



# CRVS

## every life counts

no birth or death goes unrecognised  
no cause of death goes undocumented

### Who needs Civil Registration and Vital Statistics?

#### Communities

Need information to determine infrastructure and services' requirements.

#### Governments

Require both types of information and cause of death information to inform sectoral policy and budget priorities.

#### Individuals

Every newborn child has the right to a name and nationality. Birth certificates provide access to social services and legal documents. Death certificates are required for burial and for settling property transfers.



Death



Cause of death



Birth

A robust civil registration system is the most reliable, cost-effective and timely source of vital statistics. While **Estimates** of fertility and mortality serve an important function, they are **not a substitute for real data**. There is a real **risk** that policy decisions based on incorrect estimates could lead to poorer health and development outcomes.

Pacific Countries and Territories are making significant progress in improving CRVS systems under the Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan, 2011–2014.

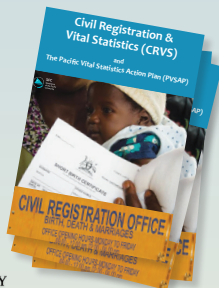
The plan was developed by the Brisbane Accord Group (BAG), a consortium of development partners, with the aim of:

- improving vital statistics in the Pacific region, and
- improving coordination between development partners.

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**Vital Statistics** drive informed policy development and planning.  
**Civil Registration** is **vital** for the regular recording of births and deaths.