

High-level Seminar on Population Censuses and Migration Statistics in CIS Countries

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Reliable statistics plays an important role in understanding society. Labor force is one of the most important resources of the country: workers' health, skills, knowledge and their working conditions are of importance for the development and prosperity of the country. Information on the number and composition of the labour force is in demand in order to develop the social, economic and market policies for the regulation of labor migration. Available statistics on labor migration is an indicator of the overall situation on the labor market. National migration policy should be based on correct statistics on migration in general and labor migration in particular. It is necessary to develop new solutions, and evaluate the effectiveness of measures already undertaken.

The interaction in the field of providing statistical data and other information, relating to citizens' employment, is carried out in the framework of international agreements within the CIS countries, as well as bilateral international treaties. For this purpose, there have been established the institutional and legal structures for cooperation in the field of migration.

For example the Advisory Council on Labor, Migration and Social Protection of the CIS Population was established on November 13, 1992 by the decision of the Council of the CIS Heads of Governments. The Advisory Council comprises the ministers and heads of agencies that regulate labor, migration and social protection of the population, and has been charged with the function of development of a coherent policy on major issues of mutual interest, including the exchange of statistical data.

The Agreement on Cooperation between CIS member states in the fight against illegal migration signed by the Council of the CIS Heads of Governments on March 6, 1998 can be identified as the main legal basis for cooperation between CIS countries in the sphere of data exchange on migrant workers.

In 2009, at the Meeting of the CIS Heads of Migration Services the agreement on the exchange of statistical data on the number of indicators characterizing the migration, including labor migration, was reached.

Also existing within the framework of bilateral cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan are international agreements governing the exchange of statistical data on migration.

Thus, Article 3 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Government of the Russian Federation on employment and protection of the rights of citizens of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Tajikistan and the citizens of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Tajikistan as of October 16, 2004, provides that the timely exchange of information in the field of labor, employment, emigration and immigration shall be carried out between the competent authorities of the state-parties.

Migration Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan was established by the Tajikistan President Decree 1014 on January 21 2011 and its regulations were approved by the Government Resolution 229 on April 30, 2011.

Its structure comprises the Information Department, which function includes the collection, compilation and analysis of statistics on migration; development and implementation of integrated information technology and integrated automated system for registration and data processing. This system is to provide monitoring and transmission of information on matters within the competence of the Migration Service.

The main tasks of the Information Department are:

- development and implementation of integrated information technology and integrated automated system for recording and processing information, providing monitoring and transmission of information on matters within the competence of the Migration Service;
- forming and operating the state information system for migration control, as well as timely & completely introducing all necessary information;
- establishment and maintenance of the unified database;
- providing a methodological uniformity and consistent operation of information systems in the established field of competence;
- timely provision of high quality independent information for better awareness of law enforcement agencies, contributing to the decision-making process.

Generally, the system's performance focuses are: authorized users' objectives, integrity, reliability, professionalism, accountability, confidentiality and efficiency.

- The Migration Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan operates on the basis of the Government Resolution 378 of August 1, 2008. "On registration of migrant citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan travelling abroad and returning home". The Migration Service keeps statistics on the number and composition of the migrant citizens traveling outside the RT in 6 directions. Besides, this service keeps statistics on the age & sex composition of foreign nationals working in the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan, as well as the number of foreign nationals by country of origin.

- Users of these statistical data are the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, international organizations, migration services of the CIS countries. These data are utilized to track the flow of migrant workers to state- employers, to create an interstate database on migrant workers who are citizens of countries – members of the Eurasian Economic Community.

- Main users are consulted by providing reports in written and electronic forms in the reporting period;

For more efficient operation of the Migration Service, it is necessary:

- to perfect the legal and regulatory base in the established field of activity;
- to coordinate the activities of state agencies, international, public and other organizations in the established field of activity;
- to adjust an inter-agency coordination and involve donors to the formation of the labor market analysis system, forecasting of labor migration abroad, and promoting the development of new employment markets abroad;
- to establish the system of organized recruitment and dispatching migrant workers abroad;
- to assist in the creation of an effective system of social and health insurance of migrant workers abroad.

The Service has an annual plan of work, which stipulates for activities in the sphere of coordination and monitoring, reports on progress, as well as reviews.
