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This is a very quick newsletter to tell you about a really important event and to share some news a bout a new tool available for use in the Pacific.

I hope this message find you and your loved ones safe and well.

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Pacific Launch

Asia-Pacific has reached the midpoint of the <u>Asian and Pacific Civil Registration</u> and <u>Vital Statistics (CRVS) Decade</u> (2015-2024). The Decade is dedicated to achieving universal and responsive CRVS systems.

To highlight the progress countries made in meeting their national targets under the Regional Action Framework for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific, ESCAP is proud to publish a snapshot of progress midway through the CRVS Decade. Prepared as part of the analysis informing the organization of the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific between 16-19 November 2021, the snapshot report shows the Asia-Pacific region is on the right path to reaching the goals of universal and responsive CRVS systems. The report will be launched in the Pacific - 29 June 2021, 9:00 - 10:00 (Bangkok time). Registration



Pacific Community releases training curriculum on MCCoD

A death certificate is a permanent record of the fact of and characteristics of death and provides important information about the decedent, the circumstances and cause of death while also serving as the main source of mortality statistics for a country. Unfortunately, in many developing countries, doctors do not receive sufficient training on accurately certifying deaths in alignment with international standards.

To address this gap in the Pacific region, the <u>Brisbane Accord Group</u> has been providing routine training to medical doctors on this subject and recently published a <u>training</u> <u>curriculum on medical certification of causes of death</u>. The Group is also working with colleagues at Fiji National University to give students access to the curriculum moving forward.

