The Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan (PVSAP) 2011–2014 was developed by the Brisbane Accord Group with two aims in mind:

- Improve vital statistics in the Pacific region
- Improve coordination between development partners.

The PVSAP sits under the Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy, 2011–2020, to ensure CRVS is fully incorporated into regional strategic statistical priorities.

**How the PVSAP works**

- Partners support countries to assess their collection and reporting systems for births, deaths, and causes of death, and develop a country-specific improvement plan.
- Partner agencies are then able to focus their support in a coordinated manner to meet countries’ needs.

**Partnership in action**

**Strengths** of the PVSAP include:

- emphasis on country ownership and fostering strong interdepartmental relationships between stakeholders in country
- true collaboration between partner agencies, aligning individual agency work programs and drawing on the strengths of each agency.

**Steps in developing a national plan**

1. Build stakeholder support and conduct a rapid assessment of the CRVS system
2. Establish and formalise a national coordination committee
3. Conduct a comprehensive CRVS assessment and priorities key issues
4. Develop a national CRVS improvement strategy and ensure key stakeholder support
5. Implement CRVS improvement plan and monitor progress

**Next Steps**


Support under the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Framework will continue to be coordinated through the Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan.