

**Solomon Islands Statement: CRVS UN – ESCAP Ministerial Conference, 26 Nov 2014, Bangkok, Thailand**

The Solomon Island Government welcomes the Regional Action Framework 2015-2025, and is committed to its objectives.

It provides that framework, upon which, the Solomon Islands commitment to improving CRVS as called for, Under the Pacific Vital Stats Action Plan is further strengthened, and therefore realized.

The Solomon Islands would like to register here its:

1. Commitment to developing a national CRVS improvement plan, and will requests technical partners assistance for its implementation, review and monitoring,
2. Initiatives to effect this commitment will include: reviewing the legislative framework for CRVS, to ensure legal certainty for vital statistics system. For instance, there is no domestic instrument that makes it obligatory to register births and deaths in the Solomon Islands.
3. In development of a national CRVS plan, the Government will commit to avail dedicated national government resources to ensure the proper functioning of the system, including further resources to strengthening of the CRVS national committee.
4. The Solomon Islands will be committed to increasing civil registration service points to ensure the population throughout the country, including those in remote areas, have access to civil registration in a convenient and timely way.
5. In a specific context, we will be committed to increasing our birth and death registration from less than 20 % currently to 50% by 2025.
6. Furthermore, we commit to increasing the availability of data on causes of death and using this data for policy before 2024. To this end, we will endeavor to developing and implementing policy that will ensure the collection of quality data and the sharing of the data, in particular to ensure the generation of vital statistics for planning and policy.

Thank you.