
CRVS INSIGHT - ASIA PACIFIC



Happy 2017 from the ESCAP CRVS team

The ESCAP CRVS secretariat finished 2016 with convening a meeting of the Regional Partnership for CRVS. Partners were increasingly working closely together on activities in 2016 and the 2017 will bring even more support from partners to improve CRVS systems in countries.

The new year has started with the [First workshop of the project to strengthen national capacities to produce vital statistics reports from civil registration records](#). This week, participants from eight countries are in Bangkok working on producing their first vital statistics report based on civil registration data or improving their existing reports.

The ESCAP CRVS team wishes every one of you a happy 2017 and look forward to working together to improve CRVS in Asia and the Pacific. 2016 was a great year for CRVS in our region. Hopefully 2017 will bring us even closer to achieving [our shared vision](#) for all people in Asia and the Pacific to benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development.



Many Data4Health resources now publically available to assist countries

Data for Health has released many [new resources](#) to support countries in improving their CRVS systems. The resources are the outcome of expert collaboration in the fields of civil registration, vital statistics, and public health and include technical papers, working papers, tools and other resources on issues such as certifying Cause of Death and data quality.

Additional resources will be made available over the coming months. For a list of the products available see [here](#)

Malaysia amends Act to make birth and death registration easier

In the end of 2016, Malaysia amended the births and deaths registration Act from 1957 to make it easier to register. Two of the main changes were to extend the period for registration of births and deaths as well as opening up for registrations in different locations than where the vital event has occurred.

To read the new Act, please follow this [link](#).



New online tool to give easy access to services in New Zealand

[SmartStart](#) is an online tool, designed for smart devices as well as desktops giving easy access to services and support during pregnancy and baby's first years. Member of the Regional Steering Group on CRVS, Jeff Montgomery, has led this work as Registrar-General and have also included colleagues from health, taxation and social security ministries. Birth registration is a foundational component of the new service. At the same time as registering their baby parents are able to get a tax number for the child, receive entitlements and apply for extra financial assistance. Future releases will link to early childhood education and issuing of passports.

Events & Media

[Workshop for Pacific country teams](#)

21-24 February
Auckland, New Zealand

[First UN World Data Forum](#)

15-18 January 2017
Cape Town

[Johannesburg Colloquium on the Future of Legal Identity](#)

14-16 February 2017,
Johannesburg

A Call For Contributions

Do you have anything you want to share? We welcome contributions to the newsletter and website. If you have a story on CRVS, insights, events, information or tools, please send them through to sejersent@un.org

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