

### **The National Plan of Action 1998–2000**

Targeted at the provision of equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men, prescribed by the Article 15 of the Constitution of Republic of Armenia, also for the implementation of resolutions of the UN Convention on “Elimination of All Types of Discriminations Against Women” and the resolutions of the UN Plan of Action, as well as in compliance with the Government Resolution 406 dated June 26, 1998 of the Republic of Armenia, adopted according to the Government Resolution 242 “On The Principles of Plan on the Improvement of Women’s Status in the Republic of Armenia”, on April 15, 1998, the Government of Armenia adopted the National Plan of Action on the Improvement of Women’s Status and the Empowerment of their Role in the Society for 1998–2000.

The mentioned Program concerns particularly to following issues:

- Conduction of a gender expertise on the Republic of Armenia Legislation.
- Increase of level of women representativeness in the State Government System of the Republic of Armenia.
- Design and implementation of programs insuring women’s employment.
- Improvement of social and psychological and other types of services rendered to women suffered from violence and other criminal actions.
- Organization of precautionary and up-bringing activities with teenagers including the girls of anti-social behavior.
- Assistance to female entrepreneurs and female managers of family enterprises.
- Development of appropriate procedures on labour

protection for working women.

- Development of program on improvement of female refugees status.
- Improvement of women status in the domain of culture.
- Development of national program on reproduction health.
- Development of programs on organization of cultural, sport and other events for invalid women and children.
- Collection of statistical data and publication of statistical-analytical bulletins on social and economic status of women.

This statistical-analytical manual on gender, implemented under the line of above-mentioned issues, is targeted at highlighting the interrelation between women and men in the Republic of Armenia, current situation of using their possibilities in the social life and to create a necessary information base for development of state gender policy (insuring equal conditions for women and men).

## **The Need for Gender Statistics**

Women and men are to be visible in statistics. Gender statistics reflects the role of women and men in the society which allows not only to take into account the peculiarities of women and men but also social-demographic groups and carry out the principle of equal rights and equal possibilities.

Taking into account the above mentioned statistics shall be disaggregated by sex, at the same time reflecting gender issues and problems within the republic. And of course it should be accessible for users.