

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON CRVS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The event will bring Ministers together to agree on a Regional Action Framework with national targets, and to declare the “Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade” for 2015 to 2024.

The Ministerial Conference will position CRVS systems as a key means of implementation for a people-centered and rights-based post-2015 development agenda.

THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AIMS TO ENDORSE THREE GOALS:



Universal civil registration



All individuals are provided with **legal documents** to claim identity and ensuing rights



Accurate, complete and timely **vital statistics**



WHEN

24-28 November 2014

WHERE

UN Conference Centre
Bangkok, Thailand

WHO

- Heads of Government
- Ministers of Interior, Health and Justice
- Senior officials from civil registration, health and statistics
- International organizations
- Civil society and non-governmental organizations
- Private sector
- Media



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TOO MANY PEOPLE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC LIVE AND DIE WITHOUT LEAVING AN OFFICIAL TRACE

135
MILLION

children under the age of 5 in Asia and the Pacific have not had their birth registered [Source: UNICEF]



**IT'S TIME
TO GET THEM
IN THE PICTURE**

9 out of 10 people in Asia and the Pacific live in countries with unreliable information on why people are dying [Source: WHO]



WHAT IS CRVS?

Civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems record the important events in people's lives such as births, deaths and marriages. CRVS systems provide proof that those events have taken place, such as a birth certificate, which in turn allows people to realize many of their rights. The information can then be transformed into important population, social and health statistics that help governments better respond to people's needs.

Since many CRVS systems in Asia and the Pacific remain incomplete and inadequate, millions of life events go unrecorded...as if they never happened at all.



Provides the basis for people to establish their legal identity and family relationships



Protects human, social, economic, cultural, political and legal rights



Facilitates access to essential services like education and healthcare



Produces statistics and information for better planning and good governance



Enables the monitoring of development progress and population dynamics



Maintains the integrity of national population databases and electoral lists



Reduces the risk of statelessness, child marriages and human trafficking

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Under the **Get every one in the picture** initiative, governments and development partners are working together to improve CRVS systems across the region. The initiative has created momentum for accelerating efforts to forge political commitment and strengthen regional cooperation. This momentum has facilitated the exchange of knowledge and technical assistance, raised awareness, supported innovation, and made tools and resources available.

