

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 2015
Financial implementation rate (in % of 2011-2012 budget)	
Summary of impact/outcomes	<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 accordance with their needs and the CES Recommendations.</p> <p>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.</p>
REVIEW OF EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AS PER PROJECT DOCUMENT	
<p><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></p>	
Expected Accomplishment 3 (EA3)	Improved capacity of CIS countries to produce statistics on international migration
A3.2. Expert meeting for CIS experts on improving the use of administrative sources to measure international migration in CIS countries	<p>UNECE organized this capacity-building workshop on migration statistics in cooperation with Rosstat, CIS-Stat, and the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus in Minsk on 28-29 May.</p> <p>Participants represented statistical offices from the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Experts from CIS-Stat, the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, the International Organization for Migration, Moscow State University, the Slovenian State Statistical Service and UNECE participated as well. Altogether, 30 participants attended, of whom 20 were women.</p> <p>The workshop consisted of two parts over two days. The first day discussed the use of administrative data and the second day examined the use of sample surveys to measure migration. The training included presentations by experts, country presentations and group exercises. Participants also discussed the draft handbook <i>Use of Administrative Sources and Sample Surveys to Measure</i></p>

	<p><i>International Migration in the CIS region.</i></p> <p>Presentations made at the workshop are available at the UNECE website: http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37886#.</p> <p>The activity is completed.</p>
<p>A3.3. Production of a guide, in Russian and English, on the use of administrative data and household surveys to measure international migration in the CIS region</p>	<p>UNECE coordinated the production of a handbook entitled the <i>Use of Administrative Sources and Sample Surveys to Measure International Migration in the CIS region</i>. The guide is available in both English and Russian and includes chapters on both the use of administrative data and sample survey in compiling international migration statistics. Case studies are included in the guide and best practices are identified.</p> <p>The advanced draft of the handbook in English and Russian is currently available on the UNECE website: http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37886#.</p> <p>The guide was circulated for final consultation in December to statistical offices of CIS countries with a request to provide comments by 1 February 2016. Based on these comments, the Guide will be finalized and published.</p> <p>The activity will be completed in February 2016.</p>
<p>COMMENTS</p> <p><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></p>	
<p>Activities reached expected results. The work on the handbook took longer than expected and required an extra round of consultation among countries, which led to a two-month delay from the originally planned completion time (February 2016 instead of December 2015).</p>	