



CRVS Insight

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VITAL STATISTICS REPORT WRITING WORKSHOP

Between 7 – 11 January, ESCAP's CRVS team, in collaboration with [D4H](#), kicked off the new year by starting the second phase of the project, "Supporting Improvements to CRVS Systems – A vital statistics report writing initiative." Six new countries used registration data to calculate crude birth rates, total fertility rates, etc. and began drafting vital statistics reports. A second workshop is being planned for late-March where the participants will calculate mortality indicators, specifically related to causes of death, as well as continue writing a final report. More information and resources from the first workshop can be found on the [GITP](#) website.



LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS IN NIUE

As a result of the hard work from Niue's Statistics and Immigration Office, the Ministry of Finance and Planning, as well as with support from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), ESCAP is pleased to publish Niue's second Vital Statistics Report on the [GITP](#) website. The report covers data from 2012 – 2016 and includes the indicators one would expect from a VS report (crude birth rate, age-specific mortality rate, etc.), as well as information on causes of death. The report can be found by visiting [SPC's site](#) or [GITP](#).

TIMELINE

Accepting Solutions

- **Challenge Opens**
November 30, 2018

Evaluating Solutions

- **Deadline to Submit a Solution**
February 24, 2019
- **Finalist Announced**
March 14, 2019
- **Pitch Event in Washington, D.C.**
April 2019

ID4D'S MISSION BILLION CHALLENGE

In recognition of Data Privacy Day, ID4D is seeking participants for the [Mission Billion Challenge](#) who can submit ideas for enhancing data protection in digital identification systems, and which can provide individuals with greater control over their personal data. The Challenge is seeking innovative 'privacy by design' features such as *providing greater oversight and control of personal data and preventing the misuse of personal data*. The Challenge offers cash prizes totaling US\$100,000 with the top prize of US\$50,000 for the most promising solutions that are practical and relevant for developing countries . . . [READ MORE](#)



CALL FOR INCLUSION IN THE CRVS DIRECTORY OF EXPERTS

To facilitate access to technical expertise in strengthening CRVS systems, the [Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems](#) established a Directory of Experts available to support activities at the country, regional and global levels. The CoE is currently [launching its second call for expressions](#) of interest for those interested in being included in the Directory. **The application deadline is 15 February 2019.**

EVENTS

- **WORKSHOP ON THE EFFECTIVE USE OF DATA IN PUBLIC HEALTH JOURNALISM – CRVS**
 - Between 29 – 31 January, in Bangkok, [Vital Strategies](#) worked with journalists in building data-use skillsets for developing CRVS-related stories; including topics on data visualization, analyzing public health data and tactics for interviewing public health officials. *Keep an eye out for the next edition of CRVS Insight as more information and an official event page will be available in the coming weeks.*
- **WORKSHOP ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**
 - Between 28 – 30 January, in Bangkok, [Data for Health \(D4H\)](#) worked with select countries in analyzing their national CRVS system and improve its underlying business process. *Keep an eye out for the next edition of CRVS Insight as more information and an official event page will be available in the coming weeks.*

- **CALL FOR PAPERS: 7TH SEMINAR ON ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ECONOMIES, 31 MAY – 1 JUNE 2019**
 - The [Asian Development Bank Institute](#) is joining with Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University and [calling for paper submissions](#) for a 2-day seminar on topics related to Asia and the Pacific economies; specifically, original research papers on economic and social issues such as financial inclusion. **The deadline for abstracts is 20 February.**

[NEW RESOURCES](#)

- **THE ROLE OF DIGITAL APPLICATION IN AGRICULTURE**
 - The World Bank recently released on a [new research paper](#) on the way in which a "robust, government recognized ID can help smallholder farmers formally register land and livestock, and access mobile, financial, and other services".



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