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Status Update – 2025 Review Questionnaire

Congratulations to Armenia for being the first to submit the completed questionnaire for the 2025 review of progress in implementing the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific! The ESCAP secretariat certainly appreciates the early submission. Thanks to all the stakeholders who contributed during the process. The national coordination mechanism was extensively involved in the completion of the questionnaire.

The questionnaire was launched in June, and members and associate members of ESCAP are requested to return the completed questionnaire to ESCAP by **15 September 2024**. ESCAP has compiled a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers on our [getinthepicture.org webpage](https://getinthepicture.org). In addition to the FAQs, ESCAP will organize two [Stats Café webinars](#) on 14 August and 2 September on the 2025 review questionnaire completion. Members and associate members of ESCAP are highly encouraged to attend the Stats Café to learn from the experiences of their peers, ask questions, and discover existing support to facilitate their questionnaire completion.

For more information on the 2025 review, please refer to the following [webpage](#). For those who are completing the questionnaire, you may contact the ESCAP secretariat for additional support via escap-crvs@un.org. We look forward to receiving the completed questionnaire.

2024 Virtual meeting of the Pacific Civil Registrars Network
08:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. (UTC+7), 31 July 2024

A virtual meeting of Pacific Civil Registrars Network (PCRN) will be organized with support from ESCAP and the Pacific Community (SPC) via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting aims to outline the process and timeline for the 2025 review questionnaire on the Regional Action Framework on CRVS, share experiences and lessons learned from previous reviews, address any questions, and update PCRN members on preparations for the 2025 Ministerial Conference, seeking their support for government engagement.

Register here: [QR Code] Join Meeting: [QR Code]

Programme

Hours indicated are for the Bangkok time zone (UTC+7)

08:00 - 08:10
Welcoming and opening remarks

08:10 - 08:40
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

Presentation by Fiji on completing the 2025 review questionnaire

08:40 - 09:00
Q&A

Preparations for the 2025 Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

31 July, 2024 Virtual meeting of the Pacific Civil Registrars Network

ESCAP and the Pacific Community (SPC) are organising a virtual meeting for the Pacific Civil Registrars Network (PCRN) on 31 July 2024. The PCRN is an independent network of Civil Registrars in the Pacific, where members share information, lessons learned and good practices.

The virtual meeting will provide an overview of the process and timeline for completing the 2025 review questionnaire on the implementation of the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, addressing common questions. It also seeks to facilitate the sharing of experiences and lessons learned from previous and current reviews among PCRN members and SPC, and to clarify any questions regarding the questionnaire. The meeting will update PCRN members on the preparations for the Third Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific to be held in June 2025.

For details, please visit the [event page](#) and register [here](#).

Please join the MS Team meeting [here](#).



National Capacity Development on Vital Statistics Production Using Civil Registration Data in Indonesia

During 30 June - 5 July 2024, a five-day workshop organized by Vital Strategies Data Impact Program, and supported by the CRVS Program and ESCAP, on the use of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics data for the production of vital statistics in Bandung, Indonesia, brought the collective efforts of various ministries closer to the production of the first vital statistics report.

For the first time, staff from the Center Bureau of Statistics (BPS) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) jointly worked on data processing using birth and death registration data. By the end of the workshop, various tabulations had been produced and MoHA agreed to provide BPS with the remaining tabulations to enable them to develop the vital statistics report.

The workshop was also attended by staff from the National Development Planning (Bappenas) and Ministry of Health (MoH) and thus provided opportunity to all involved ministries to strengthen their knowledge on the production of vital statistics.

BPS and MoHA continue to work on the vital statistics report and aim to publish it in October 2024.



Verbal Autopsy Review Workshop in Solomon Islands

The Solomon Islands government, in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative, World Health Organization (WHO), CDC Foundation, and University of New South Wales (UNSW), organised a Verbal Autopsy Workshop during 23 - 24 July 2024. The workshop involved senior officers from provincial health services and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services who discussed how verbal autopsies can be embedded in the health system to strengthen data for health.

The workshop concluded with achievable recommendations, and the provincial targets for death notification and verbal autopsy coverage were established. These targets will allow the National Health Information System Unit and CDC Foundation to assess the provinces' performance by March 2025.

For full article, please click [here](#).



The PNG Government introduce mobile enrolment kits to boost birth registration

The Government of Papua New Guinea, with the support by UNICEF PNG, aims to boost birth registration to ensure all children have a legal identity. UNICEF has provided 44 innovative mobile enrolment kits across the country, aiming to boost PNG's registration capacity tenfold, with each kit capable of handling more than a thousand registrations per month.

For more details, please see the press release [here](#).



ICD-11 Training Curriculum for ICD-11 Morbidity & Mortality Coders soon to be available

The ICD-11 Training Curriculum for International Classification of Diseases 11th Revision (ICD-11) Morbidity & Mortality Coders, developed by the CDC Foundation, will soon be available in the Johns Hopkins University Data for Health Resource Repository.

The ICD-11 is the eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), serving as the global standard for recording health information and causes of death.

Please visit the ICD-11 website [here](#).



Blog: Transforming Birth Registration Across Southeast Asia and the Pacific

A recent UNICEF blog highlights recent improvements to the birth registration and certification process in Timor-Leste. Expecting mothers visiting hospital facilities will now receive a comprehensive "mother-child booklet", including essentials from infant care to birth registration. After a child is delivered, independent of the location, the attending midwife fills out the birth registration form in duplicate, one copy for the family, and one copy to be submitted to the local health centre. The birth certificate will be already printed and handed to the mother by the time the child arrives at the health care center for their vaccinations six weeks after birth.

An alternative process, involving notification through the village leader, followed by the issuance of the birth certificate, is in place in cases where the delivery occurs without midwife assistance.

Please read the full blog [here](#).



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Cambodia's Ministry of Health launches new “Digital Health Database for Birth and Mortality Records”

Cambodia has held a workshop on the implementation of the nation's new digital Notification and Cause of Death system. The workshop, organised by the Department of Health Planning and Information and Vital Strategies, welcomed participation across the Government of Cambodia, universities, provincial health departments and administrations, private health facilities and development partners.

The new system will record and report birth notifications, death notifications, Medical Certification of Cause of Death, and recording the cause of death by using the ICD standards.

For more information, please see the news article [here](#).

NEW RESOURCES

- [Q&As on questionnaire completion for 2025 review of progress in implementing the RAF](#)
 - [Experiences in reducing inequalities in birth registration: Case studies from the Pacific](#)
 - [The Data for Health \(D4H\) Initiative Resource Library](#)
 - [Civil Registration in South East Asia: Legislation, Digitization and Inequality \(in Khmer\)](#)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Global calendar of statistical events](#)
- [SPC Statistics for Development Division event calendar](#)
- [5 August 2024: Inception workshop of Inequality Assessment project in Bhutan](#)
- [6 August 2024: Inception workshop of Inequality Assessment project in Indonesia](#)
- [7 - 9 August 2024: Capacity building Workshop to Implement an Inequality Assessment of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Indonesia](#)
- [10 - 13 September 2024: Workshops on CRVS strengthening and cause of death data in Kiribati](#)
- [16 - 20 September 2024: Vital statistics report workshop for Pacific US Territories, Honolulu, Hawaii](#)
- [11 - 13 December 2024: 7th Conference on Technical Cooperation & Capacity Building for Border Management and Identity \(BMIC\)](#)
- [11 - 13 December 2024: The ninth session of the Committee on Statistics of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific \(ESCAP\)](#)



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