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SOCIAL SNAPSHOT AND POVERTY IN ARTSAKH

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Based on the Results of the 2020 Integrated Living Conditions Survey of Households

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In present day world which is characterized by the information variety and intensity of informational flows, the possible “combination” of three participants of official statistics such as respondents, users and taxpayers, “occupying the angles of statistical triangle” having different dispositions, is of great importance, especially from viewpoint of perception requirements “communication skills leveling” by national and international levels.

The National Statistical Service of AR (NSS AR) would like to thank all the respondents who have supplied information for this statistical publication and, from the above mentioned considerations, welcomes any comments and suggestions from the respondents and taxpayers, as statistical users, for the future developments of statistical publication.

You are kindly asked to provide your suggestions to the Statistical Service of AR.

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To inform the Artsakh public of the poverty level and social situation in the country, the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Artsakh (AR NSS) produces this annual statistical analytical report entitled “Social Snapshot and Poverty in Artsakh”. The report was prepared with the financial support of the Artsakh Republic state budget as well as the analytical and technical support of SC of the Republic of Armenia. The report is intended to inform the public about the living conditions and social situation in the country in 2020. The report provides detailed account of the current social and economic developments in the country. It describes poverty dynamics at various socio-economic, demographic and geographical levels. The Integrated Living Conditions Survey (ILCS), conducted annually by the AR NSS, formed the basis for most of the empirical analyses in the report. The ILCS is a universally recognized best-practice statistical survey for collecting data to inform about the living standards of households. ILCS comprises comprehensive and valuable data on the welfare of households and separate individuals which affords the NSS an opportunity to provide the public with up to date information on the population’s income, expenditures, the level of poverty and the other changes in living standards on an annual basis. The RA NSS continuously aspires to improve the quality of ILCS to make it fully compatible with similar surveys in developed countries. To this end, the AR NSS utilizes contemporary methodologies and tools for data collection and analysis.

The current issue of the Social Snapshot and Poverty in Artsakh Report is based on data collected in 2020 from 1215 households instead of earlier planned 1620.

The sample for the survey was developed using the 2015 Population Census database. The size of the sample allows for the minimal representation of data on regional level.

The survey was planned to be carried out from January 1 to December 31, 2020. However, because of the war unleashed against the Republic of Artsakh in September 27, 2020 it was conducted for 9 month.

The results presented in this report are based on the poverty measurement methodology. The details of methodology are presented in the chapter “Methodological Clarifications”. The survey instrument has been revised accordingly. The report contains a «Statistical Annex» reflecting the movement of key indicators. In 2014-2020 NSS AR seeks to expand the range of published indicators.

With the goal to analyze and observe social and economic developments and the poverty rate in Artsakh, the report presents a comprehensive analysis of poverty rate of Artsakh Republic in 2020.

Thus, the statistical analytical report “Social Snapshot and poverty in Artsakh” presents a comprehensive analysis of the poverty level in AR in 2019.

We hope that this Report will be a useful source of information for all the users interested in learning more about social and economic developments and poverty in Artsakh.

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