

13 SEPTEMBER

11:00 – 12:30 (Chisinau time)

15:00 – 16:30 (Bangkok time)

 ONLINE VIA ZOOM PLATFORM

BUILDING SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON DATA: REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA – INDIA EXPERIENCE



Demographic Resilience

GSSD Expo Virtual Side Event

Context

The present side event organized in the framework of the global south-south development expo 2022 aims to present the development of the south-south cooperation experience of the Republic of Moldova National Bureau of Statistics in the field of data and the government of India.

In 2019, UNFPA Moldova jointly with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) began implementing the “Improve the availability of administrative data for tracking the progress of the ICPD agenda in the context of SDGs” project with the support of India-UN Development Partnership Fund.

The National Bureau of Statistics was unfamiliar with the use of administrative data for statistical purposes and did not have any experience of setting up statistical systems based on administrative data. In the same time, Eurostat recommends the use of administrative data sources for improvement of availability and accuracy of statistical data as part of the Adapted Global Assessment (AGA) of the national system of official statistics of the Republic of Moldova¹.

In order to familiarize the National Bureau of Statistics with the use of administrative data in official statistics, UNFPA Moldova organized 5 online knowledge sharing sessions with statistical offices in European region with experience in the development of statistical population registers and their use in register-based census.

The knowledge sharing sessions resulted in the development of two main documents for the development of the informational system: the concept of the statistical population register and the technical specifications document for the development of the software for the informational system. The concept of the statistical population register represents the vision of the NBS Moldova on the role of the statistical population register in the statistical system and expresses the willingness of NBS to access available registers belonging to other national data holders and to use their data in the official statistics.

¹ Adapted Global Assessment of the National Statistical System of the Republic of Moldova http://www.statistica.md/public/files/despre/evaluare_opinii/AGA_Report_Moldova.pdf

The next steps envisaged the integration of the IS on “Population and Migration Statistics” system into the “Social and Demographic Statistics” information system. This integration would connect additional administrative data sources (ex. Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, National Social and Health insurance registers, etc.) to cover the needs of the demographic and social statistics areas (including Employment and living statistics, social services and justice statistics). Additionally, the integrated information system on “Social and Demographic Statistics” will also integrate the data collected in the 2014 Population and Housing Census as well as data planned for collection in the 2020 Census round. The next Population and Housing Census in the Republic of Moldova is planned for 2024 and it is to be carried out through a combined method (traditional enumeration via self-enumeration and interviews along with use of registers).

In order to strengthen the knowledge of NBS staff in this area, a learning exchange visit was organized with Government of India, to learn good practices from Indian counterparts managing the production of the official statistics and their collaboration on addressing topics such as:

- 1. The national data quality assurance framework available and applied in India by the members of the national statistical system, including the national statistical authority and other data producers;**
- 2. The use of administrative data for the purpose of official statistics and their data quality management;**
- 3. The use of administrative data and geospatial technologies for preparing, conducting and dissemination of the population census in India;**
- 4. Personal data protection and security for processing of administrative and statistical data for the purpose of official statistics;**
- 5. Use of statistical data for the budgetary framework for population development planning and advocacy around financing of development programs through South-South and Triangular Cooperation.**

SCOPE: The overall scope of the side event is to share the experience of knowledge transfer on the use of administrative data sources in the national statistical experience, with focus on the exchange between Republic of Moldova and India.

FORMAT: online via Zoom platform with simultaneous English, Romanian and Russian interpretation on 13 September 2022, 15:00 – 16:30 Bangkok time (11:00 – 12:30 – Chisinau time)

PARTICIPANTS: NBS management and technical staff, national counterparts (tentatively Electronic Governance Agency, Public Service Agency, Border Police, National Centre for Personal Data Protection, State Chancellery) and the representatives of national statistical offices in the EECA region.

MODERATOR: Eduard Mihalas, Programme Analyst on Population and Development, UNFPA Moldova

REGISTRATION LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtcemhrjstHtPF4mlfhemhTdZfevh8o0R2?fbclid=IwAR0t24xt8xyJgAdulevxM1_-mS4rCALCFYWvLhFTG78_vmXyIAPhCjTEhA



AGENDA

13 September 2022

11:00 - 11:20	<p>WELCOME SESSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Nigina Abaszada, UNFPA Moldova Representative• Mr. Oleg Cara, General Director of the National Bureau of Statistics• H.E. Rahul Shrivastava, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Moldova, with residence in Bucharest• Ms. Andrea M. Wojnar, UNFPA India Representative
<p>SESSION I: Using experience of other countries in building the informational system on population and migration in Moldova</p> <p>Objective: <i>Presentation of the outcomes of: the online knowledge exchange sessions and the study visit to learn the experience of India in the use of modern tools and the use of statistics for national programmes implementation, and the India data quality framework.</i></p>	
11:20 - 11:50	<p>Presentation: <i>Knowledge exchange experience in the development of “Population and Migration Statistics” Informational System</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Aurelia Spataru, Deputy General Director, National Bureau of Statistics
11:50 – 12:10	<p>Presentation: <i>Exploring future possibilities of knowledge exchange in the framework of South-South Cooperation with India for the EECA Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jaydeep Biswas, Chief, Policy and Partnerships, UNFPA India• Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Population Dynamics and Research Specialist, UNFPA India
12:10 – 12:30	Q&A discussion between the participants