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The Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific 6-9 October 2020

Side event at UNSC51, 4 March 2020

United Nations Legal Identity Agenda:

A Holistic Approach to Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management

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Commitment by 2024



Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;



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



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



Progress in Asia and the Pacific



Achievements

- ◆ Notable improvements in registration especially in South Asia and the Pacific
- ◆ Improved legislation and procedures for access
- ◆ Registration campaigns and mobile registration increasing outreach
- ◆ Increased use of registration records for the production of vital statistics
- ◆ Improved capacity for recording and coding of causes of death

Remaining challenges

- ◆ Registration of hard to reach and marginalized groups – ensuring no one is left behind
- ◆ Death registration and recording of causes of death
- ◆ Access to registration data for producing vital statistics
- ◆ **Focus on national ID systems without linkages to civil registration**
- ◆ Emerging concerns for privacy and confidentiality
- ◆ Despite the establishment of national coordination mechanisms in many countries, coordination still need improvement



Objectives of the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS

- Celebrating achievements during the first half of the CRVS Decade



- Highlight necessity of CRVS to legal identity
- Emphasize how CRVS is instrumental for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Second Ministerial Conference

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- ✧ Expected outcomes:
 - ✧ A Ministerial Declaration on CRVS, committing to accelerating progress in the region
- ✧ Expected participants
 - ✧ Ministers responsible for: Civil Registration, Health, Statistics, Justice, Planning, Finance and National ID systems
- ✧ Preparation
 - ✧ Led by the Regional Steering Group for CRVS to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive process
 - ✧ Co-organised by 13 development partners



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