

EU-ARMENIA TWINNING PROJECT

Activity 2.4

Methodology for migration statistics and increased use of electronic data I

Demographic Statistics

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Mandatory result

Mandatory result MR3 related to this activity

Migration statistics improved concerning data collection, coverage, timeliness and quality

Benchmarked by

- Methodology on migration statistics updated (April 2017)
- Staff of NSSRA trained on issues related to migration statistics (July 2017)



Purpose and expected output of 2.4

Purpose

- Review of data collection and discussion on how to handle electronic data for migration statistics
- Meeting with data suppliers
- Review of methodology
- Involvement of relevant stakeholders in the discussions

Expected output

- Mission report on recommendations for improvement of data quality, methodology and use of data sources.
- A lining up of work programme for the next activities on migration statistics:
 - 2.6: Study visit to Statistics Lithuania (October 2016)
 - 2.7: Methodology of migration statistics and increased use of electronic data II (February 2017)



Conclusions

- Improvement of the Migration module in questionnaire of the Integrated Living Conditions Survey has been discussed (including new questions about citizenship, 0-14 years old children, analyse the migration flows only for the previous year and etc.).
- The ranking (reweighting) procedure had been done in Integrated Living Conditions Survey and the results and quality indicators of international migration statistics have been analysed.
- Good relations with RA National Security Service.
During the meeting with them the production of international migration statistics (according to EU regulation) has been presented. Importance of the using of the personal data from Border Management Information System has been emphasized.



Conclusions

- Good relations with Visa and Passport department of the Police of RA. The delivery of the personal data from Population Register to the NSSRA is under consideration.
- The database on labour migrants exist in Visa and Passport department of the Police of RA.
- Close cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- Good relations with State Migration Service. State Migration Service in cooperation with NSSRA and Police plans to produce statistics on acquisition and lost of the citizenship.
- The draft Agreement on data delivery to the National Statistical Service of RA and cooperation on administrative data quality is very welcome.



Recommendations

Suggestions for Draft Agreement on the delivery data to NSSRA

- To supplement Draft Agreement on the delivery data to NSSRA by an extra paragraph:

2.2.0 Usage of data:

*“NSSRA obliges not to disclose or not to grant other opportunities to third parties in any form of access to the **personal** data they receive, if the laws of the Republic of Armenia and other legal acts not provide otherwise.”*

- *1.3 Legal basis for delivery*
To add reference to the Three-year State Statistical Work Program
- IT specialists should participate in preparation of agreement regarding the structure of the database, ensuring the safety and protection of the data.



Recommendations

- To update the Migration module of the questionnaire of the Integrated Living Conditions Survey (including new questions about citizenship, 0-14 years old children) till the end of 2016.
- To estimate annually the quality indicators for international migration statistics.
- To improve the methodology document and to prepare the technical specification (define the structure of the database, schemes, validation and imputation procedure and etc.) for producing the international migration statistics.
- To have a (internal or external) training (practical) courses on Imputation methods.



Recommendations

- To organize a high level meeting with the National Security Service concerning receiving data from Border Management Information System.
- To strengthen IT skills and capacities with working with registers and administrative databases.
- To ensure cooperation of specialists from Population Census and Demography Division with IT specialists.



Road map and time plan

Study visit to Statistics Lithuania is planned in October 2016

- NSSRA should prepare
 - Detailed draft methodology documentation, technical specification for production of the international migration statistics
 - Organize the high level meeting with National Security Service of RA and provide the results
 - Provide the draft updated questionnaire of the Integrated Living Conditions Survey