afghanistan	Ms. Ghazalan Koofi, Central Civil Registration Authority	Mr. Hasibullah Mowahed, Central Statistical Organization	Yes
Bangladesh	Mr. Md. Ashfaqual Amin Mukut, Cabinet Division	Mr. A K Mohiuddin Ahmad, Cabinet Division	Yes
Bhutan	Ms. Dorji Pelzom, Ministry of Health		Yes
India	Dr. Vijay Kumar, Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner	Mr. Janardan Yadav, Office of the Registrar General	Yes
Maldives	Ms. Fathimath Riyaza, National Bureau of Statistics		Yes
Nepal	Ms. Indra Kumari Thapaliya, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration		Yes
Pakistan	Dr. Muhammand Asif, Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform	Mr Zafar Hasan, Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform	Yes
Sri Lanka	Mr. P.V. Gunathilaka, Department for Registrations of Persons	Ms. M.M. Darshanie, Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine	No

Regional CRVS Partnership

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- CRVS Insight*





3. Progress and next steps

Progress in the Asia-Pacific: *Political Commitment and Coordination*

Achievements

- ✧ Strong country initiatives and partnership support
- ✧ Political support
- ✧ Establishment of national targets, strategies and embedding CRVS improvements in national development plans

Challenges

- ✧ Despite progress, coordination can still be improved



Interior/Home Affairs



Justice



Health



Planning & NSOs



Development partners

Progress in the Asia-Pacific: *Registration Completeness*

Achievements

- ✧ Improved registration legislation and procedures for access
- ✧ Registration campaigns and mobile registration increasing outreach

Challenges

- ✧ Completeness and inequality assessments
- ✧ Awareness and user engagement

Progress in Asia- Pacific: *Vital Statistics*

Achievements

- ✕ Notable progress in production and dissemination of vital statistics based on registration records
- ✕ Increased capacity for CoD certification
- ✕ Growing partner support for this area of CRVS

Challenges

- ✕ Despite improvements, still huge gaps in CoD certification and coding (ICD-10)
- ✕ Data sharing and awareness of the potential for using CR data for VS production
- ✕ Institutionalization of vital statistics production

2020 Ministerial Conference on CRVS

✧ Objectives

- ✧ Substantive event to assess and celebrate progress of the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024)
- ✧ Identify where to focus efforts towards 2024 (Legal identity, SDGs, causes of death, ...)

✧ Preparation

- ✧ Led by the Regional Steering Group for CRVS to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive process
- ✧ Supported by ESCAP and other development partners
- ✧ ESCAP and other partners actively engaged to raise needed resources





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