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**ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROGRESS REPORT**

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**PROJECT TITLE: “Strengthening the Statistical Capacity of Central Asian Countries to Monitor the Progress toward the Millennium Development Goals” (StatCapCA-Project),**

**PROJECT DURATION:** 2006-2009

**REPORTING PERIOD COVERED:** April 2006 – January 2009

**FINANCIAL IMPLEMENTATION RATE:** 85.4 % of the total budget (USD 385,000)

**SUMMARY OF IMPACT:** **During the reporting period April 2006 – January 2009 18 main actions of the Project have been organized.**

Additional to this there has been one additional Training Workshop, financed by funding outside the StatCapCA project (UNFPA Turkmenistan), related to its content directly with the project.

An evaluation of the results of the project will take place in an Evaluation Meeting, taking place in the end of March 2009. An evaluation is currently being prepared by an external evaluator, Mr Oleg Cara, Deputy Director of the National Statistical Bureau of Moldova. Depending on the remaining funding an advisory mission will take place in the first part of the year 2009.

**Recent Activities in the StatCapCA Project**

After the previous report, delivered in February 2008, the following actions have taken place:

- ❖ Participation of altogether five persons in the UNESCAP Regional Workshop on promoting disability data collection through the 2010 Population and Housing Censuses, Bangkok, April 2008
- ❖ Study Visit for members of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics concerning best management practices in official statistics, June 2008, Paris, France;
- ❖ PWG Meeting on Statistics, June 2008, Paris, France;
- ❖ Advisory Mission on the preparations of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, August 2008, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

- ❖ Advisory Mission on Non-Observed Economy, October 2008, Baku, Azerbaijan;
- ❖ Preparation of MDG Reporting from Central Asian countries for the IAEG Meeting, taking place in Geneva in November 2008;
- ❖ Advisory Mission on publication of Census materials of the forthcoming Population and Housing Census, January 2009, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- ❖ Fact finding mission for the preparation of an Evaluation Report of the StatCapCA Project by the independent evaluator, January 2009, Tashkent, Uzbekistan and Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

## **Population and Housing Census of the 2010 Round Component**

**All three Training Workshops, planned to take place on the project component on Population and Housing Censuses of the 2010 Round, have now been organized.** All three workshops have been planned and led by the three resource persons from UNECE: Ms Angela Me, Section Chief of the Demographic and Social Statistics Section of the Statistical Division of UNECE, Mr Paolo Valente, Statistician at the same Section and Mr Petteri Baer, Regional Adviser of the UNECE Statistical Division and Project Manager of the StatCapCA Project.

The three training workshops on Population and Housing Censuses, organized in the framework of the StatCapCA Project, have promoted the preparations of the Central Asian National Statistical offices to have a solid base on numerous MDG indicators as far as they can be achieved by the Census. The quality of the forthcoming Censuses in Central Asia are of importance also for securing as good denominators for different MDG indicators. The three Training Workshops on Census issues have been a success both as to the satisfaction expressed by participants as well as to the number of participants.

**Directors, managers and specialists from the NSOs of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan** have taken part in all Training Workshops on Population and Housing Censuses on a regular basis. In the Baku, Dushanbe and Astana Workshops we also had participants from the NSO of **Georgia**. The Georgian Country Office of UNFPA made the participation of the Georgian NSO in all three Census Workshops financially possible through their active support. From Turkmenistan UNFPA participated in the Baku Workshop, but unfortunately no participant was able to arrive from the Turkmen NSO. In the Dushanbe and Astana Workshops two specialists also from the **Afghan NSO** participated. The number of participants from NSOs has usually been two and the number of participants from the hosting country clearly higher than that.

In the workshop on Census technology in Astana, we, additionally to the two participants from Azerbaijan, Afghanistan Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, had seven **additional participants** from **Kazakhstan**, two additional participants from **Tajikistan**, one additional participant from **the Kyrgyz Republic and Georgia**, one from the **UNFPA Country Organization of Kazakhstan**, one from **CIS-STAT**, two from **Moldova**, three from **Bosnia-Herzegovina**, five from **UNMIK/Kosovo**. Altogether 42 persons participated in this Training Workshop.

### **One “additional” Training Workshop on Censuses**

Besides the three Training Workshops on Census issues, directly organized in the framework of and financed by the StatCapCA Project, **a fourth Training Workshop on Censuses was organized in 7 – 11 May 2007** with the participation of three resource persons from UNECE. The travel and DSA for the three resource persons of this National Workshop were **financed by the UNFPA Country Office of Turkmenistan**. **The aim of this Workshop was to train the staff members of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan (NISSI) in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan**, as they had not visited the Sub-regional Training Workshops on Censuses of the StatCapCA Project.

This national Training Workshop replicated in a country-adjusted way the main content of the StatCapCA Training Workshops in Baku (Autumn 2006) and Dushanbe (Spring 2007). NISSI, The Turkmen NSO participated with 15 persons, including the Head and Deputy Head of the Division, responsible for the 2010 Census preparations and staff members from other with the Census related divisions. The Project Manager of the StatCapCA Project participated in Ashgabat already in the previous week to the Training Workshop in a one-day training and information workshop for Turkmen Media on the preparations of the Census in Turkmenistan (3 May 2007). The organizational and financial assistance for this “additional” Training Workshop from the UNFPA Country Office was indispensable.

In August 2008 a 5-days **Advisory Mission to the Kyrgyz Republic** on the preparations of the Population and Housing Census was performed by Mr Paolo Valente from UNECE.

In January 2009 a 4-days **Advisory Mission to Tajikistan** on the preparations of the publication and dissemination activities of the Population and Housing Census and other statistical materials was performed by Mr Marlen Jigitekov from UNECE.

### **Health Status Component**

**The first Training Workshop on Disability Statistics** was organized successfully **in December 2006 in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic**. This training

Workshop was planned and led by Ms Angela Me and Mr Petteri Baer from UNECE. It was organized in cooperation with UNESCAP, the World Bank and the Chairperson of the Washington Group, Ms Jennifer Madans. Two participants per country from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan attended. From the Kyrgyz Republic the number of participants were three, from Uzbekistan one. Nobody participated from Turkmenistan.

Most of the participants of this Training Workshop expressed great satisfaction to the content and arrangements of the Workshop.

In the original StatCapCA Project Plan a second Training Workshop on the Health Status Component was foreseen. As a compensating activity for the originally in Turkmenistan and later in Uzbekistan planned Training Workshop on the Health status (see below, Chapter 2) UNECE has now in cooperation with UNESCAP agreed on organizing participants from three Central Asian countries to an UNESCAP Regional Workshop on promoting disability data collection through the 2010 Population and Housing Censuses. This Workshop took place in **Bangkok** on 8-10 April 2008. The countries which had expressed a clear will of participating in the development of disability statistics were Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. The two former countries were the most active and interested ones on the Disability Statistics topic in the Bishkek Training Workshop in December 2006. Also a resource person from UNECE participated in this joint workshop.

After the Bangkok workshop Kazakhstan has been adopted as a pilot country into the UNESCAP-lead project on disability statistics. In 2009 it has committed to perform a cognitive testing of the questionnaire, developed by the Washington Group as well as to perform a pilot testing with approximately 1000 respondents in the framework of their regular Household Survey on disability issues. In the long run these testing activities and their results will be shared within the sub-region thus promoting a broader implementation of information collection and production of statistics on disabilities in the sub-region.

### **Non-Observed Economy Component**

**The first Training Workshop of the component of Non-Observed Economy was organized in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic on the 25-27 April 2007 in cooperation with the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic in cooperation with UNESCAP, SNA93 1.Rev Update Group and Eurostat.** This Training Workshop was planned and led by Ms Tiina Luige and Tihomira Dimova from UNECE.

In this Training workshop we had participants from all Central Asian countries, including Turkmenistan, from where we until that time had encountered serious problems of attracting participants. Besides the training materials all participating countries also provided papers and small presentations on their work and estimations on non-observed economy in the workshop. The two resource

persons from UNECE gave the most part of presentations but there were also presentations of the Chairperson of the SNA93 1.Rev Update Group (SNA 2008), Ms Carol Carlson, UNESCAP and Eurostat. Altogether 21 persons participated in this Training Workshop.

**The first Advisory Mission** of the Project was implemented on the 14-16 November 2007 **on the Non-Observed Economy component**. Two specialists in National Accounts and Non-Observed Economy from UNECE organized a three days' set of advisory activities for the State Statistical Committee of Tajikistan in Dushanbe. Altogether 24 persons participated in the Advisory Mission, including heads of all departments of the State Statistical Committee and representatives from the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance, and the Tax Committee. Mr Mirgand Shabozov, Chairman of the State Statistical Committee, chaired the seminar. Mr Anders Nordin from Surety Luxembourg S.A. which is the organization implementing the TACIS project on Non-Observed Economy in Tajikistan participated and presented that project.

Ms Tiina Luige and Ms Tihomira Dimova from UNECE gave altogether 12 presentations (of the total 17) during the seminar. Mr. Mustafa Dinc, Senior Economist from the Development Economics Data group of the World Bank participated during the first day. Consultations with the staff of the State Statistical Committee Divisions on National Accounts and Classifications were also held outside the seminar.

The main purpose of the Advisory Mission Seminar was to deepen the knowledge of the principles and methods of measuring the Non-Observed Economy and to provide information on other national accounts issues to a wider audience than can normally participate in our meetings. Using the opportunity that the TACIS project on Non-Observed Economy in Tajikistan was just at its final stage, the methodology used in the project and its first preliminary results were presented. The agenda included a general presentation of UNECE Statistical Division's work and of the statistical office of Tajikistan, specific issues in measuring the NOE, in particular misreporting and illegal activities and other questions related to implementation of the international standards in economic statistics (regional accounts, classifications).

**The Second Training Workshop of the Non-Observed Economy component** will be organized in Geneva back-to-back with the UNECE-Eurostat-OECD Meeting on National Accounts in April 2008.

A second Advisory Mission on this topic, corresponding to the first one to Tajikistan and described in detail above, was in October 2008 organized to Azerbaijan. Resource persons on this Mission were Ms Tiina Luige and Mr Radoslav Istatkov from UNECE.

**1. REVIEW OF EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN LINE WITH THE LOG FRAME AS PER PROJECT DOCUMENT**

(Please make sure the review includes all EAs and activities as per the approved project document, and state if the activities have been completed or are still incomplete.)

EA1	Increased capacity of the Central Asian countries to strengthen statistical services for tracking progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, including the organization of their next population censuses using regional ECE standards with specifications that are relevant to their national economic and social situation
I.1.1: <i>Quantitative Performance (Indicator(s) related to EA1)</i>	<i>Will be reported at a later stage of the Project</i>
Qualitative Results achieved for EA1:	<i>Will be reported at a later stage of the Project</i>
A.1.1 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA1</i> )	<b>Seminar on measurement of population and social conditions using population census – Census Management Seminar</b> <b>30 October–3 November 2006</b> <b>Baku, Azerbaijan</b> <b>28 participants, including</b> <b>18 from National Statistical Offices</b> <b>6 participants from UNFPA,</b> <b>1 from ABS/UNESCAP and</b> <b>3 from UNECE</b>
A.1.2 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA1</i> )	<b>Training Workshop on Census Technology</b> <b>7 – 8 June 2007</b> <b>Astana, Kazakhstan</b> <b>42 participants, including</b> <b>28 participants from National Statistical Offices,</b> <b>5 from UNMIK/Kosovo,</b> <b>1 from CIS-STAT</b> <b>1 from UNFPA,</b> <b>3 resource persons from NSOs (Canada, Italy, USA),</b> <b>1 resource person from UNSD,</b> <b>1 resource person from UNESCAP and</b> <b>2 resource persons from UNECE (+ 2 background organizers)</b>
A.1.3 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to</i>	<b>Advisory Mission on the preparations of the publication and dissemination activities of the Population and Housing Census and other statistical materials</b> <b>January 2009</b>

<i>EA1)</i>	<b>Dushanbe, Tajikistan</b>
EA2	New ECE guidelines for the 2010 round of population censuses implemented in Central Asian countries
I.2.1: <i>Quantitative Performance (Indicator(s) related to EA2)</i>	<i>Will be reported at a later stage of the Project</i>
Qualitative Results achieved for EA2:	<i>Will be reported at a later stage of the Project</i>
A.2.1 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA2</i> )	<p><b>Training workshop on implementation of new ECE recommendations - Training Workshop on Census Questionnaire Design</b></p> <p><b>12-16 March 2007</b></p> <p><b>Dushanbe, Tajikistan</b></p> <p><b>44, participants, including</b></p> <p><b>26 from Headquarters of NSOs</b></p> <p><b>12 from Regional offices of the State Statistical Office of Tajikistan,</b></p> <p><b>2 from UNFPA Country offices,</b></p> <p><b>1 resource person from the Swiss Federal Statistical Office and</b></p> <p><b>3 from UNECE</b></p>
A.2.2 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA2</i> )	<p><b>Advisory mission on the preparations of the Population and Housing Census</b></p> <p><b>August 2008</b></p> <p><b>Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic</b></p>
EA3	Strengthened capacity of Central Asian countries to produce and use statistics on the health status of the population
I.3.2: <i>Quantitative Performance (Indicator(s) related to EA3)</i>	<i>Will be reported at a later stage of the Project</i>
Qualitative Results achieved for EA3:	<i>Will be reported at a later stage of the Project</i>
A.3.2 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA3</i> )	<p><b>Training workshop for statisticians on disability statistics</b></p> <p><b>13-15 December 2006</b></p> <p><b>Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic</b></p> <p><b>15 participants, including</b></p> <p><b>10 from NSOs</b></p> <p><b>1 resource person from UNESCAP,</b></p> <p><b>1 from the World Bank,</b></p> <p><b>1 from the Washington Group (Chairman) and</b></p>

	<b>2 from UNECE</b>
A.3.3 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA3</i> )	<b>UNESCAP Regional Workshop on promoting disability data collection through the 2010 Population and Housing Censuses</b> <b>8-10 April 2008</b> <b>Bangkok, Thailand</b> <b>2 participants from the Agency on Statistics, Kazakhstan,</b> <b>2 participants from the State Statistical Committee, Tajikistan and</b> <b>1 resource person from UNECE;</b> <b>Support given to the Russian speaking participants also in the form of interpretation and translation of main documentation, published for all Russian speakers on the UNECE web site</b>
EA4	Development and implementation of common methodologies for better coverage by national accounts aggregates of the informal sector (grey and black economy) and other forms of non-observed economic activities in Central Asian countries
A.4.1 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA4</i> )	<b>Training workshop for statisticians on Non-Observed Economy</b> <b>25-27 April 2007</b> <b>Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic</b> <b>21 participants, including</b> <b>16 from NSOs</b> <b>1 resource person from Eurostat,</b> <b>1 resource person from the SNA93 1.Rev group (Chairperson)</b> <b>1 resource person from UNESCAP and</b> <b>2 resource persons from UNECE</b>
A.4.2 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA4</i> )	<b>Advisory Services to national statisticians on Non-Observed Economy</b> <b>Advisory Mission on 14-16 November 2007 to</b> <b>Dushanbe, Tajikistan</b> <b>By 2 resource persons from UNECE providing advice for</b> <b>24 participants, most of them from the State Statistical Committee of Tajikistan</b>
A.4.3 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA4</i> )	<b>Advisory Services to national statisticians on Non-Observed Economy and the renewal of SNA (SNA 2008)</b> <b>Advisory Mission in October 2008 to</b> <b>Baku, Azerbaijan</b> <b>By 2 resource persons from UNECE</b>
EA5	Improved sub-regional cooperation among Central Asian countries in the area of statistics for tracking progress towards the Millennium Development Goals through regional meetings/workshops
I.5.1: <i>Quantitative Performance (Indicator(s) related to EA5)</i>	<i>Will be reported at a later stage of the Project</i>
Qualitative	<i>Will be reported at a later stage of the Project</i>

Results achieved for EA5:	
A.5.1 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA5</i> )	<b>Meeting of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics 16 June 2006 Paris</b> <b>6 participants, including 3 Heads and 1 Deputy Head of Central Asian NSOs, and 2 resource persons from UNECE</b>
A.5.1 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA5</i> )	<b>Meeting of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics 15 June 2007 Geneva</b> <b>11 participants, including 3 Heads and 3 Deputy Heads of Central Asian NSOs, and 5 resource persons from UNECE</b>
A.5.1 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA5</i> )	<b>Meeting of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics 13 June 2008 Paris</b> <b>6 participants, including 3 Heads and 2 Heads of International Relations Divisions of Central Asian NSOs, and 3 resource persons from UNECE and 3 persons from international organizations</b>
A.5.2 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA5</i> )	<b>Study tours for members of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics concerning best management practices in official statistics – Participation of Heads of NSOs in the seminars of the Conference of European Statisticians 13-15 June 2006 Paris</b> <b>4 participants, including 3 Heads and 1 Deputy Head of Central Asian NSOs</b>
A.5.2 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA5</i> )	<b>Study tours for members of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics concerning best management practices in official statistics – Participation of Heads of NSOs in the seminars of the Conference of European Statisticians 12-14 June 2007 Geneva</b> <b>4 participants, including 3 Heads and 3 Deputy Heads of Central Asian NSOs</b>
A.5.2 ( <i>Main activities completed in relation to EA5</i> )	<b>Study tours for members of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics concerning best management practices in official statistics – Participation of Heads of NSOs in the seminars of the Conference of European Statisticians 10-12 June 2008 Paris</b> <b>5 participants, including</b>

	<b>3 Heads and 2 Heads of International Relations Division of Central Asian NSOs</b>
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## 2. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

### **Participation of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in the project generally**

The National Institute of Statistics and Forecasting of **Turkmenistan** did until April 2007 not participate in any of the organized activities.

A side result of the Training Workshop organized in Baku was the agreement with the UNFPA Turkmenistan Country Organization to arrange a **National Training Workshop** on the preparations of the 2010 Round of Population Censuses in Turkmenistan. This UN “sister organization” agreed to arrange and finance the training of about 15 Census managers and staff members of the National Statistical Office of Turkmenistan (NISSI). This Workshop took place in Ashgabat on the 7-12 May 2007 based on the materials produced for the Baku and Dushanbe Workshops and with the participation of three UNECE resource persons.

Another side result of the Project has been the active participation of specialists representing the Uzbek NSO in all so far arranged workshops, resulting, at least partly, from a letter sent by the Executive Secretary of UNECE on the initiative of the Statistical Division of UNECE to the Prime Minister of **Uzbekistan** in August 2006. The letter was sent in a situation where neither Uzbek (nor Turkmen) NSOs had reacted in any way to the Invitation to participate in the PWG meeting on Statistics in Paris in June 2006. After the letter there was a positive response both from the Uzbek Mission and from the State Committee on Statistics of Uzbekistan.

In the Second PWG Meeting on Statistics, organized in Geneva in June 2007 there were Deputy Directors both from Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan present, contrary to the situation in the corresponding meeting in Paris one year earlier.

However, in the Third SPECA PWG Meeting on Statistics, organized in Paris in June 2008, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan were not represented. Also Azerbaijan was not present, although it had been registered to participate

### **Second Training Workshop on Health Status of the Population**

As there in the course of the latter part of 2006 and finally at a visit of the project manager to Turkmenistan, connected to another occasion in May 2007, had been a quite clear indication of unwillingness to host the **planned second Training Workshop of the StatCapCA project on the measurement of the Health Status of the Population** by the NSO of **Turkmenistan**, it was discussed and agreed in the PWG Meeting on Statistics in Geneva in June 2007 to organize a Training Workshop on Health Statistics in **Uzbekistan**. The hosting

responsibility of Uzbekistan was agreed to be confirmed soon after the PWG Meeting in June 2007 by the Deputy Director of the State Statistical Committee of Uzbekistan, who himself participated in the PWG Meeting in Geneva. To organize the Training Workshop on the measuring the Health Status of the Population in Uzbekistan was of importance partially also for the reason that no Training Workshop of the StatCapCA Project had so far been hosted by Uzbekistan.

In the course of summer and autumn 2007 a substantial amount of contact making for preparing this workshop was made by UNECE: detailed planning of the workshop, informing the potential hosts about the content, the planned resource persons and the basic facility needs of the workshop. Numerous remainders and requests for responses were sent, numerous telephone calls to the State Statistical Committee were made. **Notwithstanding these efforts the idea of organizing the workshop in Uzbekistan in the planned way had to be given up**, as the response activity from the State Statistical Committee of Uzbekistan on any communication on the preparations faded away.

As a result of these proceedings it was decided that a compensatory Activity will be organized by **participation of part of the Central Asian countries in the UNESCAP Regional Workshop on promoting disability data collection through the 2010 Population and Housing Censuses for Asian countries in Bangkok in April 2008** (See above, Chapter 1). The idea is, besides the training facilitation, also to enhance the good cooperation activities of UNECE and UNESCAP in relation to Central Asian countries and the rational use of scarce funding. The travel costs and DSAs for agreed participants from Central Asia together with **interpretation and translation of documentation of the materials of this Workshop into Russian** were financed by the StatCapCA Project in order to provide maximal use of the material for all Central Asian countries.

### **3. SUSTAINABILITY**

*Will be reported at a later stage of the Project*

### **4. REVISIONS:**

*The in Uzbekistan planned Training Workshop on Health Statistics was compensated by participation of four delegates and one resource person of UNECE to the UNESCAP Regional Workshop on promoting disability data collection through the 2010 Population and Housing Censuses in Bangkok in April 2008.*

*No other revisions of the initial submission of the Project document, approved at 11 April 2006 have been made. No changes in the log frame. No major revisions of the initial budget.*

## 5. WORK PLAN FOR THE REMAINING ACTIVITIES

Please list remaining activities with schedule.

	Duration / Date of completion
EA1: Increased capacity of the Central Asian countries to strengthen statistical services for tracking progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, including the organization of their next population censuses using regional ECE standards with specifications that are relevant to their national economic and social situation	
A 1.1	Done 30 October – 3 November 2006
A 1.2	Done 7 – 8 June 2007
A 1.3	Advisory services to national statisticians performed in January 2009
EA2: New ECE guidelines for the 2010 round of population censuses implemented in Central Asian countries	
A 2.1	Done 12-16 March 2007
A2.2	Advisory services to national statisticians performed in August 2008
EA3: Strengthened capacity of Central Asian countries to produce and use statistics on the health status of the population	
A 3.1	Training workshop on health status statistics for users of health statistics Planned for October 2007, first in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, then in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. As the question of hosting remained unsolved in both cases (see above, Chapter 2) the option is now to support participation of 2 participants from 2-3 countries in Central Asia + provide Russian interpretation and translation and other facilities for a UNESCAP Regional Workshop on promoting disability data collection through the 2010 Population and Housing Censuses in Bangkok in April 2008.
A 3.2	Done 13-15 December 2006
A 3.3	Advisory services for including Kazakhstan into the UNESCAP-lead Development Account Project on Disability performed by staff members of UNECE in 2008 and 2009
EA4: Development and implementation of common methodologies for better coverage by national accounts aggregates of the informal	

sector (grey and black economy) and other forms of non-observed economic activities in Central Asian countries	
A 4.1	The first Training Workshop done 25-27 April 2007; The second Training Workshop will take place in April 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland
A 4.2	Advisory services to national statisticians * in Tajikistan done 14-16 November 2007; * in Azerbaijan done in October 2008.
EA5: Improved sub-regional cooperation among Central Asian countries in the area of statistics for tracking progress towards the Millennium Development Goals through regional meetings/workshops	
A 5.1	Meetings of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics * 16 June 2006 in Paris done * 15 June 2007 in Geneva done * 13 June 2008 in Paris done
A 5.2	Study tours for members of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics concerning best management practices in official statistics * 13-15 June 2006 in Paris done * 12-14 June 2007 in Geneva done * 10-12 June 2008 in Paris done
A 5.3	Evaluation of the Project Ongoing in December 2008-March 2009; Evaluation Meeting will take place on 23-24 March 2009 in Istanbul

#### 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

All materials of the performed actions are available in the English and Russian language to both participants and anybody else at the following web sites:

SPECA PWG Meeting on Statistics, Paris, June 2006

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2006.06.speca.htm>

Training Workshop on Census Management, Baku, October-November 2006

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2006.10.census.htm>

Training Workshop on Disability Statistics, Bishkek, December 2006

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2006.12.health.htm>

Training Workshop on Census Questionnaire Design, Dushanbe, March 2006

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.03.census.htm>

Training Workshop on Non-Observed Economy, Bishkek, April 2007

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.04.noe.htm>

Training Workshop on Census Technology, Astana, June 2007

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.06.census3.htm>

SPECA PWG Meeting on Statistics, Geneva, June 2007

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2007.06.speca.htm>

UNESCAP Regional Workshop on promoting disability data collection through the 2010 Population and Housing Censuses, Bangkok, April 2008, Materials translated into Russian and links to the general Workshop materials

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2008.04.health.htm>

SPECA PWG Meeting on Statistics, Paris, June 2008

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2008.06.speca.htm>

Evaluation Meeting of the StatCapCA Project (forthcoming), Istanbul, March 2009

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2009.03.speca.htm>

## **7. BUDGET EXPENDITURES**

## Financial Report as at 31 December 2008

Object class	Description	Total Allotments	Actual disbursements	Commitments outstanding	Total Expenditure	Balance remaining
604	Consultants fees & travel	39,000.00	22,815.12	8672.42	31,487.54	7,512.46
608	Travel of staff	92,000.00	87,075.66	760.00	87,835.66	4,164.34
612	Contractual Services	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00
621	Fellowship, grants and Contributions	226,000.00	206,626.30	2,708.63	209,334.93	16,665.07
	Total	385,000.00	316,517.08	12,141.05	328,658.13	56,341.87

Implementation rate 85.4 %  
(Expenditure / Total Budget)