

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Project title	Preparation for the 2020 round of population censuses and the production of better migration data in CIS countries
Project duration	April 2013 – December 2015
Reporting period covered	April-December 2013
Financial implementation rate	44% of total project funds
Summary of impact/outcomes	<p>Top management and experts in statistical offices and migration agencies of countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) are better informed of the needs and the potential use of census and migration data for policymaking. CIS countries reached a common understanding on the strategic direction of their actions for improving population censuses and migration statistics. They specified further collaborative steps on the international level.</p> <p>Experts from CIS countries provided direct input in the preparation of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Recommendations for the 2020 census round, to ensure full relevance and applicability of the CES Recommendations for CIS countries. The gained understanding of CIS countries' practice in the 2010 census round led to improved capacity of experts of CIS countries to implement population censuses in the 2020 round in accordance with their data needs and the CES Recommendations.</p>
REVIEW OF EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AS PER PROJECT DOCUMENT <i>(Please make sure the review (i) includes all EAs and activities as per the project document implemented during the review period, (ii) provide information on the venue of workshops/seminars, their dates and the number of participants, including gender-disaggregated, and (iii) state if the activities have been completed or are still incomplete)</i>	
Expected Accomplishment 1 (EA1)	Data producers and policymakers in CIS countries have better knowledge of the needs and the potential use of census and migration data for policymaking
Main Activity A.1 Opening high-level event with policymakers and data producers of CIS countries	<p>UNECE and the Federal State Statistics Service of the Russian Federation (Rosstat) jointly organized the High-level Seminar on Population Censuses and Migration Statistics in CIS countries, in Gelendzhik (Russian Federation) on 16-18 October.</p> <p>The Seminar was attended by heads and senior experts of national statistical and migration agencies from CIS countries and the Interstate Statistical Committee of CIS (CISSTAT). Experts from Austria, Spain, United Kingdom, the International Organization for Migration and academia participated as well. Altogether, 44 participants attended, of whom 20 were women.</p> <p>The Conclusions of the Seminar provided strategic direction for CIS countries' action in improving population censuses and migration statistics and specified the focus of further activities in the current project. The documents of the Seminar are available at the UNECE web site: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2013.10.hls.html. The activity is completed.</p>

Expected Accomplishment 2 (EA2)	Improved capacity of CIS countries to implement population censuses in the 2020 round in accordance with their data needs and the CES recommendations
Main Activity A.2.1 Expert meeting for CIS experts to prepare substantive contributions to the CES recommendations for the 2020 round of population censuses, to be held back-to-back with the 2013 UNECE Expert Meeting on Population Censuses	<p>UNECE organized the Workshop on Population and Housing Censuses in partnership with Rosstat and CISSTAT in Geneva on 4 October, back-to-back with the meeting of the UNECE-Eurostat Group of Experts on Population and Housing Censuses (30 September – 3 October).</p> <p>Census experts and managers representing the following countries and organizations attended the Workshop: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Statistics Division. Experts from the United Kingdom and CISSTAT facilitated the discussion. Altogether, 32 participants attended, of whom 16 were women.</p> <p>At the Workshop, census managers and experts discussed their experiences with the census of the 2010 round, the difficulties they found in implementing the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Recommendations for the 2010 census round, and the needs in view of the preparation of the Recommendations for the 2020 census round. The documents of the Workshop are available at the UNECE web site: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2013.10.census2.html. The activity is completed.</p>
COMMENTS <i>(Please indicate if there were any problems with the execution of the project, changes to the implementation plan, or any other relevant information)</i>	
Activities were carried out as planned and reached expected results.	