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The European Union provided Tajik Health Statistics and Civil Registration Institutions with hardware equipment in the amount of 350.000 Euro

Dushanbe, 11 June 2013 – Through its project “Supply of IT Equipment in Support of Strengthening of the Health Information System in Tajikistan”, the European Union has secured today the Health Statistics and Civil Registration Institutions from the Republic of Tajikistan with 318 computers, 160 printers, 4 projectors, 240 modems and 4 servers. The total cost of hardware equipment amounts to 350.000 Euro (approximately 2,205,000 Tajik somoni).

218 computers, 90 printers, 3 projectors, 160 modems and 2 database servers were handed over to the Ministry of Health for distribution to the Republican Centre for Medical Statistics and Information and its subunits at the rayon level. The Civil Registration Office under the Ministry of Justice have received 100 computers, 70 printers, 1 projector, 80 modems and 1 data processing and storage server, for distribution to its subunits in the rayons.

The equipment will be used by the beneficiaries to improve the quality of collecting health data as well as data about births and deaths into a national data warehouse from throughout the country, to support informed decision making, better understanding of the performance of the health sector and better use of resources. Sharing information about the health status of the population and the status of delivery of health services within the country will enable senior managers within the health system to make better decisions for better health of the population.

“This project is given a high priority among all on-going projects in the health sector. Availability of quality information is crucial for the processes of planning, budgeting and monitoring and evaluation at the central level” project’s national coordinator, the Deputy Minister of Health, Dr.Sohibnazar Rahmonov, stated at the official hand-over ceremony held today. “We cannot imagine a modern health care system in Tajikistan without the IT equipment providing access to data that will enable evidence-based decision making. We hope our common efforts will result into the availability of timely information which can be used for other projects as well as further development of the health system of Tajikistan”, European Union Head of Delegation, Mr Eduard AUER, mentioned as well.

The accompanying technical assistance EUR 3.4 million project “Technical Assistance to Support the Strengthening of the Health Information System” which focuses on the roll-out of a country-wide electronic reporting system, will last till May 2016 and is being implemented by EPOS Health Management (Germany) in consortium with ICON-Institut Public Sector (Germany), Oslo University (Norway) and IrfatC (Tajikistan).

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