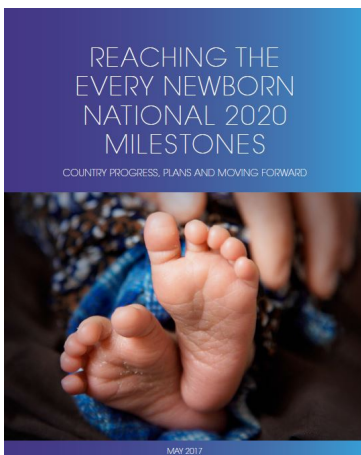


## CRVS INSIGHT - ASIA PACIFIC



### Boosting Birth Registration in East Java

Every child has the right to a birth certificate. Without one, a child cannot progress through school, access free health care, acquire a passport, or enjoy many other rights. [This short documentary](#) highlights progress on birth registration in Pasuruan, East Java, Indonesia where UNICEF has been helping the local government get more children out from the shadows.



### Reaching the Every Newborn National 2020 Milestones

In 2014, at the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, 194 Member States endorsed the Every Newborn: an action plan to end preventable deaths (Resolution WHA67.10), a road map of strategic actions to end preventable newborn mortality and stillbirths and contribute to reducing maternal mortality and morbidity. The Every Newborn Action Plan presents evidence-based solutions and sets out a clear path to 2020 with eight specific milestones for what needs to be done differently to greatly reduce mortality rates and improve maternal and newborn health by 2030.

This recent World Health Organization and UNICEF [report](#) provides a detailed look at country leadership and action toward the Every Newborn National Milestones by 2020. It presents a compilation of the data collated by the Every Newborn Tracking Tool in 2016, when 51 countries adopted the tool.



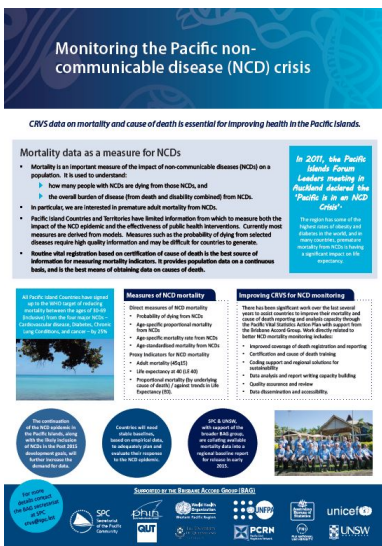
### CRVS and Disaster Risk Reduction

The Asia-Pacific Region has the highest risk of exposure to natural hazards in the world. Seven out of the ten deadliest disasters worldwide since 1980 occurred in Asia. In particular, Pacific countries have had first-hand experience with this recently in responding to cyclones Pam and Winston, and have identified the role of Civil Registration and Vital Statistic (CRVS) in disasters as a regional priority. Effective CRVS systems play an important role in assisting countries to adequately plan for and respond to disasters. The Brisbane Accord Group has developed a [fact sheet](#) to highlight these links and World Vision has described the use for CRVS in decision making for disaster response planning in their recent publication on ['Using information management in preparedness and response: Making timely & relevant decisions'](#)

In addition, the [Pacific Civil Registrars Network \(PCRN\)](#) is organizing a [regional workshop on disaster planning and response](#) this October for Pacific national registrars to discuss this topic and share experiences from recent disasters.

### Monitoring the Pacific non-communicable disease (NCD) crisis

Civil Registration and Vital Statistic data on mortality and cause of death is very important for improving health in the Pacific Islands. Many Pacific Island countries and territories are unable to get accurate information of birth, death, causes of death, and particularly information related to NCD epidemic and public health interventions. This affects local health and community planning, funding and priority planning and ability to access aid investment. This new [fact sheet](#) from the Brisbane Accord Group



outlines how CRVS data on mortality and cause of death is essential for improving health in the Pacific islands.

There has also been significant work to improve death information sharing mechanism among the countries across the region during the last several years. For more information see the article on [sharing of death information across the Pacific](#).

## Events & Media

**[Technical Seminar on Legal Framework on Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management Systems](#)**

17-19 July 2017,  
Manila, Philippines

**[Health Data Conference and Workshops](#)**

4-5 July 2017,  
Cebu, Philippines

**[PCRN Workshop on Disaster Planning and Response](#)**

2-4 October 2017,  
Suva, Fiji

**A Call For Contributions**

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