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# Asian and Pacific CRVS Decade 2015-2024

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## CRVS INSIGHT - ASIA PACIFIC



### What is the current situation in the region - lessons from the RAF baseline reports

Do you want to know how many countries in Asia and the Pacific have a CRVS coordination mechanism? Are you interested in how ambitious the national targets are for the CRVS Decade? Do you know when countries in Asia and the Pacific aim to be able to produce annual vital statistics reports based on civil registration data?

A [new brochure](#) gives an overview of the central elements of the CRVS Decade as well as they key challenges faced by the region to achieve the shared vision that, by 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development.

Included in the brochure are countries' baselines and national targets for several of the targets of the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific. Also included, is a status update on the various implementation steps of the Regional Action Framework.

### ROAD-RELATED DEATHS Measuring deaths due to traffic crashes in the Pacific Islands

#### Introduction

Road traffic crashes are an important cause of death across the Pacific Islands, primarily affecting younger adults and resulting in too many preventable deaths at early ages. They are in fact the leading cause of death in 15-49 years old adults across the WHO Western Pacific region. Road traffic deaths have also been identified as a key indicator under Goal 3 of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a target to halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents by 2020.



The fourth United Nations Global Road Safety Week will be held on the 8-14 May 2017, with the theme "Safer management", and provides an important opportunity for the region to review how Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) can both prevent more premature deaths and help residents live longer and healthier lives, and how we can improve our understanding of this important cause of death and injury through better data.



#### How is data on road-related deaths collected?

Data on road traffic deaths (and injuries) are collected through a variety of administrative data information systems at the national and sub-national level. These include:

- **National Health Information Systems (NHIS)**: for data on hospital admissions and emergency room attendance due to traffic crashes and their outcomes, and deaths certified by a medical practitioner;
- **National Civil Registration (CR) Systems**: for data on deaths both in and outside of hospitals. These systems usually record cause of death (linked to the health information systems and police records) as well, and may include outcomes from coroner's cases in countries where those processes are applicable;
- **Police Incident Information Systems**: for data on traffic incidents attended, including data on both the outcome (in the case of an injury or death), and conditions that contributed to the crash occurring. Other systems to collect data from first responders - such as data from paramedical services (ambulance or fire services) may also exist within the police information systems, health information systems or independently.

Ideally, data should be routinely collated and reported from these systems both at the national level (through period vital statistics reports, national development reports etc.) and at the regional level through reporting mechanisms such as the WHO Health Intelligence Information Platform (HIIP) and the proposed revision of the National Minimum Development Indicators (NMDI) database.

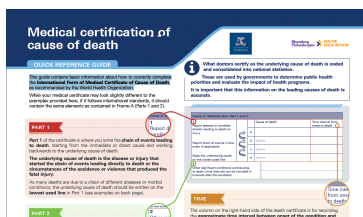
Ensuring that there is a plan to routinely collate and report road safety data should be a key priority in National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) currently being implemented or developed by many Pacific countries.



### Road related deaths and the need for better CRVS

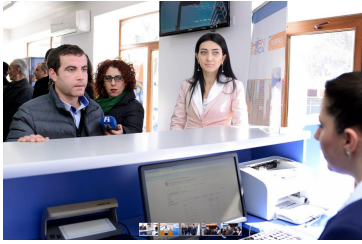
As no one single agency is responsible for civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) in the Pacific Region, the [Brisbane Accord Group \(BAG\)](#) was established in 2010 to coordinate, facilitate and support investments in the region through collaborative activities.

ESCAP is working together with other BAG members to improve the documentation on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, this includes a set of fact sheets including country case studies and information briefs, which will be part of the growing tool box and joint activities across the BAG group. The first information brief on road-related deaths have been released as part of the [Global Road Safety Week](#).



### Quick reference guide on medical certification of death

A [new guide](#) contains basic information about how to correctly complete the International Form of Medical Certificate of Cause of Death, as recommended by the World Health Organization.



## Armenia improves accessibility of services

To make state services more accessible for citizens, 39 unified public service providing offices have been established in Armenia starting since November 2016.

This is a unique program of the Government which aims at mitigating the worries of citizens and their burden of reaching the capital or the regional centers to obtain a document from a state authority.

The unified offices are located in local post offices and territorial branches of different commercial banks to whom the state has delegated the authority for providing services related to a number of functions of the Police of the Republic of Armenia. This includes state registration of the rights to real estate, registration of legal entities, as well as for the provision of certificates regarding any type of civil status (certificates on marital status, copies of child birth state registration, international apostle, etc.).

This chain of reforms, launched upon the instruction of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, will be ongoing; unified offices will be established in more rural communities of all regions of Armenia, making state services more accessible for citizens.

Read more [here](#)

## Events & Media

### [Technical Seminar on Legal Framework on Civil Registration, Vital Statistics and Identity Management Systems](#)

17-19 July 2017,  
Manila, Philippines

### [Health Data Conference and Workshops](#)

4-5 July 2017,  
Cebu, Philippines

### [Launch of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics eLearning course](#)

22-23 May 2017,  
Seoul, South Korea

## A call for contributions

Do you have anything you want to share? We welcome contributions to the newsletter and website. If you have a story on CRVS, insights, events, information or tools, please send them through to [sejersent@un.org](mailto:sejersent@un.org)

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