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	January-December 2014
Financial implementation rate	70% of total project funds
Summary of impact/outcomes	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 accordance with their needs and the CES Recommendations.

Experts from CIS countries learned from each other's experience in implementing the action plan for improving migration statistics in the CIS region. They also learned about new methodologies and latest research on improving the measurement of emigration. Decisions were made on focusing further efforts on the harmonization of concepts and definitions between countries, improving inter-agency cooperation on the national level and on publishing the information that would explain to the users the advantages and disadvantages of various data sources. |
REVIEW OF EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AS PER PROJECT DOCUMENT	
(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)	
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.2.2 Expert meeting for CIS countries on finalizing the CES recommendations on the 2020 round of population censuses, to be held back-to-back with the 2014 UNECE Expert Meeting on Population Censuses	UNECE organized the Workshop on Population and Housing Censuses in partnership with Rosstat and CISSTAT in Geneva on 22 September, back-to-back with the meeting of the UNECE-Eurostat Group of Experts on Population and Housing Censuses (23-26 September).

Census experts and managers representing the following countries and organizations attended the Workshop: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Montenegro, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Eurostat, CIS-Stat and the United Nations Statistics Division. Experts from the United Kingdom and CIS-Stat facilitated the discussion. Altogether, 40 participants attended, of whom 18 were women.

At the Workshop, census managers and experts discussed their experiences with the census of the 2010 round, reviewed the draft Recommendations for the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses and proposed concrete improvements.

The documents of the Workshop are available at the UNECE web site: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2014.09.census2.html. The activity is completed. |

Expected Accomplishment 3 (EA2)	Improved capacity of CIS countries to produce statistics on international migration
Main Activity A.3.1 Expert meeting for CIS countries on the use of population censuses and household surveys to measure international migration in CIS countries, to be held back-to-back with the 2014 UNECE Work Session on Migration Statistics	UNECE organized this capacity-building workshop on migration statistics in cooperation with Rosstat, CIS-Stat, and the National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova in Chisinau on 8-9 September. Participants represented statistical offices from the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Mexico, the Republic of Moldova, Norway, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Experts from CIS-Stat, Eurasian Economic Commission, Eurostat, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration, Moscow State University, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Development Programme and UNECE participated as well. Altogether, 47 participants attended, of whom 24 were women. The workshop consisted of two parts over two days. The first day discussed an action plan for improving migration in the CIS region, while the second day looked at methodologies for estimating emigration. The training included presentations by experts, country presentations, and group exercises. Presentations made at the workshop are available at the UNECE website: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2014.10.migration1.html. The activity is completed.

COMMENTS
(Please indicate if there were any problems with the execution of the project, changes to the implementation plan, or any other relevant information)
Activities were carried out as planned and reached expected results.