**EU PROJECT PILOTS HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM SOFTWARE DHIS2 IN 7 CIVIL REGISTRATION OFFICES**

**Dushanbe, 30 October 2014** – The European Union funded project "Technical assistance to support the strengthening of the health information system in Tajikistan" presented the status and progress of the project activities in the fourth Steering Committee meeting. The project is focused on strengthening the health management information system for the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population (MoHSPP) and Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Civil Registration Office (CRO).

The DHIS2 software has been fully adapted for data entry, data analysis and reporting, and is ready for country-wide (industrial) utilization, which will start in January 2015. The necessary equipment was distributed and installed in health care facilities and CRO in all 65 districts and cities of the Republic of Tajikistan. By now, 60 districts and cities are connected to the central server and the data entry process started in online regime in all connected points as a pilot stage. Around 800 specialists from the MoHSPP and MoJ have been trained in DHIS2 and statistics; two international study tours were organized for the representatives of the MoHSPP, MoJ and AS under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan participate.

Eight forms for the registration of acts of civil state, including on-line and off-line versions, and two statistical forms for collecting demographic data for the MoHSPP and AS were developed for the CRO in DHIS2. The developed forms are currently piloted in seven CRO of Dushanbe, Shahrinav, Rudaki and Gissar districts in online regime and in the offline version if piloted in four Jamoats of Gissar district.

The project "Technical Assistance to Support the Strengthening of the Health Information System" funded by the European Union, with a budget of EUR 3.4 million, which focuses on the roll-out of a country-wide on-line electronic reporting system, will last till May 2016. The project is implemented by EPOS Health Management (Germany) in consortium with ICON-Institute Public Sector (Germany), Oslo University (Norway) and IrfatC (Tajikistan).

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