



Concept Note

2024 Q3 Meeting of the Civil Registration Professionals of South Asia (CR8)

Theme: Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Venue: Virtual, Microsoft Teams

Date and time: 8 August 2024, 14:00-15:30 Bangkok time

Background:

The in-person meeting of the Civil Registration Professionals of South Asia (CR8) in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2023 brought together civil registrars in the region to discuss priority areas of common concern and ways forward for CR8. Among the key decisions was the proposal to conduct virtual quarterly meetings to offer the opportunity for CR8 members to share experiences and lessons learned on CRVS improvement on a more regular basis. Following the meeting, the CR8 secretariat organized the first virtual quarterly meeting in March 2024 with a focus on CRVSID architecture enhancement, digitization of birth and death registration, and governance arrangement for CR8. The ESCAP secretariat also presented on preparations for the 2025 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, including the 2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific (RAF).

The Asia and Pacific CRVS Decade 2015-2024 is concluding at the end of 2024, and as stated in ESCAP resolution 71/14 and the RAF, members and associate members have committed to assessing their progress towards realizing the goals and targets by year's end. In fact, a functioning monitoring and evaluation plan should be established as early as possible and is one of the implementation steps embedded in the RAF. The ESCAP secretariat has launched the questionnaire for the 2025 review of progress in implementing the RAF in June 2024, and members and associate members of ESCAP are requested to return a completed questionnaire by **15 September 2024**. Findings from the review will feed into the regional progress report throughout the CRVS Decade which will be presented at the Third Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, to be held from 24 to 26 June 2025.

Objectives:

The objectives of this virtual quarterly CR8 meeting are to (1) share country experience on developing an M&E plan and system, and (2) highlight the 2025 review of progress in implementing the RAF including the process and timeline associated with the completion of the 2025 review questionnaire. The meeting also provides an opportunity for CR8 members to ask questions and seek clarification on the questionnaire as well.

Format:

The meeting will be held virtually via MS Teams. The modality of the meeting will mainly be presentations followed by Q&As.

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TIME		AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER
14:00	14:10	Opening remarks by CR8 secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief, Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP Mr. Vedasto Nsanzugwanko, Regional Advisor, Child Protection, Regional Office for South Asia, UNICEF Mr. Martin Bratschi, Technical Director, CRVS, Vital Strategies Moderator: Mr. Belete Birara Walle, Child Protection Specialist, Regional Office for South Asia, UNICEF
14:10	14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by ESCAP on the 2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific: Process, timeline, and FAQs (10 mins). Q&As (10 mins) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP
14:30	15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by Maldives on completing the questionnaire for the 2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific (10 mins). Panel discussion on M&E system improvement in India (30 mins). Q&As (10 mins) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Fathimath Riyaza, Deputy Statistician, National Bureau of Statistics, Maldives Moderator: Pravin Srivastava, Chairperson, MP State Statistical Commission, (Former Secretary and Chief Statistician of India, GOI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Odisha - Rajasthan - Bihar - Uttar Pradesh
15:20	15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for 2025 Ministerial Conference. AOB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sovannaroth Tey, Associate Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP