

Country Course in Kazakhstan: International Migration

The UNFPA country office in Kazakhstan organized a country course on International Migration in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 21 – 23 December 2009 and Ms. Gereltuya Altankhuyag, faculty member of SIAP co-facilitated the training for the staff of the Agency on Statistics and related national institutions on the development of the effective data management system for migration registration and indirect estimation of migration indicators in the absence of proper migration records.

The course contents were designed jointly by State University of Moscow and SIAP and the course was delivered by Ms. Olga Chudinovskih, head of the Economics of Population and Development Sector of Laboratory belonging to the Economic Faculty of the State Moscow University named after M. Lomonosov and Ms. Gereltuya Altankhuyag, SIAP lecturer/Statistician

The main objective of the course was to strengthen the capability of the national statistical system in utilization of internationally accepted concepts and definitions of international migration, in its data collection, measurement of its indicators and analysis.

Course covered basic concepts and definitions, types of international migration, overview on migration data currently available in Kazakhstan, use of population census and household surveys to improve migration data, international and Russian experience in the improvement of migration records and statistics, use of immigration data from other countries to improve emigration estimates, estimation of net migration, illegal migration, techniques of analysis including graphic techniques, analysis of gross migration, migration ratios and rates and analysis immigration and population growth.

A total of 34 participants from regional statistical offices, Ministry of Home Affairs, Police Department, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic and Budget Planning, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, National Committee for Women and Family Affairs and Ministry of Justice of Kazakhstan participated in the training course. All course materials were made available in Russian to the participants in hard copies. Interpretation and translation of all course materials was arranged by UNFPA office in Almaty.

Based on the course evaluation, it can be concluded that the training course on international migration was an effective course towards capacity building in recording and estimating statistics on immigration and emigration.