Program Profile



Changing Policies to Save Lives

## **Data for Health**

The Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI) provides Civil Registration and Vital Statistics legal reviews and budget advocacy support to improve public health data so that governments are equipped with the tools and systems to collect and use data to prioritize health challenges, develop policies, deploy resources and measure access.



GHAI presents at the Pacific Regional Workshop on Legal Identity in 2019.

## **Activities**

- Conduct legal reviews and develop legal and policy recommendations.
- Provide budget advocacy support and training for civil registration and vital statistics systems.
- Provide technical assistance, advocacy planning and support to implement and advance recommendations.

Where we work: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Senegal, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda and Vietnam

# STATISTICS THAT GO UNREGISTERED





29.4 million deaths
go unrecorded each year—
more than half.



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## **Our Impact**

- GHAI is providing technical legal assistance to help governments draft new CRVS laws in Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Maldives, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
- Based on our legal reviews, new CRVS regulations or policies have been adopted in Brazil, Ecuador, Ghana, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Thailand.





"The bottom line for [what] we're trying to do in CRVS is, the data collected [provides] information on which evidence-based planning can be carried out by the national government. And that, for us, is paramount."

- Noel Mobiha, **Acting Registrar General,** Papua New Guinea

**Left: National CRVS-ID review** workshops in Vietnam and Cameroon.

## **Success Story**

### **CRVSID Reform in Papua New Guinea**

#### The challenge:

It is difficult for countries to obtain the data they need to assess their health burdens and ensure they are reaching their most vulnerable populations, particularly in remote and rural areas. In Papua New Guinea, birth and death registration rates are at less than 5%.

#### **GHAI's role:**

The Global Health Advocacy Incubator, in collaboration with other Bloomberg Data for Health partners, developed a Legal and Regulatory Review Toolkit to help countries strengthen their CRVSID systems based on United Nations guidelines. The Toolkit was used to analyze and identify gaps in Papua New Guinea's CRVS legal framework.

#### **Results:**

The Constitutional and Law Reform Commission used the toolkit to draft a new Civil and Identity Registration Bill, which is expected to pass in 2022 and help decision makers obtain timely and reliable data to ensure the health and rights of all Papua New Guineans.

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The Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI) supports civil society organizations who advocate for public health policies that reduce death and disease.

We bring a proven advocacy approach and a global network of local partners, built on a 20-year track record of success across multiple issues in more than 60 countries.

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