Administrative Data for Measuring Migration
in Countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

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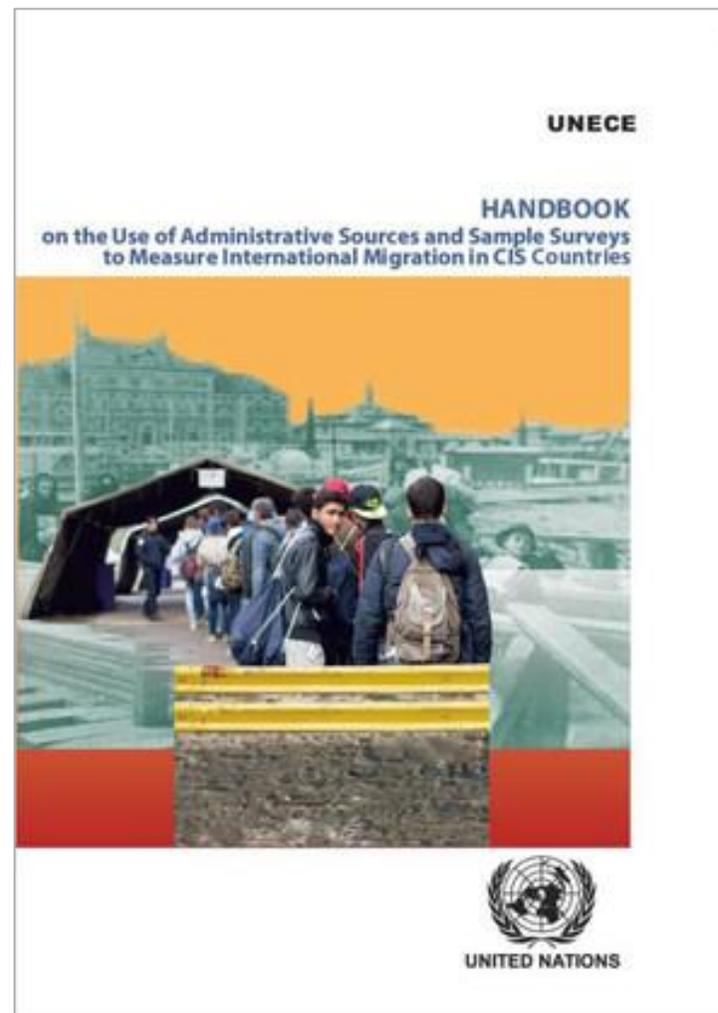
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- Use of administrative sources
- Use of sample surveys
- Published in 2016
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HANDBOOK
on the Use of Administrative Sources and Sample Surveys
to Measure International Migration in CIS Countries

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General Recommendations

- Agencies should **consult** with representatives of NSOs and take into account possible needs of statistical agencies and wide range of users.

- NSOs should be involved with producers of administrative data in **methodological work** to develop administrative statistics on migration and related processes, especially if an agency has no previous experience in such activities.

- Both NSOs and agencies should develop a common approach and make the decision on what administrative data are to be **submitted to a NSO** for further processing and publication and what data an agency is to **process and publish itself**.
This decision should include what types of statistical information will be provided NSO, whether these will be individual or aggregated data to be provided to NSO, what variables will be made available, and how often and in what format data will be provided.

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General Recommendations

Consultations on user needs 8	Involvement of NSOs in methodological work 6	Common decision on the processes and responsibilities 8
Armenia	Armenia	Armenia
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan
Belarus	Belarus	Belarus
Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Moldova	Russian Federation	Moldova
Russian Federation	Ukraine	Russian Federation
Tajikistan		Tajikistan
Ukraine		Ukraine

Recommendations to Statistical Offices

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- Together with administrative agencies, consider producing detailed migration statistics with the identification of **time and purpose of move**, and explore the potential of such statistics to disaggregate flows and stocks by **short- and long-term migration**.

- Start elaborating **'migration variables'** collected by vital statistics in order to assess migrants' contribution towards demographic processes in a host country. Such statistics can demonstrate absolute numbers of demographic events among migrants, and the differences between migrants and non- migrants in major demographic events.

Recommendations to Statistical Offices

Timing and purpose of move 7	Utilization of "migration variables" 6
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan
Belarus	Belarus
Georgia	Georgia
Moldova	Moldova
Russian Federation	Russian Federation
Tajikistan	Tajikistan
Ukraine	

Recommendations to Agencies

- Demonstrate more interest in statistics collected by other national agencies and develop **inter-agency cooperation** on a bilateral or collective basis.

- Transmit **electronic** data to NSOs for producing the statistics of flows and stocks of long-term and short-term migration.

- Ensure that **raw data are fully and reliably entered**, including variables required for identifying and profiling migration.

- Commit to **develop agency-level statistics** related to migration in accordance with best practice of countries which have many years of experience in such activities.
  This could help agencies to answer important questions which are within their mandates, such as tax revenue generated from migrants, the efficacy of social insurance for migrants, estimates of the number of migrant children enrolled in schools and future planning needs, impact of migration on health care, etc.

- Start **regular publication of comprehensive statistical reports** which address a wide range of users, and are freely available.
  These reports should include, for example, main indicators of the entries and exits to and from a country, issuance of residence permits, access to national labour markets, naturalization, etc. There is a long-standing need for these sorts of publications.

Recommendations to Agencies

Inter-agency cooperation 9	Electronic data transmission 7	Reliability of data entry 7	Development of agency-level statistics 8	Regular reports 9
Armenia	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Armenia	Armenia
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	Belarus	Belarus	Belarus
Belarus	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Georgia	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan	Moldova	Kyrgyzstan
Moldova	Moldova	Tajikistan	Russian Federation	Moldova
Russian Federation	Ukraine	Ukraine	Tajikistan	Russian Federation
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Ukraine	Belarus	Armenia	*Improving:*	Ukraine
	Russian Federation	Kyrgyzstan	Armenia	*Improving:*
	Tajikistan	Russian Federation	Georgia	Moldova
			Kyrgyzstan	
			Tajikistan	
			Ukraine	

Thank you for your attention!

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