COMMUNICATING GENDER STATISTICS IN THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

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Gender Statistics in Azerbaijan

- **Gender statistics** is the most important tool in making optimal socio-demographical policy for society, providing equal rights and opportunities for men and women.

- Equal rights and opportunities for men and women in Azerbaijan are enforced by the national Constitution.

- The State Committee for Women Issues was formed in Azerbaijan in 1998, and the Presidential Decree “About measures for strengthening women’s role in Azerbaijan” was issued. This signified that gender policies were acknowledged as one of the priorities of the state policy.

Gender statistics started widely developing in our country after Azerbaijan joined IV Platform for Action of the World Conference on Women that took place in Beijing in September of 1995.
Communicating Gender Statistics

- Key priority of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan is clear communication of statistical information in a way that maximizes its effect and usability.

- **Communicating gender statistics** is a two sides process that is not limited only by the dissemination.
- Communicating statistics is vitally important for guarantying wide demand of the valuable information produced by the State Statistical Committee.
- Statistical information represents statistical asset for policy-makers, and State Statistical Committee should bring the statistics closer to its users.
- The needs of the users for statistics are constantly changing and growing.
- When users understand the statistics better, it should lead to production of better quality statistical information. At the same time the more precise statistical data should lead to increasing trust for the statistical offices in order to receive needed results.
Communicating Gender Statistics

For the purpose of communicating gender statistics, The State Statistical Committee is performing the following activities:

- Coordinating gender statistics;
- Preparing the system of gender statistics indicators;
- Publishing statistical compendium “Women and Men in Azerbaijan”;
- Dissemination of gender statistics;
- Organizing national workshops and meetings with the users;
- Conducting training courses and educational programs on gender statistics;
- Creating and further developing the “Gender” section at the State Statistical Committee web-site.
Coordinating gender statistics

- By the nature of its business State Statistical Committee has connections with many suppliers and users of information within the country and abroad.

- Considering the fact that Azerbaijan has centralized statistics system, first hand information from different sources comes to corresponding departments (regional or municipal) of the State Statistical Committee. This is where the incoming information is entered into database, checked and processed and after that is forwarded to the central dept. for further processing.

- All first hand information is accumulated in the central office of the State Statistical Committee where it is aggregated and disseminated.
There is a Sector of Gender Statistics at the Population Statistics Department in the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan. This sector is a coordinating body of gender statistics. All information from regional departments is sent to this sector, compiled, analyzed, published and disseminated.
Data sources of the gender statistics are:

- Ministries, government institutions and their departments;
- Outputs of the conducted population censuses, statistical researches, current and sample surveys;
- Entities and physical persons and households.

The users of the gender statistics are:

- State government, ministries, government institutions and their departments, as well as governmental and non-governmental, international, scientific organizations and media.
System of gender statistics indicators

- Work of State Statistical Committee is concentrated on enhancing and adding new indicators to the **System of gender statistics indicators**:  
  - **1st version** – collaboration between statistical offices of Southern Caucasus countries and Statistics of Sweden, a joint project (1998-2000)  
  - **2nd version** – (273 indicators, 2010)  
  - **3rd enhanced version** (310 indicators, 2012)

- All indicators of this system are divided into 10 sections that reflect different aspects of women and men participations in the social and economical life of the society. System of indicators was published as a booklet that includes the names of the indicators, measuring units, periodicity, source of information and program for its development.

- It includes not only the State Statistical Committee’s information but also information from the ministries and governmental institutions that allows to holistically sum up different aspects of the issue under scrutiny.
“Women and Men in Azerbaijan”

According to the Beijing Platform of Actions and Presidential Decree issued in 2000 Azerbaijan annually develops and publishes statistical compendium “Women and Men in Azerbaijan” both in Azerbaijani and English, that consists of ten sections:

1. Population
2. Health
3. Education and academia
4. Employment and unemployment
5. Economical Activity of the Population Sample Survey
6. Agriculture, forestry and fishery
7. Quality of life and social security
8. Parliament
9. Violations of the law
10. International comparison
“Women and Men in Azerbaijan”

All new and interesting gender-sensitive information is without exception included into the annual compendium “Women and Men in Azerbaijan”. The compendium is also available on the Statistical Committee’s web-site. After the compendium is published the introductory presentation for the users is conducted.

For the purpose of its expansion starting the 2012 the compendium includes the new following gender statistics indicators:

- Gender distribution of persons employed in fishery, persons participating in harvesting forest products, persons who obtained driver’s license, basic reasons of death disaggregated by age groups of population, average life expectancy at the age of 60, obese children disaggregated by age and gender, number of women’s clinics and medical facilities that have women’s clinics, gender distribution of private entrepreneurs disaggregated by the type of activities, working hours of persons employed part time during a week disaggregated by gender, gender inequality index, etc.
Dissemination of gender statistics

Gender statistics data are systematically presented to the governing state agencies, ministries and institutions, they are used to answer the requests of international organizations and persons and made available at the State Statistical Committee’s web-site.

Also for the purpose of disseminating information about socio-economical state of the country disaggregated by gender among greater general public State Statistical Committee issues annual press releases that are published on its web-site and in different media.

8th of March, International Women’s Day press release is annually prepared in March and published at the Committee’s web-page and provided to the press.
State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan annually organizes national workshops and meetings with the users for the purpose of better understanding of gender statistics needs and offers, as well as for conducting panel discussions.

In 2018 this type of meeting was organized on October 29. Specialists from Ministries of Health, Education, Culture and Tourism, Youth and Sport, State Committee on Families, Women and Children, representatives of the UN Fund for Population Activities in Azerbaijan, as well as the representatives of some NVOs participated in this meeting.
Organizing national workshops and meetings with the gender statistics users

Main tasks:
- To increase awareness and understanding of gender statistics;
- To support usage of gender statistics when making policies and creating programs;
- To improve the ability to develop and use gender statistics;
- To disseminate national experience and achievements in developing gender statistics;
- To study users’ needs and suggestions of gender statistics;
- To define priority areas for the future work.
Organizing national workshops and meetings with the gender statistics users

Based on the results of the meeting short written report about the workshop is prepared that contains all the information about target audience and workshop’s tasks, topics presented at workshop, workshop conclusions, short list of participants’ evaluations, recommendations for future workshops and the work related to.
“Gender” section on the Committee web-site

- In 2012 Gender Section was added to the Committee’s web-site;
- All new and interesting gender-sensitive information is without exception included into the annual compendium “Women and Men in Azerbaijan” issued by the State Statistical Committee. The annual statistical compendium and gender statistics system of indicators are made available at the SSC’s web-site in the Gender section [www.stat.gov.az](http://www.stat.gov.az).
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Conducting training courses and educational programs on gender statistics

Specialists of the Gender Statistics Sector are regular speakers at different courses and seminars organized by the ministries, institutions and educational establishments, and explain to the users the importance of gender statistics and developed gender indicators.
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