

## **Participation of Representative of the State Statistical Committee in the Regional Seminar on Education Indicators for Millennium Development Goals**

Head of Service Statistics Department of the State Statistical Committee Elcin Haji participated in the Regional Seminar on Education Indicators for Millennium Development Goals organized by UNECE held on 21-23 November of the current year. Director of Statistical Institute of UNESCO Hendrik van der Pol and expert on statistical analyze, representative of Statistical Department of UNECE, as well as, experts on education statistics of the statistical bodies of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Tajikistan, and Moldova participated in the seminar. Seminar was organized in a format of presentations, discussions and speeches.

The main purpose of the seminar was to strengthen statistical potential for the monitoring of MDG together with regional cooperation and exchange of experience. Seminar was covered following issues: discussion of indicators on II and III purposes of MDG, methodology recommended by the UNESCO for the calculation of indicators, discussion of data sources and problems faced during obtaining of data, gaps in data, decreasing and remove differences in the national and international assessment of indicators, existing of data for the national monitoring of MDG, presentation of advanced regional practices, stimulation of national and regional cooperation and coordination.

The Millennium Declaration adopted by the member countries of UNO in 2000 was directed to the ensuring of eradication of poverty and bright future of people. By the purpose of measurement and assessment of development directed to the eradication of poverty was adopted MDG with concrete purpose and indicators.

Indicators on education sphere of MDG was consist of net enrollment ratio, proportion of pupils starting grade 1 who reach last grade of primary, literacy rate of 15-24 year-olds, ratios of girls to boys in primary education, ratios of girls to boys in secondary education, ratios of women to men in tertiary education.

Method prepared by the UNESCO for the calculation and assessment of different indicators on education of MDG was explained in the presentations of international experts.

Gaps in the indicators of region countries, differences in the national and international assessment of indicators were discussed.

In his presentation director of the Statistical Institute of UNESCO noted that from participant countries only Azerbaijan placed all indicators on education - 2011 in the official webpage of the Committee. He also noted that, Azerbaijan timely answers to the questionnaires of UNESCO and he offered to our representative speak about the ways of this achievement.

In his speech Elcin Haji noted that, State Statistical Committee created condition for the quality management and application of metadata system, electronic document turnover and presentation of reports in online regime, accuracy and comparison of produced statistical data. Compilation of graphics and plans on fulfillment of database placed in the official webpage of SSC of the Republic of Azerbaijan and strong control to the implementation of it - is necessary activity realized to ensure users with necessary statistical data timely and untrammelled. Participants of seminar was informed that, not only indicators of education also indicators in all fields of MDG are calculated on the base of methodologies and recommendations of international organizations.

Moreover, participants were informed about decree № 3043 approved by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated of September 15, 2008 on State Program on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2008-2015 and Action Plan prepared for the implementation of the Program. It was noted that, in the direction of Poverty Reduction of the Program target indicators were determined, in the Action Plan the State Statistical Committee got instructions on achievement of indicators till 2015. The section on “Human Capital Development and Social Progress” of Action Plan also covers issues on education, durable management of environment, culture, gender policy, child and youth policy.

At the end of the meeting representative of UNESCO was noted that the data of Azerbaijan on Literacy rate of population aged 25 and over was coordinated in the data base of organization and it was published in the publication on “World Report on Education”.