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THE STATE PROGRAM
on Improvement of Official Statistics
in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2018-2025

1. Introduction

Importance of official statistics in management of socio-economic processes in the recent period, formation of information space, assessment of the country development level increased even more. Improvement of national statistical system in line with international standards and integration into the global statistical system for the aim to provide international comparability of official statistics is associated with the name of Azerbaijani national leader Heydar Aliyev. Reforms launched under his leadership and successfully continued in later years have significantly impacted on the development of official statistics, legal basis of statistical system has been established, essential actions towards development and application of national statistical classifications, establishment of the System of National Accounts (SNA), formation and improvement of new domains of statistics, modern methodologies, meeting users' statistical data demands, development of e-statistics, reduction of reporting burden on entrepreneurs and increasing effectiveness of production process of official statistical materials have been taken in the framework of 5 state programs subsequently implemented in this area. Qualified international organizations have highly evaluated as well the reforms in the national statistical system based on the results of foreign audits conducted; the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan Republic (SSC) was awarded an international certificate of compliance on Quality Management System ISO 9001:2015 in the field of "Production and dissemination of official statistics".

In the context of global political, social and economic processes in the world the flexible decision-making, the need for adequate information provision to assess their performance, put new and more complex tasks on the statistical system today. Demand for accurate and complete statistical data and continuous information support for monitoring of the status of achieving goals and targets of "Transforming our world: 2030 the Agenda for Sustainable Development", the "Strategic Road Maps on National Economy and Key Sectors of the Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138 and provision of flexible

management in line with the identified socio-economic political course stipulate the improvement of official statistics based on new challenges. It is no coincidence that Member States have accepted statistical capacity building as a commitment at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, and the measure to improve the national statistical infrastructure has been reflected in the "Strategic Road Map on the National Economy Perspective of the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016 No.1138.

In view of above-mentioned, the "State Program on Improvement of Official Statistics in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2018-2025" (hereinafter referred to as the State Program) has been prepared in order to provide development of the national statistical system in line with international challenges, improvement of provision of the statistical data related with sustainable development through expansion of administrative data usage, human capacity building and strengthening material and technical base in the field of statistics to achieve these goals.

2. Objective and duties of the State Program

Main objective of the State Program is to improve official statistics through implementation of the complex measures for improvement of statistical works in line with social and economic processes proceeding in the country and international arena and modern challenges. These measures include organization of statistical observations in the social, economic and other areas, development of methodologies, metadata and classifications, legal, administrative and information provision of production of official statistical materials, increasing users' satisfaction, international cooperation, strengthening of material and technical base and human capacity building.

2.1. Implementation of the following duties will be provided in order to organize statistical observations on social, economic and multi-domain statistics, agriculture, industry, trade, transport, tourism sectors of economy, entrepreneurship, labour market, informal employment, employment of disabled, use of child labour, life quality, participation of population in continuous education, information society, development and improvement of the methodology:

2.1.1. compilation of supply and use tables enabling analysis of structure of the country economy and cross-cutting relations in accordance with requirements of SNA;

2.1.2. statistical studying of agriculture structure, development trends, material and technical base, labour force, level of custom-based agricultural production and cooperative trends of producers, obtaining of data on agricultural products, sown area, production and

productivity, statistical evaluation of food access of the various strata of population and influencing factors;

2.1.3. studying of the status of equipment in industrial enterprises and use of their productive capacity, obtaining of statistical data on industrial production of households, including informal production;

2.1.4. preparation of statistical data for implementation of economic analyses in direction of substitution in internal market the import products with domestic production;

2.1.5. obtaining of statistical data on cargo and passenger transportation by motor transport;

2.1.6. obtaining of up-to-date and detailed statistical data on domestics, inbound, outbound tourism, implementation of analyses on tourism sector, expansion of statistical database for establishment of tourism satellite account;

2.1.7. analyzing business environment in non-oil sector, identification of consumer confidence in households and key sectors of economy, economic expectations, factors impeding business development, decision-making for increasing benefits of business and investment environment, analysis of the status of micro, small and medium entrepreneurship, forecasting, expansion of statistical data coverage for preparation of development programs;

2.1.8. improvement of information provision for appropriate decision-making related with labour market development, statistical studying of the level of informal employment, integration of disabled to labour market, employment of graduates from primary vocational and secondary specialized educational institutions, character and scale of use of child labour, status of participation of population in continuous education and use of book stock;

2.1.9. obtaining of statistical data providing international comparability to assess the status of mothers and children social welfare, human development in the country and measure achievement of targets defined by Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);

2.1.10. increasing of coverage of statistical data on households and applicability in SNA, obtaining of statistical data characterizing population living standards, statistical studying of the status of daily time stock use;

2.1.11. statistical studying of the country population access to information and communication technologies and the status of its use.

2.2. Development of metadata for raising awareness of users about statistical classifications, provision of wider use of classifications will be one of the main duties. Moreover, updating of national "Classification of Product Types", "Classification of Industrial Products" (Prodcom), "Standard Goods Classification for Transport Statistics", "Statistical Classification of Wastes" applied for establishment of databases, statistical data collection,

processing and dissemination based on international classifications and development of national classification based on UN “International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics” will be provided.

2.3. One of the main duties is to improve national legislation in the fields of official statistics in line with international norms and principles, obtain additional statistical data on SDG, integrate databases of the state bodies to the SSC’s statistical database for increasing applicability of administrative data for official statistics purposes, reduce respondents’ data burden, increase effectiveness by optimization the costs for production of official statistical materials, systemize and coordinate reporting forms applied for statistical data collection, form representative sampling network for increasing data and statistical observations quality through making amendments to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Official Statistics” in order to strengthen legal, administrative and information provision of production of official statistical materials.

2.4. Systemization of statistical data on SDG, increasing user satisfaction by expansion data applicability through improvement of data dissemination technologies are important actions defined by the State Program.

2.5. National statistical capacity building by taking benefit from international experience, contribution to improvement of international methodological base following best national experience, development of personnel skills and knowledge in the field of planning and implementation of production process of Big Data, business statistics and official statistical materials, sharing experience on application of statistical innovations are defined as the main directions of international cooperation.

2.6. Relevant actions will be taken in order to develop infrastructure for efficient organization of production processes of official statistical materials, provide sustainability of production processes, increase its effectiveness using modern information and communication technologies, strengthen proficiency of national statistical staff.

3. Main directions of the State Program and expected results

The State Program generally includes 59 actions on organization of observations in social, economic and multi-domain statistics, including 29 on development of the methodologies, 6 on metadata and classifications, 7 on legal, administrative and information provision of production of official statistical materials, 3 on increasing users’ satisfactions, 7 on international cooperation, 7 on human capacity building and strengthening material and technical base. The followings are expected to be achieved due to implementation of the State Program:

3.1. Social, economic and multi-domain statistics

3.1.1. constructing the next “supply and use tables” in line with requirements of the latest SNA 2008 developed by UN, EC, OECD, IMF and WB will be enabled through conduction of statistical survey;

3.1.2. detailed information on agriculture dynamics, structure, development trends, material and technical base, labour force and etc. will be obtained due to conduction of the next agricultural census in Azerbaijan;

3.1.3. conduction of statistical surveys for studying of the status of participation of producers in agricultural production and farmer communities based on contract, products grown in yard areas, food access of the various strata of population and influencing factors will enable statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map on Production and Processing of Agricultural Products in the Republic of Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138;

3.1.4. conduction of statistical survey on the status and use of production equipment available in industrial enterprises will enable preparation of the data on the status, age and use of production equipment available in industrial enterprises, the statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map for Development of Heavy Industry and Machine Building in the Republic of Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138;

3.1.5. up-to-date statistical data on industrial production including informal production in the country will be obtained due to statistical survey on industrial products produced in households;

3.1.6. statistics on the structure of domestic and import goods of retail trade turnover will be formed due to statistical survey on sale of domestic and import goods in retail trade network by types of products;

3.1.7. statistical data on volume, types, turnover of transported goods, passenger transportation, vehicles used for passenger transportation, income from transportation and etc. indicators will be updated through the sample statistical survey on freight and passenger transportation by motor transport;

3.1.8. conduction of statistical survey on domestic, inbound, outbound tourism will enable expansion of the coverage of tourism statistics indicators system based on recommendations of the World Tourism Organization, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map for Development of Specialized Tourism Industry

in the Republic of Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138;

3.1.9. conduction of census of micro and small entrepreneurship subjects, development of the system of indicators of micro, small and medium entrepreneurship statistics and establishment of database will enable obtaining detailed information on entrepreneurship, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map for Production of Consumer Goods at the level of small and medium entrepreneurship in the Republic of Azerbaijan”;

3.1.10. conduction of sample statistical survey on studying of working activity of entrepreneurship subjects, households debt burdens and expectations on economic situation in the country will enable tracking basic tendencies in the country business environment, development of key sectors of economy, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map on National Economic Perspectives of the Republic of Azerbaijan”;

3.1.11. conduction of statistical survey based on methodology of International Labour Organization will enable preparation of detailed statistical data on labour force by the country and regions, updating of data reported to international organizations and used in compiling international rankings, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs on relevant indicators;

3.1.12. conduction of statistical survey related to informal employment will enable preparation of data on informally employed population by sex structure, age groups, level of education and etc. indicators, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving targets of "Strategic Road Map on the National Economy Perspective of the Republic of Azerbaijan" on relevant indicators;

3.1.13. conduction of statistical survey related to employment of disabled will enable preparation of data on employment of disabled in the country by sex structure, age groups, level of education, degree of disability and etc. indicators, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs on relevant indicators;

3.1.14. conduction of statistical survey on studying of the status of the use of child labour will enable preparation of data on use of child labour by sex structure, age groups, type of occupation, branches of economic activity, attitude to employment, school attendance, state of health and etc. indicators, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs on relevant indicators;

3.1.15. internationally comparable and disaggregated statistical data characterizing life quality of children and population at reproductive age will be prepared based on Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS);

3.1.16. internationally comparable life quality statistics will be produced as a result of improvement of household budget survey forms and methodological instructions in line with international recommendations and conduction of the relevant survey;

3.1.17. conduction of time use survey will enable preparation of data on waste of time for daily activities by population different social-demographic groups, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs on relevant indicators;

3.1.18. development of the methodology of statistical survey on population lifelong education and conduction of the survey will enable preparation of data on participation of population in lifelong education by sex structure, age groups, forms of education; conduction of statistical survey on employment of graduates from primary vocational and secondary specialized educational institutions will enable evaluation of the balance between staff training at the level of vocational education and the requirements of labour force, relevant indicators, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving targets of "Strategic Road Map for the Development of Vocational Education and Training in the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138;

3.1.19. conduction of statistical survey on use of information and communication technologies in households will enable preparation of data on information society statistics, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving targets of "Strategic Road Map for the Development of Telecommunication and Information Technologies in the Republic of Azerbaijan";

3.1.20. information on libraries, book stock and its use in the country will be prepared due to conduction of census of libraries.

3.2. Metadata and classifications

Within framework of actions taken in this direction the updating of national "Classification of Product Types", "Classification of Industrial Products (Prodcom)", "Standard Goods Classification for Transport Statistics", "Statistical Classification of Wastes" based on international classifications and development of national classification based on UN "International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics" will serve to formation of classifying system enabling international comparison, and the prepared metadata will increase users' awareness of statistical classifications applied in the country.

3.3. Legal, administrative and information support of producing official statistical materials

3.3.1. Proposals to be developed related to amendments to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Official Statistics” based on Generic Law on Official Statistics adopted in plenary session of the UNECE Conference of European Statisticians on 29 April 2016 will serve to improvement of the national legislation in the area of official statistics.

3.3.2. Integration of databases of public authorities to the SSC’s statistical database will enable obtaining reliable and operative data for flexible decision-making related to sustainable social-economic development of the country and will provide additional opportunities for conduction of statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs on relevant indicators. Conduction of assessment of conformance of administrative data production processes in public authorities with Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) will enable increasing administrative data quality. Conduction of the survey on studying statistical burden on entrepreneurship subjects will establish the basis for optimization of reporting activity.

3.3.3. electronization of actions on production process of official statistical materials in the SSC will enable reducing time use and costs on preparation of statistical materials through application of paperless technologies and will increase efficiency of organization of document management.

3.3.4. actual information resource for organization of statistical observations will be formed due to establishment of e-databases on households based on 2019 population census data and family peasant farms and households engaged in agriculture based on farm records.

3.4. Increasing user’s satisfaction

Establishment of SDG statistical database and web-portal will serve to satisfaction of users’ demands as a major facility to implement monitoring and increase public awareness. In addition, creation of the “Personal cabinet” section for users in the SSC web-portal and adding the “*machine readable*” format to the electronic data dissemination forms will increase user-friendly access to official statistics in accordance with users’ demands and purposes.

3.5. International cooperation

Participation of the SSC specialists in international expert and working groups in the field of statistics, continuation of cooperation in the field of statistics with EU Statistical Office, UN specialized organizations and other international agencies and development of bilateral

relationships with statistical institutions of the advanced countries will enable to enhancing of exchange of experience, increasing the prestige of national statistical system in the international arena, strengthening relations in the field of statistics with international organizations, increasing the methodological and technical support of international organizations in the development of country statistics, accelerating the application of innovative approaches and gaining new knowledge in the field of statistics. Business statistics, use of big data for official statistical purposes, studying international experience on the application of Generic Statistical Information Model will provide additional opportunities for gaining skills and knowledge on the latest technologies applied in the field of statistics.

3.6. Material and technical base and human capacity building

3.6.1. Renewal of physically and materially outmoded ICT equipment of the statistical authorities will enable building of production process of official statistical materials in line with international requirements, and purchasing and applying relevant software, database management systems will ensure modernization of statistical data collection, processing and dissemination processes. Capital repair of administrative building of the SSC and several regional statistical offices as well as construction of new administrative buildings for some regional statistical offices will provide accuracy of functioning of the installation and communication systems, increasing cost-effectiveness of the labour of employees operating in statistical authorities.

3.6.2. Provision of participation of the SSC employees in the short and long-term trainings in the specialized training centres, organization of thematic trainings for employees of local statistical authorities through application of module-type statistical training programs will facilitate formation of high-skilled human resources, provision of efficient use of human capacity, development of the qualified staff in the field of statistics.

4. Financial support for implementation of the State Program

Actions specified in the State Program are implemented at the expense of the state budget envisaged for the SSC for this purpose and other sources not contradicting the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

5. Implementation of the State Program

PLAN OF ACTIONS

No	Action	Aim of action	Expected results	Executors	Executi on period (years)
1	2	3	4	5	6
5.1. Statistical observations and their methodologies					
5.1.1. Social statistics					
5.1.1.1.	Conduction of quarterly sample statistical labour force survey based on ILO methodology, covering 1.0% of households by the country	improvement of information provision for appropriate decision-making related with labour market development, provision of international comparability of statistical data on labour force	availability of the detailed statistical data on labour force by the country and regions, updating of data reported to international organizations and used in compiling international rankings, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs	SSC	2018-2025
5.1.1.2.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on evaluation of the level of population informal employment	statistical measuring of the level of informal employment in the country, provision of international comparability of data on informal employment	availability of data on informally employed population by sex structure, age groups, level of education and etc. indicators, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving targets of "Strategic Road Map on the National Economy Perspective of the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MLSP	2019, 2022
5.1.1.3.	Development of the methodology of sample statistical survey on employment of disabled and conduction of the survey	statistical studying of the status of integration of disabled to labour market	availability of data on employment of disabled by sex structure, age groups, level of education, degree of disability and etc. indicators, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs	SSC, MLSP	2020-2021
5.1.1.4.	Development of the methodology of sample statistical survey on participation of population in lifelong education and conduction of the	statistical studying of the status of participation of population in lifelong education	availability of data on participation of population in lifelong education by sex structure, age groups, forms of education (formal, informal) and etc. indicators, statistical evaluation of the status of	SSC, ME, MLSP	2020-2021

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	survey		achieving targets of "Strategic Road Map for the Development of Vocational Education and Training in the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138		
5.1.1.5.	Development of the methodology of sample statistical survey on studying of the status of use of child labour and conduction of the survey	statistical studying of character and scale of the use of child labour	availability of data on use of child labour by sex structure, age groups, type of occupation, branches of economic activity, attitude to employment, school attendance, state of health and etc. indicators, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs	SCFWCA, SSC, MLSP, MIA, SSC, local executive authorities	2018-2019
5.1.1.6.	Development of the methodology for obtaining of the detailed data on libraries and book stocks and conduction of the survey	obtaining of the detailed data on all existing in the country libraries and their activity regardless type of property and organizational-legal form	availability of data on the country libraries, book stock and their use	MCT, ME, SSC, local executive authorities	2022
5.1.1.7.	Development of the methodology of sample statistical survey on employment of graduates from primary vocational and secondary specialized educational institutions and conduction of the survey	statistical studying of the status of participation of graduates from primary vocational and secondary specialized educational institutions in labour market	availability of data on employment of graduates from primary vocational and secondary specialized educational institutions by age groups, branches of economic activity and etc. indicators, evaluation of the balance between staff training at the level of vocational education and the requirements of labour force	SSC, ME, MLSP	2020, 2025
5.1.2. Social statistics					
5.1.2.1.	Conduction of sample statistical survey for constructing the next "supply and use tables" in line with	compilation of supply and use tables enabling analysis of structure of the country economy and cross-cutting relations	availability of data for constructing supply and use tables in accordance with requirements of 2008 SNA	SSC, MOE, MT	2021-2022

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	requirements of the latest SNA 2008 developed by UN, EC, OECD, IMF and WB	in accordance with modern requirements			
5.1.2.2.	Conduction of census of micro and small entrepreneurship subjects	validation of data from sample statistical surveys, improvement of information support of micro and small entrepreneurship	availability of the detailed data on entrepreneurship, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map for Production of Consumer Goods at the level of small and medium entrepreneurship in the Republic of Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MT, MOE, local executive authorities	2024-2025
5.1.2.3.	Conduction of quarterly sample statistical survey on studying of working activity of entrepreneurship subjects	analysis of business environment in non-oil sector of the country and identification of forecasts for key sectors of economy and factors impeding business development, preparation of statistical data for decision-making related to increasing benefits of business and investment environment	availability of data for providing business environment providing optimal profitability of entrepreneurship activity and relying on competing principles, tracking basic tendencies in development of key sectors of economy, evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map on National Economic Perspectives of the Republic of Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MOE	2020, 2023
5.1.2.4.	Development of the system of indicators of micro, small and medium entrepreneurship statistics and establishment of database	expansion of statistical data coverage for analysis of the status of micro, small and medium entrepreneurship, forecasting, preparation of development programs and plans, evaluation of accessibility to	availability of reliable and comprehensive data on micro, small and medium entrepreneurship, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map for Production of Consumer Goods at the level of small and medium entrepreneurship in the Republic of	SSC, MOE, MT, CB, FMSA	2018-2019

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		financial resources	Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138		
5.1.2.5.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on participation of producers in agricultural production and farmer communities based on contract	statistical studying of level of custom-based agricultural production and cooperative trends of producers	availability of data for evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map on Production and Processing of Agricultural Products in the Republic of Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MA, local executive authorities	2018-2020
5.1.2.6.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on products grown in yard areas	obtaining of data on sown areas, production and productivity of fruits, grapes, vegetables, market garden crops, potatoes, fodder crops and other products	availability of data for evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map on Production and Processing of Agricultural Products in the Republic of Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MA, local executive authorities	2018
5.1.2.7.	Establishment of the system of monitoring for the purpose of statistical evaluation of the level of food access of the various strata of population and influencing factors	development of the system of indicators and methodology of monitoring through sample statistical surveys, formation of sampling network and structure of database	availability of the system of monitoring enabling evaluation of the level of food access of the various strata of population and influencing factors	SSC, MOE, MA, MLSP, MT, MES, SCC, local executive authorities	2018
5.1.2.8.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on studying of the status of food access of the various strata of population and influencing factors	statistical evaluation of the level of food access of the various strata of population taking into account the price changes, proposal volume, availability of resources and etc. factors	Statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the “Strategic Road Map on Production and Processing of Agricultural Products in the Republic of Azerbaijan” confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC	2019-2025
5.1.2.9.	Conduction of agriculture census in	improvement of information provision	availability of comprehensive	SSC, MA, MOE, SCPI,	2024-2025

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	Azerbaijan in the framework of the World Census of Agriculture	of agrarian policy through obtaining up-to-date data on processes taking place in agriculture	information on agriculture structure, development trends, material and technical base, labour force and etc.	MENR, ANAS, ASUE, ASAU, local executive authorities	
5.1.2.10.	Conduction of statistical survey on the status and use of production equipment available in industrial enterprises	obtaining of data on equipment used in industrial enterprises and studying of the status of use of their productive capacity	availability of data on the status, age and use of production equipment available in industrial enterprises, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the "Strategic Road Map for Development of Heavy Industry and Machine Building in the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MOE	2019-2020
5.1.2.11.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on industrial products produced in households	obtaining of the detailed statistical data on industrial production (bread, milk and diary products, carpet, household goods and etc.) of households, including informal production	availability of statistical data on industrial production of households	SSC, MOE, local executive authorities	2019-2020
5.1.2.12.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on sale of domestic and import goods in retail trade network by types of products	preparation of statistical data for implementation of economic analyses in direction of substitution in internal market the import products with domestic production	availability of statistical data on the structure of domestic and import goods of retail trade turnover	SSC, MOE	2019, 2022, 2025
5.1.2.13.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on cargo transportation by motor transport	updating statistical data on cargo transportation	availability of statistical data on volume, types, turnover of transported goods, used vehicles, income from transportation and etc. indicators	SSC, MTCHT, MIA	2019, 2024

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1	2	3	4	5	6
5.1.2.14.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on passenger transportation by motor transport	updating statistical data on passenger transportation	availability of statistical data on passenger transportation, vehicles used for passenger transportation, income from transportation and etc. indicators	SSC, MTCHT, MIA	2020, 2025
5.1.2.15.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on domestic tourism	obtaining of up-to-date and detailed statistical data on domestic tourism, implementation of analyses on tourism sector, expansion of statistical database for establishment of tourism satellite account	expansion of the coverage of tourism statistics indicators system based on recommendations of the World Tourism Organization, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the "Strategic Road Map for Development of Specialized Tourism Industry in the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MCT, local executive authorities	2018-2025
5.1.2.16.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on inbound, outbound tourism	obtaining of up-to-date and detailed statistical data on inbound, outbound tourism, implementation of analyses on tourism sector, expansion of statistical database for establishment of tourism satellite account	expansion of the coverage of tourism statistics indicators system based on recommendations of the World Tourism Organization, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving goals of the "Strategic Road Map for Development of Specialized Tourism Industry in the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MCT, SMS, SBS, "Azerbaijan Airlines" CJSC, "Azerbaijan Railways" CJSC, "Azerbaijan Caspian Shipping" CJSC	2018-2025
5.1.3. Multi-domain statistics					
5.1.3.1.	Conduction of Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)	evaluation of the status of mothers and children social welfare, human development in the country and obtaining of statistical data	availability of disaggregated statistical data characterizing life quality of children and population at reproductive age	SSC, MH, ME, MIA, SCFWCA and other related state authorities	2021-2022

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1	2	3	4	5	6
		providing international comparability to measure achievement of targets defined by SDGs			
5.1.3.2.	Improvement of household budget survey forms and methodological instructions in line with international recommendations	increasing of coverage of statistical data on households and potentials for use in SNA	availability of internationally comparable life quality statistics methodology	SSC, MLSP, MOE	2018-2019
5.1.3.3.	Conduction of quarterly sample statistical household budget survey involving 0.5% of households by the country	obtaining of statistical data characterizing population living standards	availability of life quality statistics compatible with international standards	SSC	2018-2025
5.1.3.4.	Conduction of sample statistical time use survey	statistical studying of the status of daily time stock use	availability of data on population different social-demographic groups, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs	SSC	2021-2022
5.1.3.5.	Conduction of sample statistical survey on use of information and communication technologies in households	statistical studying of the country population access to information and communication technologies and the status of its use, updating the relevant statistical data	availability of data on information society statistics, statistical evaluation of the status of achieving targets of "Strategic Road Map for the Development of Telecommunication and Information Technologies in the Republic of Azerbaijan" confirmed by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 6 December 2016, No.1138	SSC, MTCHT	2018-2025
5.1.3.6.	Development of the methodology of the sample statistical survey on studying of households debt burdens and expectations on economic situation in the country and conduction of the	identification of consumer confidence and economic expectation of households	availability of data on financial sustainability of households by the country and regions, debt burden structure, level of debts, borrowing costs	CB, FMSA, SSC	2018-2020
5.2. Metadata and classifications					
5.2.1.	Development of	raising awareness of	availability of descriptive	SSC	2018-

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	metadata on statistical classifications applied in the country	users about statistical classifications, achieving wider use of classifications	information about statistical classifications applied in the country		2025
5.2.2.	Updating of national "Classification of Product Types" (AZT030-2009) based on EU "Statistical Classification of Products by Activity, version 2.1"	updating of classifying tools for establishment of databases, statistical data collection, processing and dissemination	availability of classifying system enabling international comparability	SSC, SCSMP	2018
5.2.3.	Updating of national "Standard Goods Classification for Transport Statistics" (AZT020-2005) based on EU NST 2007	updating of classifying tools for establishment of databases, statistical data collection, processing and dissemination	availability of classifying system enabling international comparability	SSC, SCSMP	2019
5.2.4.	Updating of national "Classification of Industrial Products" (AZT036-2009) based on the last version of EU "PRODCOM List"	updating of classifying tools for establishment of databases, statistical data collection, processing and dissemination	availability of classifying system enabling international comparability	SSC, SCSMP	2020
5.2.5.	Development of national "Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics based on UN "International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics" BMT-nin "International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics (ICATUS 2016)"	updating of classifying tools for establishment of databases, statistical data collection, processing and dissemination	availability of classifying system enabling international comparability	SSC, SCSMP	2021
5.2.6.	Updating of national "Statistical Classification of Wastes" (AZT037-2010) based on EU "European Waste Classification for Statistics, version 4"	updating of classifying tools for establishment of databases, statistical data collection, processing and dissemination	availability of classifying system enabling international comparability	SSC, MENR, SCSMP	2022
5.3. Legal, administrative and information support of producing official statistical materials					
5.3.1.	Development of proposals related to	provision of compatibility of	improving national legislation in the fields of	SSC	2018

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	amendments to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Official Statistics" based on Generic Law on Official Statistics adopted in plenary session of the UNECE Conference of European Statisticians on 29 April 2016	national legislation in the fields of official statistics with international norms and principles	official statistics		
5.3.2.	Integration of databases of public authorities to the SSC's statistical database through "E-government" gateway	obtaining of additional statistical data on SDG according to increasing demand, reduction of respondents' data burden avoiding duplication, increasing of effectiveness by optimization the costs for production of official statistical materials	availability of reliable and operative data for flexible decision-making related to sustainable social-economic development of the countryç statistical evaluation of the status of achieving SDGs	SSC, MTCHT, SSSS, related state authorities	2018-2025
5.3.3.	Conduction of assessment of conformance of administrative data production processes in public authorities with GSBPM	identification of potentials for use of administrative data for official statistics purposes	availability of data for appropriate decision-making on increasing administrative data quality	SSC	2019-2020
5.3.4.	Conduction of the survey on studying statistical burden on entrepreneurship subjects	obtaining of information on the structure, volume and periodicity of reporting data submitted by entrepreneurship subjects to public authorities	development of proposals for reducing statistical reporting burden on entrepreneurship subjects	SSC	2019-2020
5.3.5.	Electronization of actions on management of statistical business processes based on GSBPM	improvement of management of statistical business processes and other coordination with other information systems	reducing time use and costs on preparation of statistical materials through application of paperless technologies, increasing efficiency of documentation and organization of document management	SSC	2019-2022
5.3.6.	Establishment of e-databases of family peasant farms and	provision of evidence-based sampling for the aim to conduct	availability of information base for organization of observations in the field of	SSC, local executive	2019-2020

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	households engaged in agriculture based on farm records	statistical observations on agriculture, expanding coverage of statistical data for proper evaluation of the status of food security	agriculture and relevant decision-making	authorities	
5.3.7.	establishment of e-databases on households based on 2019 population census data	formation of representative sampling network for increasing data and statistical observations quality	availability of up-to-date database for organization, conduction of statistical observations and processing of the results	SSC	2021-2022
5.4. Increasing users' satisfaction					
5.4.1.	Establishment of statistical database and web-portal for monitoring the status of achieving SDGs and increasing public awareness	systemization and dissemination of statistical data on SDG	availability of SDG single database and web-portal	SSC, SSSS	2018-2019
5.4.2.	Creation of the "Personal cabinet" section for users in the SSC web-portal	provision of user-friendly access to official statistics in accordance with users' demands	availability of possibilities for systemization, updating and publication of official statistics in accordance with personal purposes	SSC	2018-2019
5.4.3.	Adding the "machine readable" format to the electronic official statistics dissemination forms	expansion of data applicability through improvement of statistical data dissemination technologies	increasing applicability of official statistics in accordance with personal purposes	SSC	2019-2020
5.5. International cooperation					
5.5.1.	Participation of the SSC specialists in international expert and working groups in the field of statistics	contribution to improvement of international methodological base following best national experience in the field of statistics	exchange of the country experience, increasing the prestige of national statistical system in international statistics society	SSC	2018-2025
5.5.2.	Continuation of cooperation in the field of statistics with EU Statistical Office, UN specialized organizations and other international	national statistical capacity building based on international experience	strengthening relations in the field of statistics with international organizations, increasing the methodological and technical support of international organizations	SSC, MFA	2018-2025

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	agencies		in the development of country statistics		
5.5.3.	Development of bilateral relationships with statistical institutions of the advanced countries	exchange of experience in the field of statistics	accelerating the application of innovative approaches and gaining new knowledge in the field of statistics	SSC	2018-2025
5.5.4.	Studying of international experience in the field business statistics	development of business statistics	gaining and application of experience on organization of business statistics in line with international standards	SSC	2018-2020
5.5.5.	Organization of international workshop on innovations applied in production process of official statistical materials	sharing innovative experience on production of official statistics	gaining skills and knowledge on the latest technologies applied in the field of statistics, human capacity building	SSC, ME, ANAS	2020
5.5.6.	Studying international experience on the use of big data for official statistical purposes	meeting increasing demand on official statistics due to alternative data sources	development of proposals on use of big data for official statistical purposes	SSC, MOE, MF, MTCHT	2020-2021
5.5.7.	studying international experience for the purpose of preparation to application of GSIM	improvement of personnel skills and knowledge in the field of planning and implementation of production process of official statistical materials	human capacity building for application of GSIM	SSC	2024-2025
5.6. Material and technical base and human capacity building					
5.6.1.	Construction of administrative buildings for Shamakhi, Zardab and Goygol regional statistical offices	improvement of working conditions in local statistical authorities	increasing cost-effectiveness of the labour of employees increasing cost-effectiveness of the labour of employees	SSC	2018-2020
5.6.2.	Capital repair of administrative building of the SSC	reconstruction of infrastructure for efficient organization of statistical production processes and improvement of working conditions	providing assurance of functioning of installation and communication systems, increasing cost-effectiveness of the labour of employees	SSC	2018-2020
5.6.3.	Capital repair and reconstruction of administrative buildings of local statistical authorities in need of repair	improvement of working conditions in local statistical authorities	increasing cost-effectiveness of the labour of employees	SSC	2018-2025

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5.6.4.	Renewal of physically and materially outmoded ICT equipment of the SSC and its local authorities	providing sustainability of production processes of official statistical materials r�smi statistika materiallarının	availability of modern technical capacity for data collection, processing and dissemination	SSC	2018-2025
5.6.5.	purchasing and applying relevant software, database management systems for building of production process of official statistical materials in line with modern requirements	increasing effectiveness of production processes of statistical materials using modern information and communication technologies	availability of relevant ICT resources for modernization of statistical data collection, processing and dissemination processes	SSC	2018-2025
5.6.6.	Provision of participation of the SSC employees in the short and long-term trainings in the specialized training centres	strengthen proficiency of national statistical staff	formation of high-skilled human resources, provision of efficient use of human capacity	SSC	2018-2025
5.6.7.	Organization of thematic trainings for employees of local statistical authorities through purchasing and application of module-type statistical training programs	increasing professional training of employees of local statistical authorities	formation of the qualified staff in the field of statistics	SSC	2018-2025

ACRONYMS

MFA	-	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MIA	-	Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MF	-	Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MT	-	Ministry of Taxes of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MOE	-	Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MES	-	Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MLSPP	-	Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MA	-	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MCT	-	Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan
ME	-	Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MH	-	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MTCHT	-	Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MENR	-	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SCC	-	State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SCFWCA	-	State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SSC	-	State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SCPI	-	State Committee on Property Issues of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SCSMP	-	State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SSSS	-	Special State Security Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SMS	-	State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SBS	-	State Borders Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan
CB	-	The Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan
FMSA	-	Financial Market Supervisory Authority of the Republic of Azerbaijan
ANAS	-	Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
ASUE	-	Azerbaijan State University of Economics
ASAU	-	Azerbaijan State Agrarian University
UN	-	United Nations
IMF	-	International Monetary Fund
WB	-	World Bank
EC	-	European Commission
OECD	-	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
ILO	-	International Labour Organization
SNA	-	System of National Accounts
WTO	-	World Tourism Organization
GSBPM	-	Generic Statistical Business Process Model
SDG	-	Sustainable Development Goals
GSIM	-	Generic Statistical Information Model