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The new health information system is fully operational

Dushanbe, 18 March 2016 – The project «Technical Assistance to Support the Strengthening of the Health Information System in Tajikistan», funded by the European Union, has organized the final project roundtable with the participation of Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection of Population, EU Ambassador to Tajikistan, Minister of Justice, Vice Minister of Justice, Adviser to the Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population, WHO Country representative to Tajikistan, First Deputy Director of the Agency of Statistics under the President of the RT, Managing Director of EPOS Health Management, 100 specialists from all regions of the RT and international donor organizations and projects.

During the past 42 months, a new DHIS2 system was developed and has been implemented nationwide since January 2015. It supports data entry, analysis and reporting for the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population (MoHSPP). Health statistical reports of 2014 and 2015 have already been successfully entered in the system in on-line mode. More than 2500 specialists from the MoHSPP and Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Civil Registration Offices (CRO) have been trained to use the system effectively. For the MoJ, CRO, DHIS2 has been adapted for entry of 7 forms of acts of civil state and since January 1st 2015, all civil registration acts are entered in DHIS2 in online mode. Furthermore, the project included five study trips for the specialists, namely to Norway, India and three to Moldova.

As explained by Ms. Elena Maximenco, the Project team leader, as a result of the project, the new DHIS2 system and its functions have been introduced in the courses of the Tajik State Medical University and the Institute of Postgraduate Education in the field of Health Care. Primary medical documents and reporting forms have also been revised. Additionally, with the support provided by EPOS Health Management, the DHIS2 equipment and software were certified by the Main Department for the Protection of State Secret under the Government of the RT. This is the first HMIS officially certified in the RT. Finally, a new website was created to give access to health indicators for professionals, as well as the general public (www.medstat.tj).

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).

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