

## PROGRESS REPORT 1 – ACTIVITIES 1-6

Date: 15 January 2014

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Project Name: Strengthening the National Statistical System of RM

Implementing Partner: GOVERNMENT (National Bureau of Statistics)

Period Reported: 1 June – 31 December 2013

### 1. Project major targets for 2013:

1. Review of data sources and methodologies in at least 3 areas of concern (CULTURE, SOCIAL PROTECTION, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT) undertaken to meet official statistics' quality criteria; recommendations to increase their use for evidence-based policy-making made
2. Three EU REGULATIONS applied to national statistics: (i) EU NACE Rev.2, (ii) country distribution according to NUTS, (iii) ESSPROS
3. Approach on QUALITY MANAGEMENT in statistics designed and put in practice
- 4.1. Concept on GIS and Quality Control Survey developed & applied within the Pilot phase of next Population & Housing CENSUS 2014
- 4.2. New data in at least 3 fields (GENDER, ROMA, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT) made available for the research and policy development
5. Capacities of statisticians to produce data in at least 2 new fields (VOLUNTEER WORK, CULTURE) and of policy-makers to use them are built
6. Statisticians offered opportunities of PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (at least 5 missions) learning from EU/int. standards and exchange initiatives
7. RESULTS of new statistical surveys (TUS, MIGRATION, AGRICULTURAL CENSUS, REGIONAL STATISTICS) disseminated in at least 4 user-friendly outputs, responding to data users' needs
8. Level of data USERS' SATISFACTION with statistical info to assess progress/changes produced in the quality of stat.data, user needs still to be covered, improvements of stat.activity required
- 9.1. At least 2 MECHANISMS for data users statistical skills development designed and institutionally embedded
- 9.2. KNOWLEDGE and ABILITIES of at least 50 data users, strengthened within at least 6 tailored trainings on evidence-based policy making, estimation of impact, justification of new policies, etc.
10. Guidance on improvement of actual M&E systems applied by Gov. provided in at least 2 fields, covered by relevant policy frameworks, to improve the appropriate data use
11. At least 2 ANALYTICAL PAPERS developed on the basis of updated stat.data

### 2. Project Performance

Activity 1: Alignment of the OFFICIAL statistics infrastructure to the "acquis communautaire" in statistics and other international standards

Deliverable Description:

1. Methodologies and data sources review in at least three areas of concern (CULTURAL, SOCIAL PROTECTION, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT), performed to comply with the quality criteria of the official statistics; recommendations provided to increase their application in evidence-based policy making
2. Three EU REGULATIONS applied to national statistics: (i) EU NACE Rev.2, (ii) country distribution according to NUTS, (iii) ESSPROS

Start and End Date: 1 June – 31 December 2013

Quality Criteria	Timeframe	Results of activities		
		User perspective	Resource status (in bold - paid)	Timeliness
Recommendations for the improvement of the national statistical system developed on the basis of current situation analysis and put into practice	July – December 2013	<p><b>Methodological support for implementation of ESSPROS (European system of integrated social protection statistics) in Moldovan statistics and improvement of CPI</b></p> <p>*****<i>Head note:</i> In July 2013 Statistics Project 's request for financing activities related to getting the NBS familiar with the ESSPROS and clarifying the correlation between the households consumption expenditures and IPC was approved by the Slovak UNDP Trust Fund. Based on the project Terms of Reference, the Statistical Office of Slovakia has proposed its own offer for the abovementioned activities by delegating:</p>	ESSPROS: UNDP MD – mission expenditures \$200.00 (translation services)	Three months delay

	<p>1. an expert with international experience to provide methodological assistance to the NBS specialists to help getting familiar with the EU standard on social protection statistics, in particular ESSPROS, and gradual implementation of this standard in the official statistics of the Republic of Moldova;</p> <p>2. an expert responsible for sharing experience between the Slovakia and Moldova statistics offices regarding the households consumption expenditures and IPC.</p> <p>During the <b>FIRST (ESSPROS) ACTIVITY</b> carried out in the period from 9 to 13 December, the specialists of the NBS have benefited from the experience of the Slovak expert Alexandra Petrasova (EU ESSPROS team member, 4 years of experience at EUROSTAT, responsible for social protection statistics at ONS Slovakia), which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to the ESSPROS basic concepts and definitions, the general concept and statistical instruments used, ESSPROS social assistance modules, social protection schemes and their financing, data sources, social protection indicators, legislation, and advantages of using ESSPROS statistics, basic classifications of social welfare expenditures and benefits, etc;</li> <li>- Introduction to the experience and practice of EU countries and particularly Slovakia;</li> <li>- Consultation with the main data producers in the country (CNAS);</li> <li>- Practical application of the ESSPROS standards to different types of social protection schemes characteristic for the Republic of Moldova.</li> </ul> <p>The results/benefits of consultancy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An extensive set of materials, presentations, tables, schemes, presented by the expert;</li> <li>- a Mission report of Mrs. Petrasova;</li> <li>- a draft action plan for the NBS to follow with regard to step-by-step implementation of ESSPROS recommendations in national statistics, with indication of implementation stages, institutions concerned, relevant data sources and available and accessible professional support, etc.</li> </ul> <p>The mission participants on behalf of the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A. Negruta</td> <td>Chief of Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L. Stoianov</td> <td>Deputy Chief of Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Cojocari</td> <td>Consultant in Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L. Haidarî</td> <td>Main Specialist in the Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L. Budeştean</td> <td>Deputy Chief of the Budget Planning Directorate, SIH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E. Vătcărau</td> <td>Chief of the Labour Market Statistics Directorate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N. Kleinknecht</td> <td>Head of the Wage Statistics Section</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Activity assessment by NBS:</u></p> <p>The expert has presented in detail the ESSPROS methodology, including the experience of the SlovakNSO in preparing statistical data according to this methodology. During the mission, the expert provided support of mapping the main social protection</p>	A. Negruta	Chief of Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate	L. Stoianov	Deputy Chief of Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate	B. Cojocari	Consultant in Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate	L. Haidarî	Main Specialist in the Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate	L. Budeştean	Deputy Chief of the Budget Planning Directorate, SIH	E. Vătcărau	Chief of the Labour Market Statistics Directorate	N. Kleinknecht	Head of the Wage Statistics Section	<p>PNUD BRC - \$5210.00 (Travel expenses, Expert fee- Petrasova Alexandra)</p>	
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		expenditures, which will facilitate the implementation process by the NBS. The downside was the way the expert presented the material in English. The NBS has also benefited from the set of questionnaires which are filled in by statistical offices for the Eurostat, including the ESPROSS methodology and EUROSTAT regulations.		
December 2013 – February 2014		<p><b>Software modification and preparation of databases and registries for transition to Classifier CAEM Rev. 2. and the PRODMOLD-2013 classification</b></p> <p>Strategic Development Program (SDP) of the NBS for 2012-2014 provides for harmonization of national statistics with the international standards, this being a part of the state policies and aspirations in view of accession to the European Union. Respectively, the project responded to the NBS's need to switch to the CAEM Rev. 2 Classification (equivalent to NACE Rev. 2 classification of the EU) and the PRODMOLD 2013 products classification (adjusted to the 2010 EU PRODCOM classification of goods), in particular in the field of industry statistics.</p> <p>This activity aims to improve the quality of final statistical data in the field of industry (adjusted to the current national needs and in accordance with European requirements) and make it available to decision makers for state programmes and policies planning and monitoring.</p> <p>Successful implementation of the activity should lead to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. alignment to international standards through the development of statistical indicators in the field of industry;</li> <li>2. generation of reliable, comparable and relevant statistical data both to internal users, as well as international bodies.</li> </ol> <p>In December 2013 a public tender was announced for the position of national consultant to carry out the following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Re-codification of existing databases on industrial output for the previous years (2011-2013) according to the PRODMOLD, 2013 Classification;</li> <li>2. Re-codification of the registers of reporting companies within the 3rd industry statistical survey (Short Term Integrated Statistical Survey (the IND-TS component), industrial prices survey, annual consumer goods statistical survey PRODMOLD-A) according to the CAEM Rev. 2 classification;</li> <li>3. Change of the existing software application for processing the data collected in the statistical surveys in the field of industry (mentioned above);</li> <li>4. Process industrial statistical data and generate/produce output tables for aggregated indicators;</li> <li>5. Testing the software at the NBS workstations;</li> <li>6. Training the NBS personnel (industrial statistics section) in using the software.</li> </ol> <p>The consultant is to be hired after January 13, 2014.</p>	N/a	Six months delay

## Activity 1 - Financial Summary - 2013

Donor	Budget	Expenditure	Balance
00012 - PNUD	200.00	200.00	0.00
00032 - UN WOMEN	3,168.00	0.00	3,168.00
<b>Subtotal managed by UNDP</b>	<b>3,368.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>3,168.00</b>

Activity: 2A Preparation of the population and housing census 2014 (PHC)

Deliverable Description:

1. Harmonisation of the instruments for the Population and Housing Census 2014 with applicable international standards

Start and End Date: 1 January– 31 December 2013

Quality criteria	Timeframe	Results of activities			
		Resource status (in bold - paid)	Resource status (in bold - paid)	Resource status (in bold - paid)	
		<p><b>ASSISTANCE TO ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2014</b>            Since the first meeting of the International Technical Advisory Committee of 16 May 2013, the Project has provided the following assistance:</p>			
Technical assistance to the preparation of Population & Housing Census	July – December 2013	<p><i>On behalf of the United Nations Population Fund assistance was provided with respect to:</i></p> <p><b>1. The 2014 PHC Action plan and budget development</b></p> <p>The assistance provided by Victor Rocco, a member of the ITAB (International Technical Advisory Board for RPL 2014):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluated the action plan and budget for the PHC 2014, developed by the NBS and proposed adjustments to improve them;</li> <li>- Monitored the implementation of the action plan and has made updates to the plan;</li> <li>- Consulted the NBS during the main census preparation activities, participating in weekly planning and monthly reporting;</li> <li>- Assisted to preparation of terms of reference for consultants, reviewed the consultants outputs, products contributed to internal and external cooperation and communication for this activity.</li> </ul> <p>On the basis of the expert's recommendations, the UNFPA, NBS has completed the PHC Action Plan in July 2013 and identified the technical assistance needs and the financial gap that has to be covered for the proper conduct of the PHC 2014.</p> <p><b>2. Organization and general management of the PHC 2014</b></p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the International Technical Advisory Committee for the Population and Housing Census 2014 was organized on 23-24 September, 2013.</p> <p>The Agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by the NBS of the results to date in relation to the PHC preparation;</li> <li>- Technical discussion on the Action Plan presented by the NBS, and its components;</li> <li>- Technical work in groups by the main components of the Census;</li> <li>- A presentation of the main issues discussed and the situation to date for development partners and donors.</li> </ul> <p>The ITAB members appreciated the dedication and diligence of the PHC implementation team of the NBS, which manages to cope with limited timelines for the planned activities.</p> <p>The ITAB conclusion included:</p>		<p>The amount spent during July - December 2013– \$48,100 (UNFPA)</p>	<p>Activity carried out in time</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The need for immediate action on the PHC Action Plan components implementation;</li> <li>- Setting clear deadlines for the implementation of the actions and expected immediate results;</li> <li>- Assisting the NBS in completion of PHC questionnaires and Handbook by Katerina Kostadinova Daskalovska and public consultation thereof;</li> <li>- Prevent any deadlines overrun in procurement of ICT solutions;</li> <li>- Mapping to start in October, 2013;</li> <li>- Recommendation to finalize the PHC instruments , mapping and ICT procurement in December 2013;</li> <li>- ITAB members showed readiness to assist in drawing up the technical specifications for IT solutions, evaluation of tender documents and the bids, guiding during the system testing.</li> </ul> <p>The next meeting of the ITAB has been scheduled for January 2014.</p>		
	May 2013	<p><i>Assistance from ILO on the following:</i></p> <p><b>3. Elaboration of methodology and questionnaires' content for the Population and Housing Census 2014, on the "labor market in line with international standards" topic.</b></p> <p>Igor Cernyshev, ILO expert from Geneva, provided assistance to NBS in methodology and questionnaires' content elaboration for the Population and Housing Census 2014, Namely the compartments related to labor market in line with international standards and UNSD / ILO methodology regarding the economic activity measurement within PHC topic.</p>	The costs of the consultancy mission covered by ILO	Activity carried out in time
Technical assistance for the preparation of Population & Housing Census	September-December 2013	<p><i>On behalf of UNDP and UN WOMEN assistance was provided with respect to:</i></p> <p><b>4. Revision of the 2014 population and housing census methodology and instruments in accordance with international standards</b></p> <p>The project has hired an international consultant, Katerina Kostadinova Daskalovska (Macedonia), with relevant expertise in censuses methodology, to perform the evaluation and revision of statistical methodology and instruments to be used for the Population and Housing Census in 2014. The expert was selected through a informal competitive process from 4 candidates, identified in consultation with UNFPA, members of ITAB-MD (International Technical Advisory Board).</p> <p>During her visit in September 25-27, Ms. Kostadinova had meetings with the Director-General and Deputy Director-General of the NBS. And had 3 days working sessions with the NBS specialists: Population and Housing Census Section, Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate, Statistical Methods Section, Labour Market Statistics Directorate, Demographic Statistics Section, Investment and Construction Statistics (7 participants).</p> <p>The main tasks performed by the consultant included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <u>Evaluation</u> of the set of documents concerning the statistical methodology and the set of questionnaires and forms to be used in Population and Housing Census in 2014. An assessment report was submitted (19pages ) which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the manner in which the data collection process was planned to be organize on the sites and recommendations on how to improve it;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Contract with K. Kostadinova - \$9264.00 (UN WOMEN)</p> <p>Additional costs: \$2137.42 (UN WOMEN) ( including: Translation services: consecutive-\$1200, written-\$896.92; coffee breaks: \$40.5)</p>	Activity carried out with a two months delay

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the draft Census methodology and recommendations and adjustments;</li> <li>• Evaluation questionnaires and auxiliary forms that will be used in the Census and identification of gaps.</li> </ul> <p>✓ <u>Revision</u> of the paper on the PHC methodology and questionnaires (4 questionnaires, 8 pages) by adjusting the census instruments from the point of view of their conformity with the international principles and recommendations on the population and housing census, and the best international practices. The vast majority of the adjustments proposed by the expert were accepted by the NBS specialists. The adjustments made in the questionnaires included both content wise changes to questions (number, forms, money orders), and reformatting.</p> <p>The set of questionnaires was disseminated for public consultations during the period 12-23 December 2013, both through the NBS web site and by letters to institutions. The NBS has received a modest list of proposals for adjustment of the census instruments, the most relevant and constructive being taken into consideration by the NBS in consultation with Ms. Kostadinova</p> <p>✓ <u>Revision</u> of the Enumerator's Handbook and Instructions for filling in the questionnaires (92 pages);</p> <p>✓ <u>Advice</u> on instruments used for the organization, management and conducting the Census, including of data summary sheets on persons and localities by territorial units and by questionnaires, fact sheets accompanying the folders, list of regular output tables, the form for preliminary dissemination of the census data.</p>		
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<b>Activity: 2B Implementation of a quality management in statistics and (sample) surveys</b> <b>Deliverable Description:</b> 1. Approach on QUALITY MANAGEMENT in statistics designed and put in practice 2. Capacities of statisticians to produce data in at least 2 new fields are built <b>Start and End Date:</b> 1 January– 31 December 2013				
Quality criteria	Timeframe	Results of Activities		
		Resource Status (in bold - paid)	Resource Status (in bold - paid)	Resource Status (in bold - paid)
		<a href="#">Gradual implementation of quality management of data collected at the regional level, within the framework of selective statistical surveys in the households, sample statistical surveys carried out by NBS</a>		
	26-29 August 2013	<b>a) Mission on quality management implementation in the NBS selective statistical surveys, Riga, 26-29 August 2013</b> The statistical data collected within the selective statistical surveys (population's income and expenditures, poverty rate, unemployment rate, employed population, etc.) are extremely important for the process of planning and policy-making in the field of sustainable regional development. Ensuring the quality of the data collected, both at the national level, but particularly at the regional level, it is of paramount importance and requires improving the quality management of the collected data.  Three statisticians from the NBS and TSO Balti benefited of consultancy at the Central Statistics Office in Latvia:	<b>3360.00 USD</b> (\$1120*3 pers: DSAs and local transportation costs) (UN WOMEN)	<b>Activity carried out in time</b>

		<i>Main topics considered during the mission</i>	<i>Participants</i>		
		<p>The CSO provided consultation regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Field Interviewers Network Management: roles and responsibilities</li> <li>2. Administrative and logistic aspects of the training process</li> <li>3. Ddata collection process management</li> <li>4. The quality of collected data</li> <li>5. The operation of the Interviewers Coordination Unit;</li> <li>6. Methodology and practice of hiring and training the network staff;</li> <li>7. Methodology and practice of interaction between the interviewer and the controller</li> <li>8. Methodology and practice of financial incentives for the interviewers;</li> <li>9. Methodology and practice of evaluating the quality of data collected for the Labour Force Survey and Household Budget Survey;</li> <li>10. Study visit at a territorial office.</li> </ol> <p>The set of recommendations and proposals for the future proposed by mission participants include aspects relating to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capacity building of the Interviewers Coordination Unit;</li> <li>2. Implementation of new data collection technologies ;</li> <li>3. Annual testing of the interviewers and rating by qualification;</li> <li>4. Develop an interviewer's work quality confirmation act to be confirmed quarterly/annually, which will record the quality of the interviewer's work in the field, the interviewer's activity report;</li> <li>5. Quality based payment for the interviewers work;</li> <li>6. Effective management of the network costs;</li> <li>7. Gradual transition to organization of regional training;</li> <li>8. Adjusting the interviewers hiring process.</li> </ol>	<p>CSO-Latvia: Melita Viřola, Head of Interviewers Coordination Unit</p> <p>NBS: Oxana Belous, Larisa Badshah, head and Deputy Head of the Household data coordination service Aliona Cutrani, Head of random surveys, TSO Balti.</p>	<p><i>Note: Activity co-financed with the Romanian Government funds, in the amount of: \$ 2,326.37 (flight tickets) – See Activity 7 Report</i></p>	
October – November 2013		<p><b>b) Workshop on the gradual implementation of quality management in social surveys in the Republic of Moldova, Vadul lui Voda, 31 October-1 November 2013</b></p> <p>Using the knowledge gained during the study tour to CSO Latvia, a workshop with participation of NBS specialists (10 pers.) and the Departments of Statistics in the Chisinau Municipality, Balti, Falesti, Comrat, Ungheni, Edinet, Cahul, Stefan Voda districts (12 pers. incl. 2 men) has been organized.</p> <p>The workshop focused on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. improving the hiring process, which will enable NBS to better select the interviewers for the network. An interviewer test and the table of results (to be completed at the time of the interview) were developed.</li> <li>2. improving the on-site verification of the interviewer's work. Three on-site verification forms were developed, to standardize control.</li> <li>3. quality management improvement: theoretical and practical issues relating to the effective implementation of quality management were addressed.</li> </ol>		<p>Activity financed from UNDP and UN WOMEN funds Total: \$ 1166,72</p> <p>including \$1056,30 (UN WOMEN) –catering services, 110,42 (UNDP)-transportation</p>	Activity carried out in time

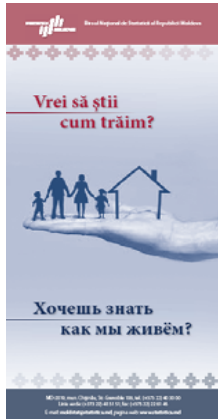


		<p>Also new techniques for the collected data quality assessment were discussed, such as development of forms (quality assessment form) and procedures, designed to improve the work of the network.</p> <p>All changes made and all the documents drawn up, have been accepted as working methods. All workshop participants agreed that these new elements have particular relevance for a successful operation of the network. Some parts of documents and stages require amendments to be made in agreement with departments managing the LFS and the HBS.</p> <p>It is necessary to do a of 3-4 months test for the developed procedures and new documents to identify the missing elements. Then, the network operation internal regulation has to be developed, covering all aspects of the network activity, starting with hiring and ending with the work quality evaluation procedures.</p>		
November 2013	<p>c) The assistance of the Central Statistics Office of the Republic of Latvia concerning the development and implementation of quality management in the households surveys, Andra Jansone, 25-28 November 2013</p> <p>The purpose of this mission was to strengthen the NBS capacities in management and assessment of work quality of the interviewers' network; including planning and monitoring of the interviewers work, assessing the collected data quality. The NBS was represented by: Babs Oxana, Borş L, V T, Uşurelu Maria, Foalea Angela, Sobcovschi Tatyana T- employees of the household data collection coordination unit, sector directorates relevant to LMS and HBS.</p> <p>The main subjects discussed during the mission included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hiring of interviewers</li> <li>2. Employment contracts for interviewers</li> <li>3. Training of interviewers</li> <li>4. Organization of work on the ground. Transmission and receipt of data between the interviewers and controllers.</li> <li>5. Information materials for respondents.</li> </ol> <p>The Latvian experience revealed the need for NBS to design and apply a methodology that would ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standardization of all procedures used in the interviewers network (rules, forms, fact sheets)</li> <li>- A unified system of the network activity assessment criteria and selective research data quality. As long as this is done only partially (when receiving the data from i the interviewers, the controllers cover only the data in the questionnaires as quality control forms), and the process as such, as well as the controllers, do not have a standardized verification system – what leaves rooms for errors. For quality assurance, procedures should be as formal as possible, adjusted and adapted to the specifics of the work, excluding the possibility of errors.</li> </ul> <p>The expert recommended for the NBS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In interviewers hiring: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Describe in detail the stages of recruitment procedure;</li> <li>b. To describe the criteria and develop evaluation documents at the stage of testing and interviewing the applicants;</li> <li>c. Describes the criteria for assessing the selected interviewers;</li> <li>d. Describes the criteria for assessing the interviewers after the on the site test of the selected interviewers.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Activity financed from UNDP and UN WOMEN funds \$1990.03</p> <p>\$880.00 – DSAs+Terminals and \$840,03 flight tickets (UNDP)+ \$307,42 catering services (UN WOMEN)</p>	Activity carried out in time	



		<p>2.To implement a new system to assess the quality of data in the LFS and HBS statistical surveys</p> <p>3. Development of new information materials for respondents-letters, booklets, etc.</p>		
December 2013	<p>d) <b>Development of new instruments for monitoring and evaluation of selective households surveys data quality</b></p> <p>On the basis of knowledge and results of actions a), b), c) (described above) and recommendations of the Latvian expert the Households Data Collection Coordination Unit of the NBS has developed the following products, and agreed them with the sector Directorates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The hiring process</li> <li>- Interviewers hiring notice;</li> <li>- Applicants Evaluation Form, based on the declared qualifications (as per CV );</li> <li>- Applicant's written test;</li> <li>- List of questions guiding the interview for the job seeker;</li> <li>- The table recording the results of the competitive selection;</li> <li>- The interviewer's performance assessment during the probationary period;</li> </ul> <p>Monitoring the interviewer's work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quarterly interviewer's work control forms on LFS / HBS. To be filled in the interviewer's presence and includes general assessment criteria for the interviewer's behaviour during the visit to the household and evaluation criteria concerning questionnaires LFS and HBS, respectively.</li> </ul> <p>Assessing the quality of data collected by the interviewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quarterly interviewer's work control forms on LFS / HBS. To be filled in absence of the interviewer and includes validation of a set of questions in the LFS and HBS questionnaires, but also questions for checking the interviewer's performance.</li> <li>- Monthly Acts of LFS and HBS questionnaires transmission-receipt. Shall include the number of questionnaires and number of errors by types of errors, according to questionnaire sections.</li> <li>- The interviewer's quarterly assessment sheet. Shall include the assessment of the quality and volume of work performed by the interviewer.</li> </ul> <p>To finalize the set of documents, it is still necessary to work on criteria for assessment at all stages.</p> <p>Immediate activities following finalization of these documents:</p> <p>A draft of the Internal regulation was issued, which shall regulate the activity of the interview operators. This regulation includes the following: hiring procedure / dismissal, trial period, interview operator's activity description, verification procedure and work quality assessment, interviewer's motivation and incentive system.</p> <p>Follow-up activities planned by NBS for 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalization of the issued set of documents and of the Internal Regulation (January-February)</li> <li>- Elaboration of the documents' assessment grids, related to quality of data (February-March)</li> </ul>	N/a	Activity carried out in time	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revision of all new procedures and documents (March)</li> <li>- Establishment of the testing period and of the centres where the test will be carried out (March)</li> <li>- Organization of the seminar on new procedures presentation and of the launch of testing period (April)</li> <li>- Testing of new procedures and documents (May-August)</li> <li>- Adjustment of the created procedures and documents, following the completion of the testing period (September-October)</li> <li>- Adjustment and approval of the Internal Regulation (October-November)</li> <li>- Organization of the informative seminar on new working procedures and their launch (November-December).</li> </ul>		
	November – December 2013	<p><b>Training of specialists in territorial statistical offices participating in the selective households data collection</b></p> <p>Support was provided for training of specialists for new interviewers who are hired as network interviewers in November 2013 and January 2014,</p> <p>These included:</p> <p>2 trainings on the HBS and LFS data collection instruments from the (November 18-20, 14 persons/2 men)</p> <p>Topics covered in the trainings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Learning the HBS methodology. Non-responses. List of households. The main questionnaire. Household register.</li> <li>6. Explanation of the tasks and obligations of the interviewer.</li> <li>7. Presentation of the monthly work program on the LFS</li> <li>8. Basic notions and concepts used in the Housing Questionnaire</li> <li>9. Basic notions and concepts used in the Individual Questionnaire</li> <li>10. Communication and interviewing skills</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 workshops to verify the accuracy of completing the LFS and HBS questionnaires at the interviewers' probation stage (3-4 December, 10 persons/2 men).</li> </ul>	Transportation costs were covered from UNDP funds \$148.34 (UNDP)	Activity carried out in time
	December 2013	<p><b>Training of TSO specialists on statistics on remuneration information processing</b></p> <p>The purpose of the training was to strengthen the capacities of TSO specialists responsible for surveys on remuneration in the field of information processing applications use (in particular MS Excel tables processor); getting familiar with changes to statistical reports on remuneration which will be implemented in 2014.</p> <p>Conducted during 10-11 December 2013, 26 persons (incl. 1 man).</p>	Activity covered from UNDP and UN WOMEN funds \$339,56 including: \$129.79 transportation costs (UN WOMEN), - \$62.87 accommodation and catering services \$146.9 (UNDP)	Activity carried out in time

		<p><b>Informative booklet / leaflet on Household Budget Survey</b></p> <p>At the NBS additional request, Statistics project supported the elaboration and the printing of a new version of informative booklet containing all the information on the HBS purpose, content and results. The booklet should be distributed to households participating in the 2014-year survey. The content of the booklet and the physical appearance were improved, images and graphics were included - representing an additional effort of NBS aimed at attracting / encouraging households to participate in the HBS, being given the current rate of non-response to this research. The booklet was printed in 8,000 copies, to cover the annual volume of the households' sample.</p> <p>Generally such informative materials contribute to the improvement of the interviewers' activity, to a larger number of answers from respondents, to a larger number of completed questionnaires and finally to the improvement of quality of produced data as a result of the HBS on households' conditions and standards of living (managed by men or women) and their members.</p>		\$1069.63 (UN WOMEN)	Activity carried out in time
	2012-2013	<p><b>"Transition from school to work" research consecution (development)</b></p> <p>"Transition from school to work" research consecution (development)</p> <p>ILO Project / Geneva and the Mastercard Foundation supported NBS to prepare and conduct the research on "Transition from school to work". The research pattern included 4,000 households, being representative for the 15-29 years old population. The synthesis results will be drafted in January 2014. The full set of results will be used by ILO for further research.</p>			
		<p><b>Other expenses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operational costs</li> <li>- Charges</li> <li>- Total coffee breaks</li> <li>- Other</li> </ul>		\$96.00 UNDP \$1207.00 UN WOMEN \$90.05 UN WOMEN \$251.83 UN WOMEN	
<b>Activity 2 - Financial Summary - 2013</b>					
	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
	00012 - PNUD	5355.00	3020.00	2335.00	
	00032 - UN WOMEN	18438.00	21345.00	-2907.00	
	<b>Subtotal managed by UNDP</b>	<b>23793.00</b>	<b>24363.00</b>	<b>-570.00</b>	
	<b>UNFPA (parallel managed funds)</b>				

## Activity 3: Capacity building in statistical area

## Deliverable Description:

1. Capacities of statisticians to produce data in at least 2 new fields are built
2. Statisticians offered opportunities of PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (at least 5 missions) learning from EU/int. standards and exchange initiatives

Start and End Date: 1 January– 31 December 2013

Quality criteria	Timeframe	Results of Activities		
		User Perspective	Resource Status (in bold - paid)	Timeliness
	2011-2013	<p><b>Development of a monitoring framework for the operation of the common Offices for information and services (COIS)</b></p> <p>The aim of this activity was to create a framework to monitor and evaluate the operation of COIS and of their impact on public services provided to population at the local level, as well as the situation of the population living in the region/district, especially the situation on employment, social protection, SME/business, etc.</p> <p>The developed framework had to be tested by means of a specific data collection from various sources available for official statistics and administration and to be completed based on data analysis (done to justify the functionality of the product).</p> <p>The contract for consultancy services was signed with the "IDEA Institute" NGO on 3 July 2012; It was extended twice (last contract completion date was May 20, 2013) without additional costs. The reasons for enlargement: the complexity of the tasks, the extensive consultation with national stakeholders, as well as poor understanding of the practical aspect of the task on the part of the contractor, due to predominantly theoretical approach, literal approach to the comments made by Project staff regarding the expected outputs, etc. These factors have prevented effective and timely implementation of this activity. The relevant UNDP and UN WOMEN staff had assisted the IDEA implementation team by providing clarification on the expected outputs, their practical use and the target users of the expected tools, throughout the activity.</p> <p>Based on the last version of the outputs submitted by the IDEA NGO, the staff of the UN joint project assessed the level of compliance of the outputs with the terms of reference/TOR. It has been stated that the contractor has submitted an incomplete product set, which was below the expected quality and non-compliant with the TOR. On the basis of this evaluation the UNDP and UN WOMEN representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Estimated the amount of work performed by the company at 50% of the agreed task (quality of the output used as basis);</li> <li>- Paid off the outstanding amount for partial services provided by the company in the amount of \$ 3,377, which, taking into consideration the amounts advanced previously, accounted for 50% of the total amount of the contract;</li> <li>- Decided to terminate the contract with IDEA NGO by forwarding a written notice to the contractor.</li> </ul> <p>The products offered in part had to be finalized through a separate consultancy contracted individually from the amount saved. Given the insufficient number of bids for the competitive selection (announced several times), the UN WOMEN decided to finalize that activity themselves.</p>	Last partial payment \$3.377 (UN WOMEN)	Activity carried out with a delay, the Service Contract was extended twice, at no additional cost, for a period of 4.5 months.

July - November 2013	<p><b>Methodological assistance from NSO Slovakia on capacity building of NBS in CPI calculation</b></p> <p>The SECOND ACTIVITY was intended to be a study mission to the NSO of Slovakia, during 26-28 November 2013 for Margareta Shvets, head of price Statistics Directorate and Svetlana Furtuna, Senior Adviser Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics Directorate, the NBS.</p> <p>The study visit aimed at methodological assistance and exchange of information related to the surveys that serve as data sources when weighting schemes are introduced in calculation of Consumer Price Indices. Also the methodology for calculating the CPI and HCPI (harmonized consumer prices indicators) was discussed.</p> <p>The participants on behalf of the NSO of Slovakia were:  Stefan Adamec- Head of the Price Statistics Department  Milan Valent- Head of Consumer Price Statistics in the Trencin regional office  Olga Kosseyova, Ivana Dostalova, Viera Dusakova, Iveta Sasikova- experts in CPI and Harmonized Consumer Price Indices:  Jozef Kotlar-expert on household budget survey  Michal Čepelá-expert on households final consumption in the national accounts.</p> <p><b>Results of the visit:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recommendations on CPI/ HCPI development were reviewed;</li> <li>2. The study visit to the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic has allowed to compare the current situation concerning the calculation of the CPI of the Republic of Moldova with other countries;</li> <li>3. The need to develop national statistics systems with a view to harmonize with international standards has been determined, in order to obtain comparable data at the international level, and also to ensure availability of reliable, relevant and comparable data on price statistics to the users, including decision makers;</li> <li>4. Knowledge of the methodology of price indices aggregation indicators has been obtained, what has contributed to the understanding of what data should be collected and reported.</li> </ol> <p><b>Proposals and recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the Household Budget Survey - revision of durable goods bought and services paid by housework during the preceding 12 months;</li> <li>2. Development of the strategy for the implementation of automated coding of expenditures within the framework of the HBS which will help to reduce errors at the data processing stage;</li> <li>3. For Price Statistics-the revision of the CPI;</li> <li>4. Deeper knowledge of the change quality influence adjustment module to enable use of the calculation method to durable goods;</li> <li>5. Development of new methods for the calculation of the CPI by adjusting product quality influence on price evolution;</li> <li>6. Applying generally accepted methods for the treatment of seasonal products, the missing prices and new products in the CPI calculation.</li> </ol> <p><b>Assessment of the activity by the NBS:</b></p> <p>The mission agenda was very well structured, well coordinated in advance, what allowed the NBS specialists to prepare for discussions with colleagues in Bratislava. During the mission methodologies available for IPC, as well as for the HBS were provided. This has enabled to make</p>	<p>CPI Mission expenses:</p> <p>\$1524.04 (Schvet and, Furtuna travel-mission) (UNDP MD+UN WOMEN)</p> <p>UNDP BRC - \$11,280.00 (Bratislava local costs)</p>	Activity carried out in time
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		<p>a comparative analysis of the methodologies used by each country and outline the priorities in terms of taking over the best practices from the Slovak Statistical Office. Regarding HBS with reference to data collection instruments change, the list of goods and services for which the reference period is greater than the current month, has been reviewed. The information provided will be used later to calculate the weights for the CPI. Experts were well prepared, each topic of discussion involved a Power Point presentation. Another positive aspect was the discussions with regional office experts who presented the methodology of adjusting to seasonal commodities.</p>		
		<p><b>NBS PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN STATISTICS ORGANIZED IN/FOR THE EEC REGION</b></p>		
11-13 September 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NBS's participation at the Expert Group meeting on employment quality measurement, Geneva, 11-13 September 2013</b></li> </ul> <p>At the request of the National Bureau of Statistics, with financial support from the UN agencies, Mr. Vladimir Ganța, Deputy Head of Labour market statistics, Employment Statistics Section participated in the Expert Group meeting on employment quality measurement, held at Geneva from 11 to 13 September 2013.</p> <p>The meeting was intended as a practical, working session in small technical groups, and aimed to present the final version of the methodology for indicators framework measuring the employment quality (EEC-UN / ILO / Eurostat). During the practical sessions the final version of the dimensions 1-4 description was presented and the 5-7 dimensions indicators were revised.</p> <p>Moldova is a member of the respective Expert Group and leader country responsible for child labour and forced labour indicators. During the meeting, Mr. Ganța has presented 7 worksheet with indicators on employment quality developed by NBS, including with the Project, ILO and UNECE support – an effort highly appreciated by meeting participants.</p> <p>During the discussions, the representative Moldova/NBS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made proposals to improve the methodology for measuring child labour, namely adjusting the indicators relating to child labour in dangerous conditions;</li> <li>- Commented on the labour force indicators development methodology. Moldova was the first country which has tested the ILO methodology with respect to these indicators and has extensive experience shared with countries that are yet planning to estimate labour force.</li> </ul> <p>Besides the presentation of NBS activity results, participation at the meeting gave Moldova the opportunity to participate in discussions with representatives of the EU countries and international organizations having a leading role in the field concerned.</p> <p>A number of possible solutions concerning labour statistics methodology were identified during the meeting, including the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Future development of forced labour and child labour indicator in employment.</li> <li>✓ Improving the methodology by adjusting the indicators relating to child labour in dangerous conditions.</li> <li>✓ Carrying out a new survey on forced labour in the RM.</li> </ul> <p>Following the visit, Mr. Ganța presented a report on the activities during the working sessions held in Geneva.</p>	<p>The following costs have been financed / covered \$2366,47</p> <p>including: \$1418,47 air ticket (UN WOMEN); \$948.00 DSAs +Terminals: (UNICEF)</p>	Activity carried out in time	

<p>31 October – 1 November 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NBS participation at the migration statistics capacity development workshop, October 31-November 1, 2013, Almaty</b></li> </ul> <p>BY the additional decision of the Project Steering Committee of the 4.06.13 the Project provided assistance for the NBS participation at the International Workshop on migration statistics, held in Almaty, on October 31 – November 1, 2014. Ecaterina Jordan, Chief of Demographic Statistics Section, attended the event from the NBS.</p> <p>The main objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacities in the field of statistics to measure the impact of migration on development. At the workshop, representatives of data generation organizations Government agencies met to discuss issues related to migration and development data, both in terms of the future high-level Dialogue on international migration and development, as well as from the perspective of the UN's development agenda for the period after 2015.</p> <p>Catherine presented the experience of the Republic of Moldova in collecting migration data, including from labour force surveys and additional modules in the second quarter of 2008 and the fourth quarter of 2012.</p> <p>Plenary Sessions were complemented with activities in thematic groups. The Republic of Moldova took part in discussions aimed at social and financial pillar, along with Azerbaijan, Georgia, Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, and Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, Kîrgyzstan.</p> <p><u>Conclusions from participation in the workshop:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the RM the data on the number of migrants are gathered from several sources, however, none provides complete information about migration processes in the country, hence the need to control ,coordinate and balance the obtained. indicators</li> <li>2. Statistical data on crossing the central sector of the State border not controlled by Moldovan authorities are not available. Lack of data for the abovementioned sector of the State border significantly influences the quality of migration statistics produced by NBS and submitted to the Government for migration policies development;</li> <li>3. The data resulting from surveys, are different because they are based on different methodologies and different samples (different respondents);</li> <li>4. At the moment, there is no single definition for the term "diaspora" (in the Republic of Moldova, the diaspora is all citizens who are abroad).</li> </ol> <p><u>Proposals and recommendations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation of additional modules on migration in household surveys at least once every two years;</li> <li>2. In addition to the LFS: besides the goods, as material or natural value, to include social assistance as well; for financial transfers (remittances), to use the 12 months period instead of 24 months.</li> <li>3. During the Population and housing Census in 2014 to collect as many indicators on migration as possible ;</li> <li>4. While developing indicators on migration, both for additional modules, and the Population Census, to keep account of the needs of those who draft migration policies.</li> <li>5. To develop and approve, at the international level, a single definition of "diaspora" to make it possible to assess its contribution to the development of the country of origin.</li> </ol>	<p>Financed expenses / costs covered \$ 2222,82</p> <p>including: \$818,02 flights ticket (UN WOMEN) + \$1002 80% DSA's (UN WOMEN)+ 20% DSA+ Terminals \$402 (UNDP)</p>	<p>Activity carried out in time</p>
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2 – 4 December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BNS's participation at the poverty measurement workshop 2-4 December 2013, Geneva</b></li> </ul> <p>BY the additional decision of the Project Steering Committee of the 4.06.13 the Project provided assistance for the NBS participation at the International Workshop on poverty measurement organized by UNECE, OECD and CIS-STAT and held in Geneva, from 2 to 4 December 2013. Ala Negruta, the Head of the Social Services and Living Conditions Statistics attended the event From the NBS.</p> <p>The seminar was focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- methodological issues of technical nature and the existent poverty measurement issues;</li> <li>- the need to ensure the comparability of data on poverty at international level and in time;</li> <li>- the extent to which the existing poverty indicators allow measurement of different aspects of poverty, such as vulnerability, inequality and social inclusion;</li> <li>- the correlation between poverty indicators, and the material and non-material deprivation indicators to help policy makers understand the impact of their decisions.</li> </ul> <p>The workshop aimed at identifying the methodological actions to be undertaken in the UNECE region in poverty measurement, including the analysis coherent set of relevant indicators development in the future.</p> <p>At present, the estimation of poverty in the RM is based on the concept of absolute poverty, which implies the use of material criterion for identifying poor population. Given that the poverty phenomenon implies not only the existence of certain sources of income, but also deprivation of certain goods and services, the data collection instruments for the HBS 2014 already has been modified, by introducing questions referring to non-material deprivation. This will allow the revise the concept of poverty and to gradually implement the multidimensional measurement of poverty and social exclusion in the RM.</p>	Costs covered \$1828 (UN WOMEN), including: flight ticket+ DSAs+Terminals	Activity carried out in time
May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Participation of NBS to the workshop on Labour Force Survey Methodology, 23-24 May 2013, Gdansk, Poland</b></li> </ul> <p>Mr. Vladimir Ganța, head of the Employment Statistics Unit of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) participated in this workshop as an observer and had the opportunity to participate in discussions on different topics, according to the events agenda.</p> <p>The main topics discussed during the workshop were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Labour market dynamics</b></li> </ol> <p>At the NBS, flow estimates were first calculated in 2007 but never published due to some unsolved methodological issues. During the workshop, the colleagues from other NSOs shared their experience in solving such issues. Publishing flow estimates will be one of priorities for the LFS team at the NBS in the next year / 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2. Quality of employment</b></li> </ol> <p>An ILO/UNECE / EUROSTAT working group was established to prepare a framework and develop indicators. Several countries, including Moldova, are members of this working group. Moldova is responsible for the development of indicators related to child labour and forced labour (given the experience in testing the methodologies in cooperation with ILO). NBS is also responsible for reviewing the indicators on hours of work.</p> <p>In January 2013, NBS published the first indicators on quality of employment. <i>(see the picture on the right)</i></p>	Travel expenses financed \$ 2,500 (ILO)	Activity carried out in time

### 3. Fake self-employment

*Fake self-employment* is a phenomenon that developed quickly in the EU, as it offers companies possibilities to avoid taxes. Technically, instead of hiring employees, companies use "labour services" provided by "service providers". It happens mostly in construction. In such situation the company doesn't have to pay some taxes, and the worker is exposed to higher risks. NBS, like other European countries statistical bureaus seeks the solution to measure this phenomenon. Sharing experience among countries which participated in the workshop offered NBS's some of the sought solutions.



### 4. Comparing LFS data with data from registers

At least three the administrative data sources in Moldova could be very useful: data from the border police, social insurance data, data from the population register. Getting access to administrative data and using it to check LFS data is one of activities within the general framework of data quality assessment for the NBS.

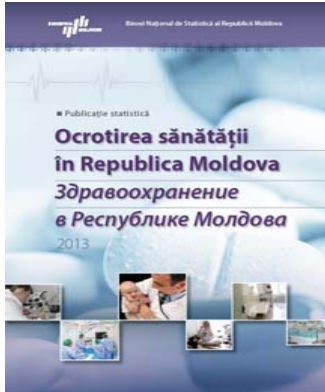
#### Other expenses:

- Operational costs
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- Charges / GMS
- Other

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\$1218 UN WOMEN  
\$47,51 UN WOMEN

#### Activity 3 - Financial Summary - 2013

Donor	Budget	Expenditure	Balance
00012 - PNUD	6,143.00	6,946.00	-803.00
00032 - UN WOMEN	18,618.00	17,033.00	1585.00
Subtotal managed by UNDP	24.761,00	23.978,00	783,00
UNICEF parallel		948,00	
ILO		2500,00	

Activity 4: Strengthening of data dissemination practices					
Deliverable Description:					
1. RESULTS of new statistical surveys disseminated in at least 4 user-friendly outputs, responding to data users' needs					
2. Level of data USERS' SATISFACTION with statistical info to assess progress/changes produced in the quality of statistical data, user needs still to be covered, improvements of stat. activity required					
Start and End Date: 1 January– 31 December 2013					
Quality criteria	Timeframe	Results of Activities			
		User Perspective			
Publications and thematic materials for statistical literacy/education in particular in demographic and social fields developed	2012-2013	<p><b>Statistical publication „Health care in the RM”</b></p> <p>The last chapters were presented by the NBS only in October, and the layout was finalized in November, the final corrections were made and a print-run of 300 copies was printed in December and then submitted to the NBS for dissemination to data users.</p>		Paid in 2012	Activity carried out with a 11 months delay
	2013	<p><b>Dissemination of results of the statistical survey on Use of Time in data users friendly format</b></p> <p>On the basis of a public competitive selection between two project proposals, a service contract was signed with the analytical group "Expert-Grup", which had the task to drawing up 10 thematic analytical notes on the use of time by the population of the RM for different activities.</p> <p>Analytical notes are developed on the basis of data produced by the NBS and are intended for different groups of users, the purpose being the revealing of useful information, drawing evidence based conclusions, and suggesting recommendations for actions to be taken in order to support the process of policy development and implementation in numerous areas of the Government' activity.</p> <p>Analytical texts have been prepared on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the time to care for children by parents in Moldova (6 pages)</li> <li>The time spent for schooling by the youth in Moldova (5 pages)</li> <li>How much time the Moldovans spend using different types of transportation? (6 pages)</li> <li>The time used by people with disabilities in comparison with the rest of the population (7 pages)</li> <li>What is the connection between the health condition and the lifestyle of Moldovans? (8 pages)</li> <li>How popular are the volunteering activities with Moldovans? (6 pages)</li> </ol>		Contract Amount with Expert-Grup \$ 13.244,00, including: \$ 4244 (UNDP)+\$9000(UN WOMEN)	The competition deadline was extended by two additional weeks.  The activity was carried out with a 2 months delay

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. The importance of unpaid work in Moldova (7 pages)</li> <li>8. Social life and entertainment for Moldovans (7 pages)</li> <li>9. How much reading is enjoyed by Moldovans? (5 pages)</li> <li>10. How much time do Moldovans spend for travelling? (6 pages)</li> </ol> <p>Each of the developed analytical notes contains both a description of the situation with regard to the time spent by the population for certain activities, as well as a comparative analysis on the use of time by men and women, analysis of factors of influence or impact of the phenomenon reviewed, the correlation with the associated elements/events. Gender analysis was a mandatory element reflected across all 10 texts. Other dimensions of detail in data and respectively, the review included statistical population age, place of residence (urban or rural), level of education, marital status, professional status.</p> <p>In order to cover all elements listed above, and develop analytical notes, at the Expert-Grup request, the colleagues from NBS have made additional calculations and drawn additional indicators from the survey database.</p> <p>To facilitate understanding by different categories of users of the developed analytical texts, a clear, easy to understand language was used, with graphics in the form of diagrams, references in the footnotes (for more advanced users).</p> <p>Draft analytical notes were discussed, adjusted and finalized with the participation of representatives of the NBS; UNDP and UN WOMEN, representing, in fact, a work team.</p> <p>The developed texts should serve as (i) examples of the proper use of official statistics, (ii) the working tools and sources of information/inspiration for specialists in the public authorities responsible for the areas concerned. So, the analytical notes have a multiple function: (1) presentation of the situation, (2) communication and information and (3) educating/training the target groups for whom intended.</p> <p>Apart from analytical texts, 11 info graphic drafts on topics, other than those surveyed, were developed. They are in the process of being finalised by the end of January 2014.</p> <p>Both analytical and info graphic notes will be disseminated in the first place through the NBS web site, but also by other means of dissemination (print or web).</p>		
November 2013		<p><b>Analytical report on “Labor migration and the aspects of knowledge and skills” validation</b></p> <p>On 13 November 2013, the International Labour Organization (ILO), in cooperation with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS ) and the Centre for Sociological and Marketing CBS AXA conducted the event of validation of the analytical report on labor migration and issues of knowledge and qualifications”.</p> <p>The goal of the event was to present a preliminary version of the report and to provide to the participants the opportunity to comment and suggest adjustments for its completion. The data used in the study was collected by NBS in the fourth quarter of 2012, and the data analysis was performed by CBS AXA .</p> <p>A number of adjustment and improvement proposals were received both from national users and Geneva ILO experts.</p> <p>In parallel NBS has developed and disseminated an informative synthesis note with the mentioned survey results.</p> <p>The event was attended by 32 representatives of state institutions, international agencies, academia, CSOs, trade unions (including 23 women and 9 men).</p>	1200\$ Assistance offered by ILO	

	Other expenses:	200,58 UN WOMEN
	- Operational costs	\$34,2 PNUD
	- Charges / GMS	\$1032-UN WOMEN

## Activity 4: Financial Summary - 2013

Donor	Budget	Expenditure	Balance
00012 – UNDP	4457,00	4.466,00	-9,00
00032 – UN WOMEN	15.265,00	14.719,00	545
Subtotal managed by UNDP	19.722,00	19.234,00	488,00
ILO (parallel funds)		1200,00	

## Activity 5: Strengthening of data dissemination practices to ensure universal access to statistical data meeting users' requirements


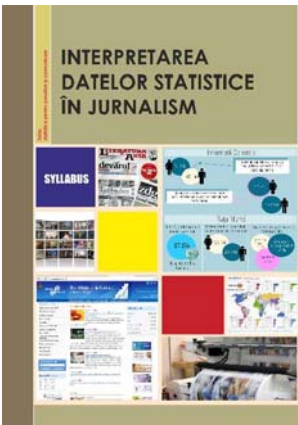


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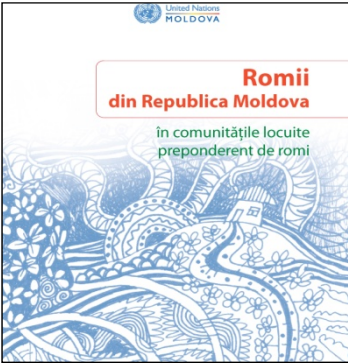
1. At least 2 MECHANISMS for data users statistical skills development designed and institutionally embedded
2. KNOWLEDGE and ABILITIES of at least 50 data users, strengthened within at least 6 tailored trainings on evidence-based policy making, estimation of impact, justification of new policies, etc.
3. Guidance on improvement of actual M&E systems applied by Gov. provided in at least 2 fields, covered by relevant policy frameworks, to improve the appropriate data use
4. At least 2 ANALYTICAL PAPERS developed on the basis of updated stat.data

Start and End Date: 1 January– 31 December 2013

Quality criteria	Timeframe	Results of Activities		
		User Perspective	Resource status (in bold - paid)	Timeliness
Capacity of young journalists (graduates) to properly and efficiently use statistics in the journalistic activity built on continuous/mandatory basis	2012-2013	<p><b>Elaboration and institutionalization of university education statistics course for journalists and communication specialists</b></p> <p>The Grant Agreement was signed with the Moldovan State University on 2 July 2012, and has been extended twice, the products have not been delivered on time and are not in conformity with the TR.</p> <p>Given the insufficient quality of the products delivered, and following the recommendation of the Project Steering Committee of 11 April 2013, the MSU project team revised the contents of the produced documents (<i>manuals on statistical education for journalists and experts in the field of communications</i>) ensuring consistency and integrity of the content and wording of the texts in a language accessible to users.</p> <p>On December 26 a round table was organized to officially present the materials produced, with the participation of 15 MSU University professors and other academic institutions.</p> <p>As reported by the MSU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MSU has decided to include the disciplines "Statistics for journalists" and "Statistics for communicators" in the 2014-2015 curriculum of the Journalism and Communication Sciences Faculty, in the III semester (extract from the Minutes No.5 of the Scientific Council meeting of the Journalism and Communication Sciences Faculty of 11 December 2013).</li> <li>- the 2 courses developed for journalism and communication students will be taught at the MSU starting with September 2014 (the change being valid during 4-5 years)</li> <li>- the courses will be taught to students of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of higher education</li> </ul>	<p>Last instalment paid in amount of \$5972,99</p> <p>including: \$3872,15 UN WOMEN \$1313,05 UNICEF \$789,79 UNFPA</p>	<p>Activity carried out with delay, The Grant was extended twice for periods of 6 months at no additional costs.</p>



	Guide	Syllabus journalism	Syllabus communication	School book journalism	School book communication	
						
		<p> <a href="http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/ro/home/library/democratic_governance/ghidul-de-in_elegere-i-relatare-a-statisticilor-/">http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/ro/home/library/democratic_governance/ghidul-de-in_elegere-i-relatare-a-statisticilor-/</a>  <a href="http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/ro/home/library/democratic_governance/manual-_interpretarea-datelor-statistice-in-jurnalism/">http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/ro/home/library/democratic_governance/manual-_interpretarea-datelor-statistice-in-jurnalism/</a>  <a href="http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/ro/home/library/democratic_governance/manual-_statistica-in-comunicare/">http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/ro/home/library/democratic_governance/manual-_statistica-in-comunicare/</a> </p>				
<p>2011-2013</p>		<p><b>Dissemination of analytical report on the situation of Roma in the Republic of Moldova on the basis of data derived from the Regional Survey by the UNDP, the World Bank and the European Commission in 2011</b></p> <p>During the period under review the report on the situation of Roma population in the Republic of Moldova, developed by Vasile Cantarji, Maria Vremiş, Viorica Morad, Natalia Ashley, was consulted and validated with Jaroslav Kling, political analyst in the field of human development and Roma inclusion the UNDP Office in Bratislava and one of the authors of the regional survey methodology. The text of the report has been finalized.</p> <p>It should be mentioned that the report presents a thorough analysis of the data collected in a survey on the situation of the Roma population in the 12 countries of the region, including the Republic of Moldova, made in 2011 by the UNDP Regional Centre in Bratislava in cooperation with the World Bank and the European Commission. The report presents new data about the situation of the Roma communities inhabited mostly by the Roma population in such areas as education, health, migration, employment and living conditions.</p> <p>The report release event took place on 24 October 2013, on the UNITED NATIONS day, and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Presentation of quantitative study of UNDP/WB/EC with regard to the Roma population in the region 2011 - methodological principles, approaches, results;</li> <li>✓ Presentation of the report prepared by the Moldovan consultants;</li> <li>✓ The participants Opinions and the answers to questions.</li> </ul> <p>The launching event was attended by 40 persons (inc. 10 men), including Tatiana PoŃing, Deputy Prime Minister, Ruslan Stânga, senior State Advisor of the Prime Minister on Roma issues, Liliana Nicolaescu-Onofrei, Deputy Minister of education, Vera Petuhov, Deputy director of the Bureau for Interethnic Relations, and other representatives of central public authorities, civil society, academia, Roma community, international development partners, community mediators.</p>			<p>The preparation and the Launch of the Report was covered: \$9175,38 including:</p> <p>\$258 travel of I. Kling + press release \$50.12 (UNDP)</p> <p>Written and oral translation services \$ 1557.5 + EN-proofreading services. \$791+ + ROM- proofreading services</p> <p>\$635 + catering services \$964.31 + Report design \$ 1914.00 (UN WOMEN)</p>	<p>Activity carried out with delay due to a lasting comments collection from the relevant parties.</p>

	<p>Results of the analysis included in the report may be used in development, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes aimed at improving the Roma situation, integration and inclusion of this ethnic group and elimination of the existing discriminatory practices, as well as to the reports to be submitted by the Moldovan Government concerning implementation of commitments in the field of human rights.</p> <p>The disseminated data will help local and international partners to better identify needs, to understand more deeply the problems faced by the Roma people and to undertake actions to address the needs and promote full social inclusion of Roma. The report argues in favour of mechanisms and public policies to attract children in school and information and awareness raising activities for Roma, including their involvement in the discussions regarding the importance of education, with emphasis on the crucial role of the social mediator.</p> <p>The 200 copies were distributed to data users. Most of the copies were distributed at the request of recipients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Ministry of education for distribution to local education departments - 35copies</li> <li>- Bureau for Interethnic Relations for the bureau's activity - 26 copies</li> <li>- The Ministry of labour, social protection and family for community mediators work -10 copies.</li> </ul>  <p>As a follow-up activity, that followed after the release of the report, we can mention the round table entitled "Education: supporting and developing the inclusion of children of Roma origin from the Republic of Moldova. Successful practices in the field of inclusion ", organized by the " Our Yard " NGO in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the RM on November 22, 2013, where the UN Joint Project Manager and one of the national consultants have been asked to submit the results of the study and the report itself. The participants showed great interest for the report.</p>	Printing \$3005,45 (UNICEF)	
	<p><b>Participation of the NBS at the UNICEF TransMoNEE-Transformative Monitoring for Enhanced Equity Project</b></p> <p>In 2013, the following activities have been planned for the participation of the NBS at the TransMoNEE "project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Collection and compilation of national data series, updating the statistical framework form;</li> <li>(ii) Development / elaboration of the analytical country report.</li> </ol> <p>Expected result: estimates of relevant and comparable socio-economic statistics indicators on the situation of children and women, which are disseminated at the national and CEE/CIS region level, to ensure systematization of data on children and comparability between CEE/CIS countries.</p> <p>The situation to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The statistical framework form updated on time;</li> <li>(ii) Analytical country report is in the process of being finalised.</li> </ol>	UNICEF working Method applied: low-value financing agreement in the amount of 5,470 USD transferred to NBS in September 2013.	Country analytic report prepared with delay of 2.5 months.  Narrative and financial reports presented with two months delay.
	<p><b>Other expenses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operational costs, charges and GMS</li> </ul>	\$19 PNUD \$1188 UN WOMEN \$142,4-UNFPA	



			\$233,4 UNICEF	
Activity 5 - Financial Summary - 2013				
Donor	Budget	Expenditure	Balance	
00012 - UNDP	308.00	327.00	-19.00	
00032 - UN WOMEN	26,228.00	18,554.00	7674.00	
00031 – UNFPA	3000.00	2,872.00	128.00	
00035- UNICEF	5000.00	4,784.00	217.00	
Subtotal managed by UNDP	34,536	26,536	8000.00	
UNICEF (parallel managed funds)		8475,45		

## Activity 6: Project management

## Deliverable Description:

1. Timely and successful implementation of activities is ensured and coordinated with the relevant counterpart and partner agencies, annual monitoring and external evaluation by the end of the project period is carried out.
2. Project evaluation and future programming in statistical sector developed

Start and End Date: 1 January – 31 December 2013

Quality criteria	Timeframe	Results of Activities			
		User Perspective		User Perspective	
Project team is fully operational; at least 90% delivery rate is ensured; planned activities are implemented in time; work plans and progress reports are developed and submitted in time; compliance with UNDP rules and regulations; Project team participates in UNDP learning processes.	2013	<b>Joint UN Project Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Activities carried out during the period under review were implemented differently: on time and late due to specific circumstances described;</li> <li>- Partner institutions and donors were regularly informed on the progress achieved and involved in implementation of the planned activities;</li> <li>- The Project management Module in the UNDP Atlas System has been updated with notes on the issues, risks, deliverables, and other relevant information.</li> <li>- Total funds spent in 2013 on funding by funding sources - see the table below.</li> <li>- The UNDP Project team participated in training sessions on operational and programming/management issues, including online training for the UNDP staff. The latter will continue in 2014.</li> </ul>		Available resources used as planned including: Management services, stationery (paper goods), supplies, etc. \$3020,29 (UNDP)	Project management ensured during the year
	December 2012- June 2013	<b>Evaluation of the project and future programming in the statistics sector</b> In June the UN partner agencies and the BNS requested comments on the assessment report of the UN joint project and the Draft Concept Note for extension of UN interventions in the field of statistics, and evidence-based policies development beyond 2013. Based on the proposals and comments received the documents were completed.  <u>Follow-up activities:</u>		Paid during the reported period - IC Toritzin and Caraseni in amount of \$19,140 \$15280, including: \$3580 UNDP	Assessment / evaluation activity carried out with one month delay

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On November 19, a working session of the representatives of interested UN agencies (UNDP, UN WOMEN, UNFPA, the UN Resident Coordinator Office) was held to discuss the prospects and plans of United Nations action/intervention in the field of statistics within the framework of RM - UN partnership for 2013-2017. The UN agencies confirmed their interest to support the sector.</li> <li>- On November 29, a meeting of UN WOMEN representatives with the NBS Director General was held to discuss various issues, including the use and conduct (recurrent ) in the future of statistical surveys and analysis, implemented with the help of the Project (the surveys on the use of time, gender aspect of entrepreneurial activity, violence against women, the harmonised Set of gender indicators, analytical report on employment, etc.), as well as future collaboration within the UN WOMEN country program for 2014-2017.</li> </ul>	\$4650 UNFPA \$6260 UN WOMEN \$4650 UNICEF Written translation services \$1313,4	
	Other expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operational costs</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>- Charges / GMS</li> </ul>	\$935-UNDP \$206 UN WOMEN \$14,4-UNFPA \$14,4- UNICEF \$327 UNFPA \$543 UN WOMEN \$327 UNICEF	

## Activity 6 - Financial Summary – 2013

Donor	Budget	Expenditure	Balance
00012 - UNDP	23,537.00	23,733.00	-196.00
00032 - UN WOMEN	7,983.00	8,523.00	-540.00
00031 – UNFPA	5,000.00	4,991.00	9.00
00035- UNICEF	5,000.00	4,991.00	9
<b>Subtotal managed by UNDP</b>	<b>41,520.00</b>	<b>42,238.00</b>	<b>-718.00</b>

## Total POOLED funds: UNDP, UN WOMEN &amp; UNICEF &amp; UNFPA – managed by UNDP (pooled)

Donor	Budget	Expenditure	Balance	% Spent
00012 - UNDP	40,000.00	38,768.00	1,232.00	96.9
00032 - UN WOMEN	89,700.00	82,662.00	9,524.00	92.1
00031 – UNFPA	8,000.00	7,943.00	57.00	99.3
00035 – UNICEF	10,000.00	9,891.00	109.00	98.9
00205 – Rom Gov	100,166.00	93,982.00	6184.00	93.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,866.00</b>	<b>233,246.00</b>	<b>17,106.00</b>	<b>94.1</b>

## Total funds managed in parallel by UNICEF, UNFPA &amp; ILO

Donor	2013 Expenditures
UNICEF	9420.45
UNFPA	48,100.00
ILO	44,600.00

General TOTAL– parallel + pooled	335,366.45
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