

PART 1. GENERAL STRATEGY

The measures and directions of the activity foreseen by the given three-year program are also based on strategic directions defined by the three-year programs of previous years aimed at ensuring their continuity.

The adopted strategy of state statistics is guided by the implementation of main tasks defined by the Article 4 of the RA “Law on State Statistics” and based on 10 Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics adopted by the 47 session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (15 April 1992) and by the United Nation Statistical Commission (14 April 1994), as well as in addition to those principles on 15 principles defined by the European Statistics Code of Practice adopted by the Statistical Program Committee on 24 February 2005, on quality declaration of the European statistical system of European Commission and Eurostat (2002), on requirements of the IMF’s Special Data Dissemination Standard (2007), on Armenia Country report on the observance of standards and codes on data quality assessment (2009), as well as on results of assessment of the national system of official statistics of the Republic of Armenia by European Union experts (Eurostat, EFTA and UNECE) (2008), on the provisions of the “Legal Framework for European Statistics - the Law on Statistics” approved by the European Parliament and the Council Regulation (2010) No 223/2009 dated 11 March 2009 and on statistics international criteria and standards developed based on them.

According to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, statistics should ensure impartiality (independence), equal access to use information, professional standards, efficiency, accountability and transparency, confidentiality of primary (private) data, etc. to meet requirements of state institutions, international organizations, public, and business during the program work. It is needed, that users consider the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia as an organization radically differing from certain policy-oriented state institutions. It is necessary to have guarantees avoiding the involvement of the official statistics in the existing conflicts of administrative and similar interests.

To ensure the main tasks and fundamental principles of state statistics, it is foreseen, in particular:

- 1) to continue the processes of institutional reforms of statistics, pursuing the implementation of relevant legislative changes regulating statistical relations in the context of keeping of internationally adopted principles,
- 2) to continue and enlarge the international cooperation of the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia with a purpose to ensure a continuous improvement of

- statistical methodology, its harmonization and unification with international standards, as well as the international comparability of statistical indicators,
- 3) to continue the work of introduction and application of internationally adopted standards on data dissemination (in particular Special Data Dissemination Standard developed by the International Monetary Fund) with a purpose to ensure statistical data quality and transparency that supposes uninterrupted operation of the Website of the National Statistical Service of RA and regular updating of information contents and quality, as well as methodological data,
 - 4) in parallel with the development of statistical methodology to continue the work of review of contents and composition of indicators reflected in the actually acting statistical observation documents and unification of statistical observation documents, at the same time aiming at minimizing of the possible negative impacts on information quality, completeness and reliability, as well as to reduce the burden on statistical information providers,
 - 5) to complete and update (minimum annually) the business register database (on legal persons and individual entrepreneurs) and as a consequence to have a gradual transition to the introduction and use of sample methods of information collection,
 - 6) to continue the work of development and introduction of national classifications related to the part of complete system of classification and coding of technical and economic, and social information , as well as work of improvement of classifications already introduced and applied in the state statistics,
 - 7) to pass to the complete application of information collection mechanism through administrative registers, taking into account the implementation of relevant work defined by the annual statistical work program,
 - 8) to improve and enlarge the composition and contents of indicators needed for the maintenance of territorial statistics in parallel with introduction and maintenance of local (community) administrative registers (including passports of communities),
 - 9) to continue the work on completion of gender statistics,
 - 10) to pass to the information electronic collection through the introduction and application of information technologies to ensure the timeliness of indicators preparation as well as to increase the work efficiency,
 - 11) to increase the confidence of statistical information by improving the relevant legal framework of statistics and data dissemination, studying in depth the users' needs and requirements, to promote a wide use of statistical information, including, when decision-making, implementing monitoring and assessments,
 - 12) to continue the production of statistical publications (bulletins, handbooks, etc.) consisting of statistical information characterizing economic, demographic, social and environmental situation of the country, as well as sectoral and regional peculiarities, as well as to improve their composition, contents and thematic coverage of statistical publications to fully meet the needs of statistical information users,
 - 13) to improve the mechanism of receiving summary information from the official Website of the National Statistical Service of RA for the users of statistical information.