



CISPop 2020 Annual Report Executive Summary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

UNFPA's Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia and the Russian Federation launched a three-year programme in 2019 CISPop: Better Data for Better Policies project in nine CIS countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The USD \$4 million CISPop programme builds on previous close collaborations, an already-completed project in Belarus to boost national capacity to use demographic data in policy development and planning. A project being implemented in Kyrgyzstan to prepare for the 2020/2021 population census and improve administrative data. A third national project is underway in Tajikistan, supporting the population census of 2020.

The new regional CISPop programme is working to expand these models in the region and to link regional population analysis to global dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project is making good progress on boosting the capacity of CIS states to understand, anticipate and manage population trends for sustained future development across its key activities 1) Supporting the 2020 round of Population and Housing Censuses 2) Improving the analysis and utilization of population data 3) Enhancing regional dialogue and knowledge exchange on population data and development of evidence-based population policies and 4) Enhancing

national capacities of CIS member states on socio-demographic knowledge and its application for meeting the SDGs.

A two-year annual work plan (AWP) was developed and integrated into UNFPA's overall work plan for the region and was approved by UNFPA Regional senior management. The AWP was revised in July 2020, reflecting results of discussions with partners who implement key elements of the project (referred to as Implementing Partners) and reassessment of possibilities and priorities in the light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Existing partnership agreements with the Interstate Statistical Committee for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-Stat) and Moscow Higher School of Economics (HSE) were reconfirmed. A new collaboration agreement was signed with the Center for Information and Publication "Statistics of Russia" (Rosstat), Institute of Demographic Research Russian Academy of Sciences (IDR RAS), Charles University (CUNI), and Global Data Barometer (GDB). Annual work plans with CISStat, HSE, Rosstat, IDR RAS were negotiated, aligned with project objectives, and signed, while alternative funding modalities were devised to secure the services of CUNI and IDB.

The project's visual identity was developed in consultation with the key implementing partners. It contains a short name for the project CISPop: Better Data for Better Policy (shortly CISPop), project logs in English and Russian languages, the hashtag of the project, the font, and a PowerPoint presentation template. The project webpage was created <https://ee-ca.unfpa.org/en/cispop>, and the project brochure in Russian and English languages was developed.

However, it must be noted that the early stage of implementation has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Several project activities planned for 2020 had to be rescheduled. At country level, three out of four census operations, a major area of project support, have been postponed until the COVID-19 situation improves, requiring rescheduling of a number of census-related project activities. In effect, activities that require groups of people could not take place. Nevertheless, despite the challenges, several advances were completed, in some cases through rapid action by IPs (with support of UNFPA) to transform physical workshops and training into on-line events. Through online implementation seven training courses were conducted by HSE and CUNI that were attended by 153 people from the region. Online technical support for census preparation was provided to Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, through the remote services of short-term consultants.

The project activities include translation into Russian language of important manuals and guidelines for census operations. As these activities were less affected by the COVID pandemic they were initiated with priority, in consultation with the UN Statistics Division (UNSD). Also, a manual for using Quantum Geographic Information System (QGIS) software was translated, and translation work of an existing on-line course on National Transfer Accounts (NTA) commenced.

Moreover, within the project the online regional conference on Youth Statistics and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was conducted. The conference brought together experts in socio-demographic statistics from the NSOs of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, who shared information on the efforts made by member states to improve youth statistics in their respective countries. As a result of the event, representatives exchanged knowledge and experience on improving youth statistics related to the SDGs, and finalized the structure of the next statistical abstract.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

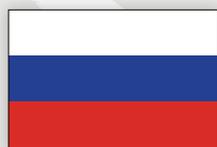


PROJECT BUDGET

4.1M

USD \$4,117,842

DONOR



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PROJECT PERIOD



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