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NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM HAS STARTED IN ONLINE MODE FROM JANUARY 1 2015

Dushanbe, 17 March 2015 – The project «Technical Assistance to Support the Strengthening of the Health Information System in Tajikistan", funded by the European Union, has provided information on project implementation at the fifth Project Steering Committee meeting. The main project goal is to strengthen the health management system, used by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Directorate of Acts of Civil State.

The DHIS 2 system has been fully adapted to perform the functions of data entry, analysis, and reporting. It has been tested and is being used nationwide for online data entry from January 1 2015. About 1100 specialists from the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan have been trained in DHIS 2 system use and statistics. Three international study tours to Norway, Moldova, and India have been organized for the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Agency for Statistics under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.

From January 1 2015, the acts of civil state are entered in online mode in the Palace of Weddings and 4 Offices of Civil State Registration in Dushanbe city, and Rudaki, Shakhrinav, and Gissar districts.

"Year 2015 is decisive for project implementation. In this year, for the first time, the yearly statistical health reports have been produced by the DHIS 2 system in online mode. Implementation of information system at the Offices of Civils State Registration is another important task of the project. We hope to successfully complete these tasks with the support of our partners", said Ms, Elena Maximenco, the Project Team Leader.

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, will contribute to implementation of electronic reporting in the health care and civil registration systems at the national level. The project is implemented by EPOS Health Management (Germany) in consortium with ICON-Institute Public Sector (Germany), Oslo University (Norway), and IrfatC (Tajikistan). The project will be implemented until May 2016.

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