

# IMPROVING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS

## PROJECT OUTLINE

### THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT:

The National Bureau of Statistics, as the main coordinator of statistical system of the Republic of Moldova, is leading the implementation of the Strategy for Development of Statistical System.

In the latest assessment of Eurostat of the National Statistical System of the Republic of Moldova, NBS has been urged, as a matter of highest priority, to improve its demographic statistics, including internal and external migration, facilitate NBS's access to the available administrative data, develop and publish back-casted annual estimates for the intercensal period from 2004 to 2014, revision of statistical series affected by the availability of the revised population figures and develop a methodology for population projections.

This project aims to improve institutional capacity of NBS in implementing its Operational Plan 2018 – 2020 based on the Strategy for Development of Statistical System 2016 – 2020. Specifically, institutional development is focused on Population and Migration Statistics Division of NBS, in particular, but also on other supporting divisions dealing with statistical methods and administrative data, data protection and ICT and dissemination to use administrative data sources in revision of population and migration estimates in alignment with international recommendations.

Through this project, based on the improved skills of NBS staff and the technological modernisation of the NBS infrastructure, we aim to provide support in disaggregating population estimates per rural / urban thus enabling the revision of the indicators from social sector; to produce international migration disaggregated at sub-national level (by territorial-administrative units), develop and apply a new methodology in estimating disaggregated internal migration, for the last two using administrative data sources and, finally revision of resident population number, by age and sex, for all communes and rayons of the Republic of Moldova.

As the SDGs aims to leave no one behind, improving demographic statistics will allow users, including policy and decision makers, in finding relevant policies that may target vulnerable regions / localities and have a better understanding on demographic changes that are happening at sub-national level.

**PROJECT DURATION: 01 December 2020 – 31 December 2021**

**GOAL:** NBS will be able to provide timely, reliable and high quality disaggregated data on population, in line with international standards.

**RELEVANT SDGS:** SDG 17:  Partnerships for Goals



## MAIN OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:

**OBJECTIVE 1:** The population number at sub-national level (per each community and district) are revised based on the new estimate of the total population and on migration flows, and disaggregated by sex, age, and rural/urban.

**Activity 1.1** Estimation of rural/urban resident population to enable the revision of income, expenditure and labour force statistics.

**Activity 1.2** Estimation of internal migration at sub-national level and by age and sex.

**Activity 1.3** Estimation of age- and sex-disaggregated international migration at sub-national levels.

**Activity 1.4** Revision of population number, by age and sex, for all communes and districts of the Republic of Moldova.

**Activity 1.5** Retro projection of the existing/old time series for population number applying appropriate scientific methods.

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Strengthened institutional capacities of the NBS in modernization of population and social statistics data collection and processing.

**Activity 2.1** Capacity development of NBS in using administrative data sources for estimating population and migration estimates.

**Activity 2.2** Technical endowment enabling NBS to properly deal with the processing of administrative sources for revised population estimates and to transfer to modern population data collection.



## IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTNERS OF THE PROJECT:

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