

**Project Title: Youth Consultations and Regional Virtual Forum  
in preparation for the Second Ministerial Conference on CRVS  
in Asia and the Pacific**

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**FINAL REPORT**

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## I. BACKGROUND

In November 2020, UN ESCAP and CRC Asia entered into a partnership agreement to harness political commitments and to advocate the voice and views of children and youth in identifying and overcoming challenges in meeting the Regional Action Framework for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific's goals and targets. This will be done through the conduct of a series of consultations and forums for children and youth.

The project is expected to result to a consolidated joint statement to be delivered through a recorded video during the *Second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (2<sup>nd</sup> MCCRVS)*, and a full narrative report derived from the results consultations and forums.

In September 2021, the partnership agreement was amended to extend the partnership agreement to 15 November 2021 from the original 15 March 2021, expand the project activities, and increase the budget to USD 25,000 from the original USD 10,000.

The expanded activities include the conduct of a regional forum of civil society organizations (CSOs) to develop their recommendations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> MCCRVS, taking into consideration the results of the consultations with children and youth.

With this, the additional expected outcomes of the project include a list of identified CSOs interested in taking part of the efforts to improve the CRVS systems; a joint statement of CSOs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> MCCRVS; and a set of communication materials promoting child participation on CRVS issues and the recommendations from the children and youth consultation.

In fulfilling these objectives and achieving the results, UN ESCAP and CRC Asia also collaborated with World Vision International, as well as with UNICEF East Asia Pacific Regional Office and UNICEF Regional Office South Asia.

## II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PARTNERSHIP

### a. *Consolidated joint video statement of children and youth for the 2<sup>nd</sup> MCCRVS*

Children and youth who took part in the series of consultations developed their video statement that was shared during the 2<sup>nd</sup> MCCRVS.

The link to the video can be accessed here: <https://youtu.be/kf2eNLWLgNQ>

### b. *Full narrative report of the series of consultations and forum with children and youth*

This report presents the views, experiences, and recommendations of 561 children and youth from 11 countries across Asia and the Pacific on CRVS, gathered through a series of discussions and consultations from March to April 2021.

The link to the full report, with an executive summary, can be accessed here: <https://countusinthepicture.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CRVS-Report-Final.pdf>

An additional outcome, in the form of a video, was developed to document the process and results of the series of consultations and forum with children and youth. The video documentation can be accessed here:

<https://youtu.be/2BI602E9jeY>

c. *List of identified CSOs interested in taking part of the efforts to improve the CRVS systems*

A number of civil society organizations were contacted to take part in the *Regional Forum of CSOs on CRVS: A preparatory Event to the 2nd MCCRVS in Asia and the Pacific*.

The list includes 15 CSOs working at the international-level, 9 based in Afghanistan, 5 in Australia, 10 in Bangladesh, 8 in Cambodia, 27 in India, 9 in Indonesia, 9 in Laos, 8 in Malaysia, 21 in Myanmar, 26 in Nepal, 35 in Pakistan, 28 in the Philippines, 25 in Sri Lanka, 38 in Thailand, 6 in Vanuatu, and 9 in Vietnam.

The full list is available in *Annex 1*.

d. *Joint statement of CSOs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> MCCRVS*

As a result of the *Regional Forum of CSOs on CRVS: A preparatory Event to the 2nd MCCRVS in Asia and the Pacific*, the participants developed the joint statement delivered by CRC Asia on behalf of the CSOs during the 2<sup>nd</sup> MCCRVS

The full copy of the joint statement of CSOs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> MCCRVS can be accessed here: <https://www.crcasia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Joint-Statement-of-CSOs-on-CRVS-in-Asia-and-the-Pacific-2021.pdf>

e. *A set of communication materials promoting child participation on CRVS issues and the recommendations from the children and youth consultation*

The project produced the following communication products:

- Website: <https://countusinthepicture.org/>
- Social media materials: <https://tinyurl.com/SocialMediaMats>
- A set of Activity Collaterals for the *Count us in the Picture: Voices of Children and Youth on CRVS – a Side Event of the 2nd MCCRVS* held on 12 November 2021: <https://tinyurl.com/CountUsInSideEventCollaterals>
- A set of Communication Materials for the *Regional Forum of CSOs on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific* held on 20 October 2021: <https://tinyurl.com/CommMatsCSOForum>. The video presenting the

highlights of the regional forum is also accessible here:  
<https://youtu.be/MY-WbizBbGg>

### III. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- a. *List of participants at the meetings and results from participant feedback questionnaires*
  1. *Activity: Regional Forum of Children and Youth on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific held on 29 May 2021*
    - List of Participants (For safety and security of children and young people involved, kindly keep this list confidential): *Annex 2*
    - Feedback of the Participants: *Annex 3*
  2. *Activity: Regional Forum of CSOs on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific held on 20 October 2021:*
    - List of Participants: *Annex 4*
    - Feedback of the Participants: *Annex 5*
- b. *Financial report, detailing expenditures against the agreed budget.*
  1. 2<sup>nd</sup> installment expense report submitted 15 April 2021: *Annex 7*
  2. 3<sup>rd</sup> installment expense report submitted 15 December 2021: *Annex 8*
- c. *An annual interim financial statement as of 31 December must be submitted no later than 15 January of the following year.*
  1. 1<sup>st</sup> installment expense report submitted 14 January 2021: *Annex 6*

\*Link to financial documents:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UMx\\_esYwx fyR0wvyVSueV6gTtCYdGEwu](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UMx_esYwx fyR0wvyVSueV6gTtCYdGEwu)

### IV. ANNEXES

Link to annexes: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MKEFvg3vYdZVaWfAx-mPpl3GyPqGGMbR?usp=sharing>