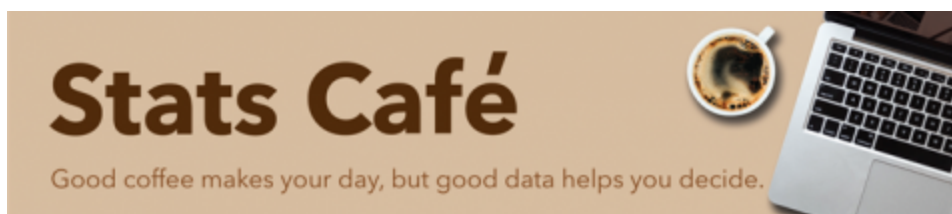




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Asia and the Pacific CRVS systems' response to the COVID-19 crisis

The current global pandemic is disrupting CRVS systems all over the world, but well-functioning systems are more essential than ever. The high importance currently accorded to statistics on deaths, as well as other statistics during the COVID-19 response, means key stakeholders in CRVS systems are under increased pressure and scrutiny. At the same time, the registration of vital events is being disrupted by lock downs and social distancing measures and civil registration authorities will need to catch up with delayed and postponed work when the situation stabilizes.

In response, on 22 June, ESCAP will dedicate its regular Stats Café to the issue, focusing on the impact of the global pandemic on CRVS systems in Asia and the Pacific. This webinar will give civil registrars and statisticians from our region a chance to share their experiences of maintaining civil registration and producing vital statistics during this difficult period.

The webinar is organized in collaboration with the [Global CRVS Group](#) and will feature presentations from New Zealand, Georgia, the [UN Legal Identity Agenda](#) Task Force and ESCAP. Participants are strongly encouraged to share their experiences of adapting registration services and the production of vital statistics in their own countries.

To participate in the Cafe please [register here](#).



New research on CRVS to be presented during Asia-Pacific Statistics Week, 15-19 June

ESCAP is organizing a virtual [2020 Asia-Pacific Statistics Week](#) between 15-19 June. Everyone interested in statistics is welcome to participate.

With the theme, "***A decade of action for the 2030 Agenda: Statistics that leave no one and nowhere behind***", the Statistics Week will focus on progress toward a [Collective Vision and Framework for Action](#) endorsed by the ESCAP Statistics Committee.

CRVS-related themes will play an important role in the Statistics Week's agenda by highlighting developments made in systems around the region. The papers presented will focus on topics such as *Measuring Maternal Mortality using Civil Registration Data in the Philippines*, *Birth registration inequalities: a case study of Pakistan*, *Maximizing completeness of data and instilling trust in birth registration in Afghanistan*, and an *In-depth review and needs assessment of CRVS System to develop an action plan for overall improvement of the system in Pakistan*.

Please read the [papers](#), check the full [programme](#) and [register online](#).



World Bank to support CRVS in Lao PDR

Back in March, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors [approved USD60 million in financing for the Lao People's Democratic Republic](#), of which 35 million will help the country

strengthen its financial safety nets, and 25 million will support the upgrade the national civil registration system.

The CRVS Project will support the establishment of a comprehensive national civil registration equipped to record key life events. The CRVS system will provide vital data that can inform the formulation and implementation of public policies and help with the monitoring and evaluation of national and sub-national development plans.

More information about CRVS in Lao PDR is available on www.getinthepicture.org.



Pakistan to conduct a gap analysis of current CRVS practices

Unfortunately, the CRVS system of Pakistan does not currently cover the entire population. The Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) (2017-18) shows 58% children under age 5 are yet unregistered. A substantial proportion of this unregistered group are also assumed to be marginalized populations, including women or girls, people residing in rural areas, people with disabilities, people belonging to lower socio-economic class, displaced people or migrants, or religious minorities.

In response, [ESCAP Statistics Division](#) will work with the [Technical Support Unit in the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives](#) to draft a gap analysis report and map potential data sources, detailing the current registration practices, barriers and enablers, with a focus on unregistered marginalized groups.



Data for Health launches ANACONDA platform for data quality

The University of Melbourne's Bloomberg [Data for Health Initiative](#) today [officially launched ANACONDA](#) (Analysis of Causes of National Deaths for Action).

ANACONDA is a comprehensive mortality data quality assessment platform. It is an easy-to-navigate tool that provides a comprehensive step-by-step framework for interrogating mortality data. Featuring a detailed guide for users, it offers a series of data checks that are based on decades of epidemiological and demographic research into mortality patterns in different populations.

By regularly applying ANACONDA and carefully interpreting the outputs, users can better understand:

- How reliable the input data from their routine CRVS systems are
- What the probable biases or errors are
- Progress in improving the quality of mortality and cause of death data
- Where and what kind of interventions are most urgently needed to further strengthen their existing systems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On 17 June, at 14:30 (CET), [ID4 Africa will host its second webinar series](#) on the impact of COVID-19 on identity management in Africa. Representatives from development agencies will engage to answer fundamental questions on how societies will need to manage identity in a post-COVID era. Interested parties can [register for the webinar here](#).

Data for Health (D4H) will hold the last webinar in its *Data for COVID-19 Series on "Understanding and Using COVID-19 Models to Help Make Informed Decisions"*. The webinar will occur on 10 June at 8:00 a.m. (EST). [More information and registration can be found here](#).

NEW RESOURCES

For those unable to participate in Plan International's webinar on *OpenCRVS: Product capabilities and technical deployment*, the [recorded version is now available on YouTube](#).

During April-June, Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health (D4H) conducted a series of webinars on *Data for COVID-19*. The [webinars and session slides \(in English, French & Spanish\) are available here](#).

UNICEF is currently seeking a consultant to conduct a legal analysis of sex discrimination in CRVS laws and practice. The consultant will develop a technical paper, in which s/he will conduct a legal analysis of all countries with gender discriminatory provisions in civil registration and vital statistics

laws. The technical paper should aim to provide an evidence-backed number of countries where such gender discrimination exists in law. [More information can be found on UNICEF's job site.](#)



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