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Outcomes of the Second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, 16-19 November 2021

*United Nations Statistical Commission
UN-LIA Side Event*

24th February, 2022



Birth Certificate

1 Name: **ASIAN AND PACIFIC CRVS DECADE, 2015-2024**

2 Birth Date: Month **November** Day **28** Year **2014** 3 Sex: **Every one**

3 Place of Birth: **UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand**

4 Full Name of Parent(s): **Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific** 5 Nationality of Parent(s): **Asian and Pacific**

6 Signatures of Parents/Notifiers/Attendants/Registrars:

[The signature area is densely packed with handwritten signatures and names in various colors, including blue, red, green, and black. Some legible names include: Nepal, Thailand, Japan, India, Philippines, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, and others. A large green circular stamp with the text 'CRVS Plan International' is visible in the bottom right corner of the signature area.]

Building on the agreements from 2014 to achieve our shared vision:

“...by 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development”

The regional ambition for the Decade



Goal 1: **Universal registration** of births, deaths & other vital events

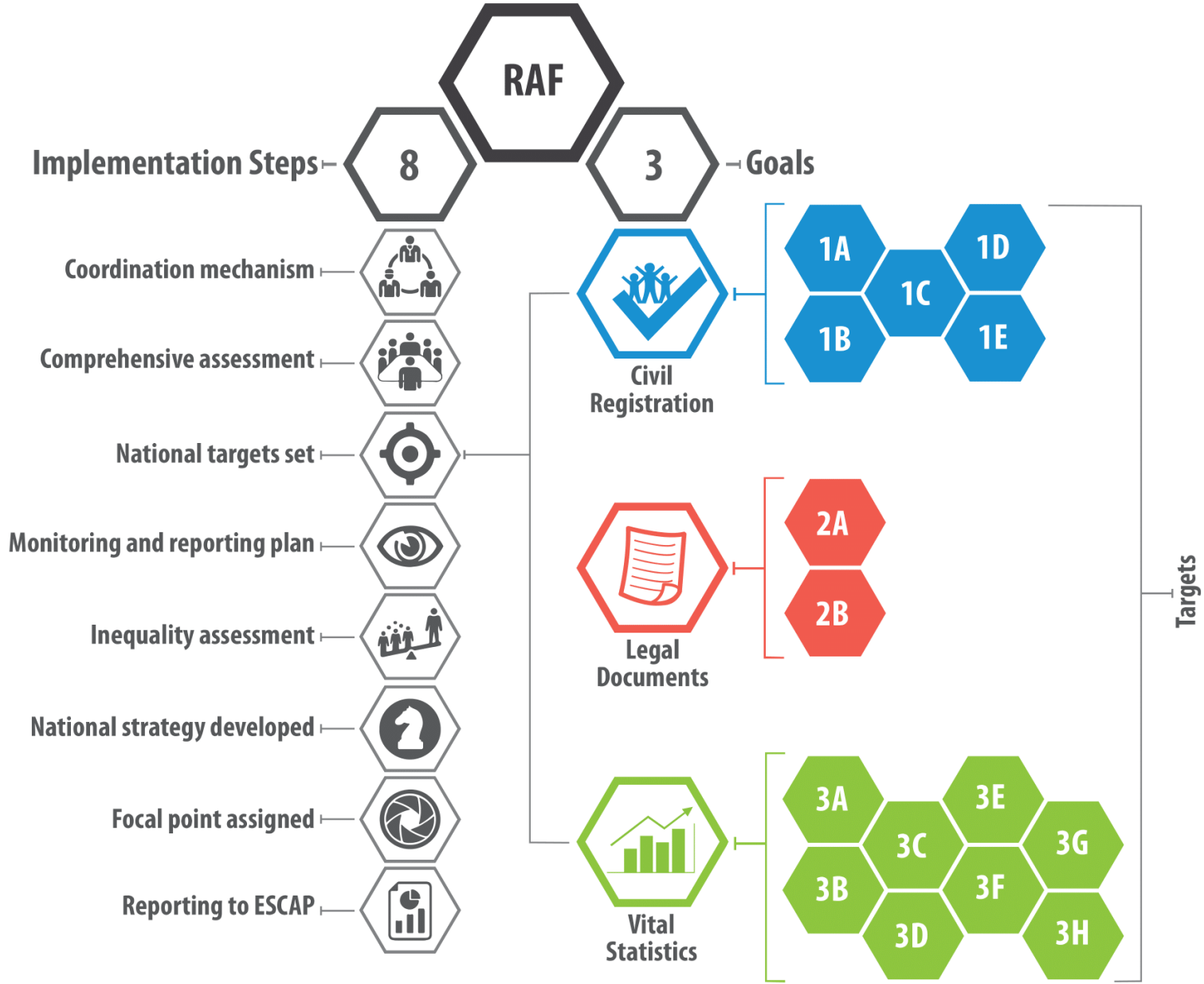


Goal 2: All individuals are provided with **legal documentation** of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights



Goal 3: Accurate, complete and timely **vital statistics** (including on causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated

REGIONAL ACTION FRAMEWORK (RAF)



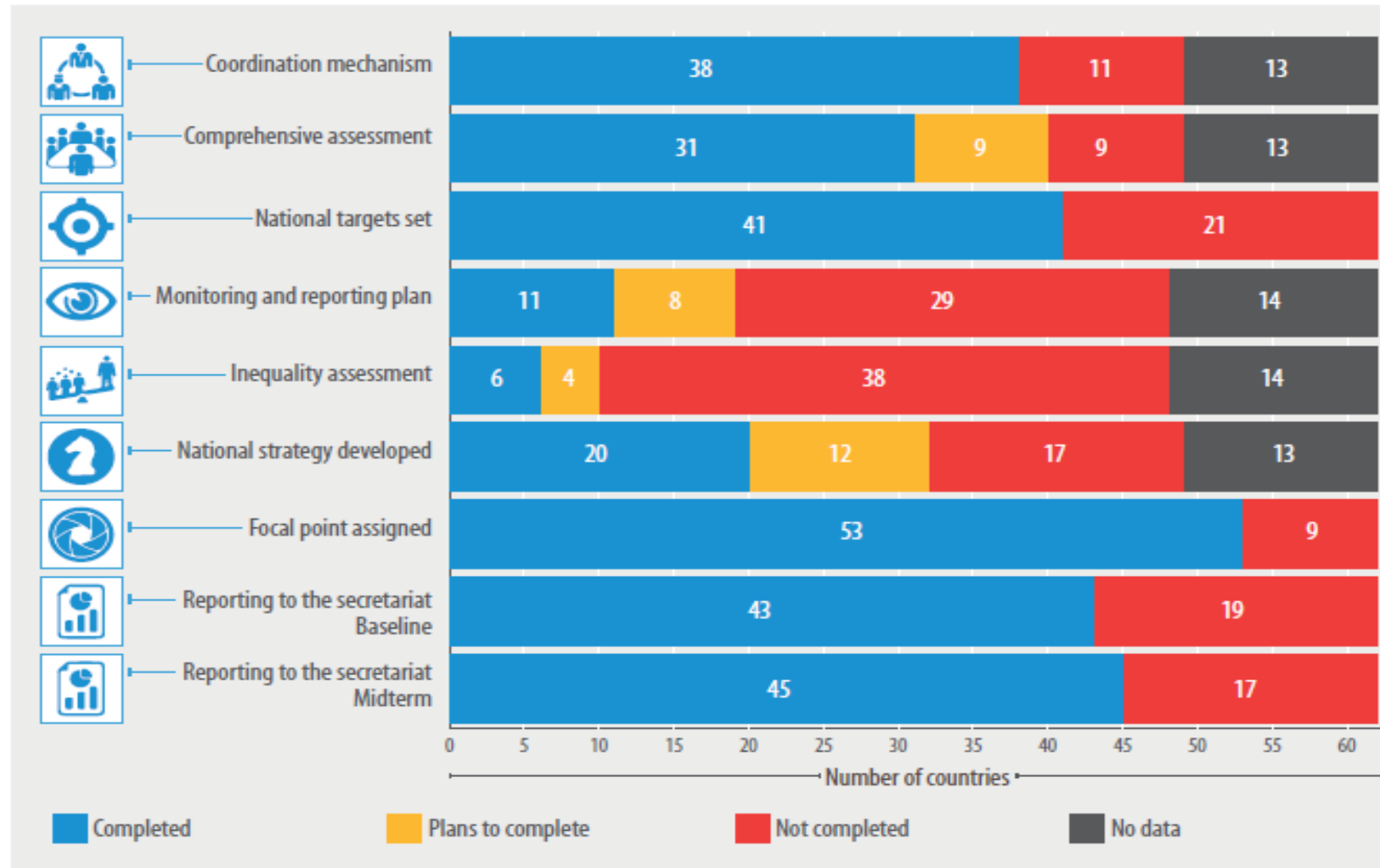


TIMELINE OF THE CRVS DECADE



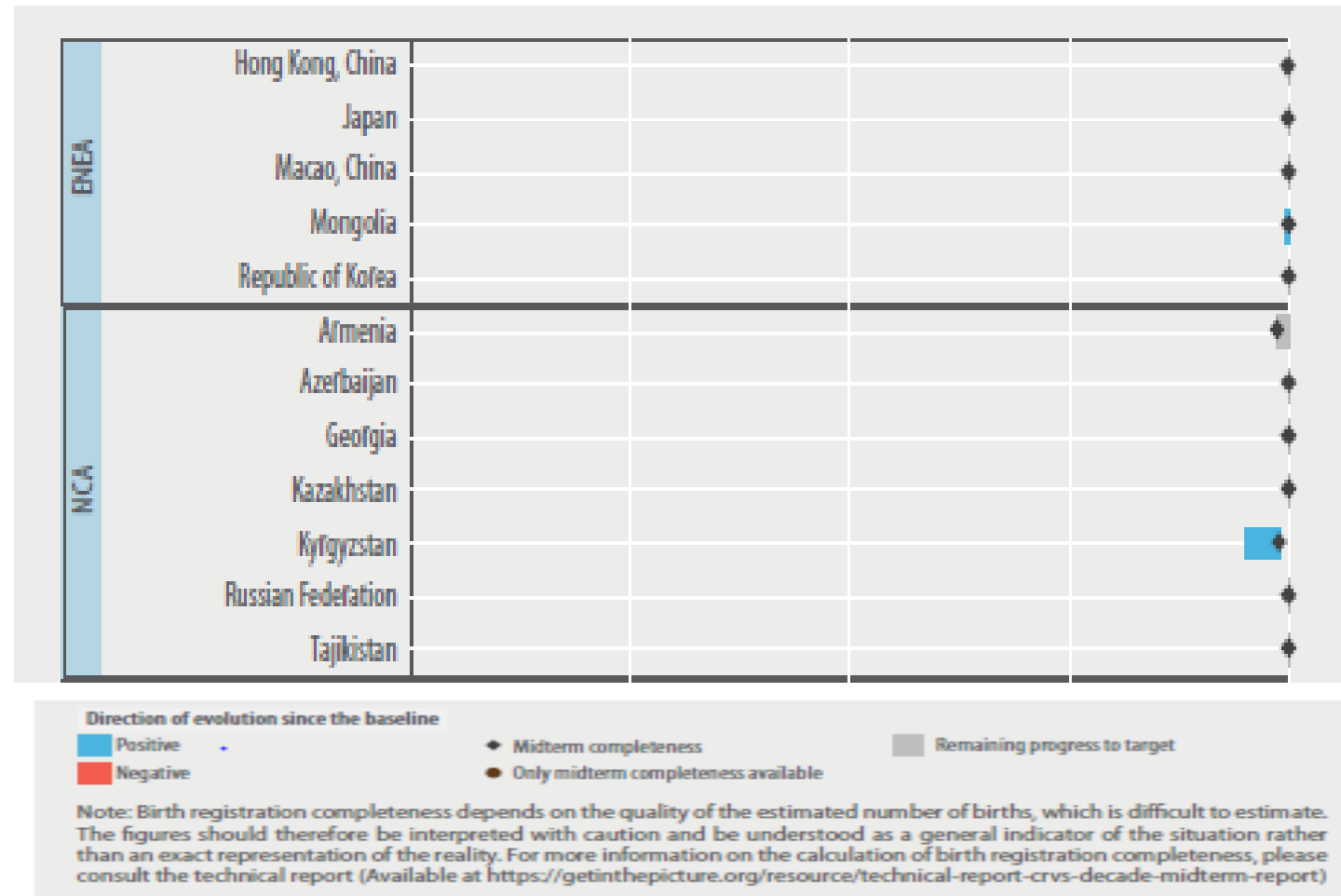
Implementation Steps

Figure XIV: Status of implementation steps



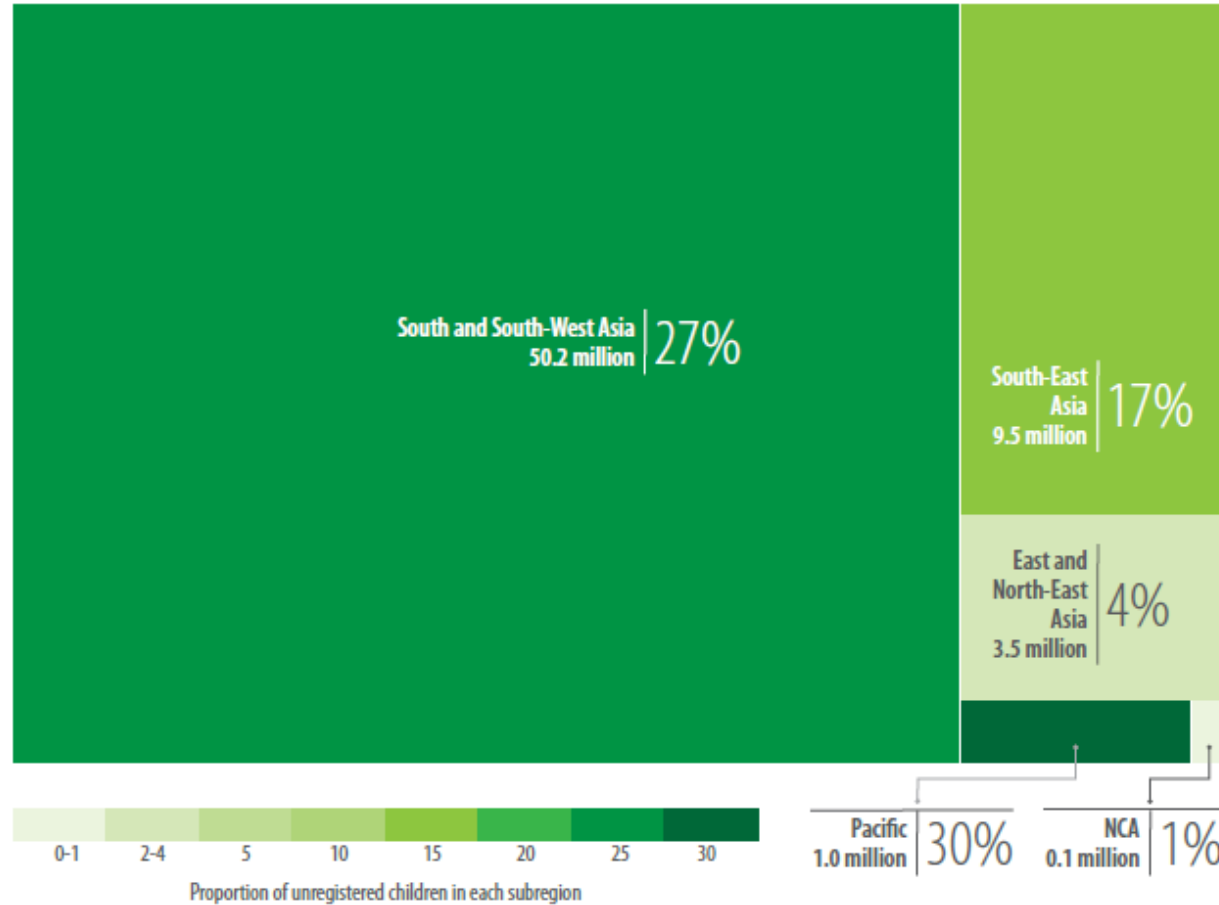
Birth Registration Completeness

Figure V: Birth registration completeness: Progress towards target 1A



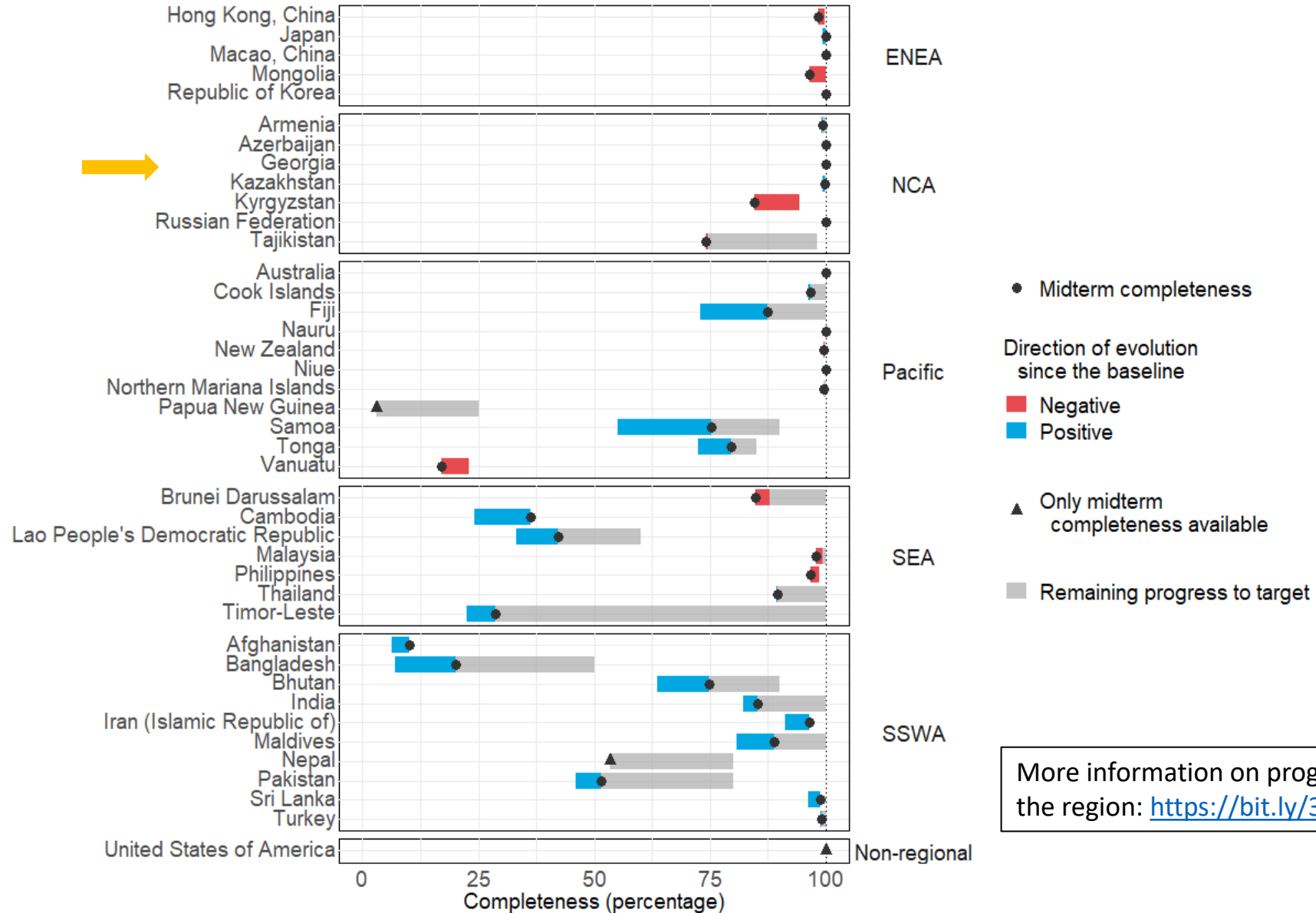
Unregistered Children under 5

Figure VI: Number and percentage of children under five in Asia and the Pacific whose birth has never been registered, by subregion



Note: The figure is based on an estimated 356.4 million children under five, and 64.4 million of them unregistered (18%). Non-regional countries are not included in this graph.

Death Registration Completeness



More information on progress in the region: <https://bit.ly/37LQtaz>

Key information about the Conference

- ✧ 12 conference co-organizers
- ✧ **400 participants**
- ✧ **43 members States, 1 associate member**, 4 permanent observers and 15 international organizations
- ✧ A record number of **40 Ministerial level participants and speakers**
- ✧ **2 Ministerial roundtables, 5 warm-up sessions and 11 side events** organized by ESCAP and 16 countries and partners
- ✧ **83 speakers**, representing the different countries and partners

- ✧ Discussions on **resilient CRVS systems**, integration of CRVS with **identity management systems**, and how CRVS supports the achievement of the **2030 Agenda and gender equality**



Highlights from the conference

- ✧ High-level political commitment to build and maintain robust CRVS systems
- ✧ Recognition of the support from development partners
- ✧ Importance of gender-sensitive CRVS systems
- ✧ Need to integrate the health sector and CRVS systems
- ✧ Value of legal identity for all
- ✧ Catalytical role of digitization
- ✧ Progress needs to be accelerated
- ✧ => **Regional initiative may be needed beyond the end of the Decade in 2024**



Ministerial Declaration

Building a More Resilient Future with Inclusive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

- ✧ Proclaims the continued **commitment to the shared vision** that all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from **universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) system**
- ✧ Encourages the implementation of the **United Nations Legal Identity Agenda**
- ✧ Calls upon member states to **strengthen their CRVS systems** through various actions
- ✧ Calls upon development partners to **maintain or expand their assistance**

Action areas for the second half of the CRVS Decade

- ✧ Role of health sector in CRVS systems
- ✧ Digitization
- ✧ Interoperability of CRVS and identity management systems
- ✧ Legal and regulatory frameworks
- ✧ Medical certification of causes of deaths
- ✧ Inequality assessments
- ✧ Production of vital statistics

ESCAP's areas of support for the remaining half of the Decade

- ✧ Inequality assessments
- ✧ Production of vital statistics
- ✧ CRVS business process improvements
- ✧ Evidence to best practice and policy
- ✧ Regional networks of civil registration professionals
- ✧ Information products for the Regional Action Framework
- ✧ Secretariat support to Regional Steering Group for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific and the Asia Pacific CRVS Partnership
- ✧ Continued advocacy for CRVS improvements

Implications for implementation of the UN-LIA

- ✧ Fundamental role of civil registration to ensure legal identity emphasized, including for all vital events
- ✧ Importance of ensuring interoperability of civil registration and identity management systems, especially with increasing digitization
- ✧ Link with implementation of the SDGs
- ✧ Learning lessons from the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and ensuring resilience for future shocks

