

## INTRODUCTION

The transition to the liberal economic system in the Republic of Armenia implies also introduction of the statistical systems developed and used by the international organizations in statistics, the cornerstone of which is the standard “System of National Accounts 1993”<sup>1</sup> developed by the international organizations. The whole introduction work of the latter is being continued since the first half of 1990’s. In accordance with the mentioned system, the computations of the national accounts are being made by the following five institutional sectors: non-financial corporations, financial corporations, general government, households and non-profit institutions serving households. At present, there is more need to improve the information source in the Republic of Armenia for the non-profit institutions serving households sector among the mentioned ones.

The National Statistical Service of RA (NSSRA) conducted a sample survey of the non-profit institutions (organizations) registered in the republic (with regard to the financial results of activity), in October-November 2002 within the framework of the Project Component “National Accounts” TACIS Program under the Contract “Statistics 4” with the aim to estimate the output volumes of the non-profit institutions registered in the republic, as well as to improve the calculation and its methodology of summary indicators of the non-profit institutions serving households sector in the System of National Accounts (particularly, in the structure of Gross Domestic Product).

The survey was conducted through the state statistical observation document “Questionnaire on Survey of the Financial Activity of Non-profit Institutions”.

While elaboration of the questionnaire, the indicators included in the questionnaires for the similar survey conducted previously by the State

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<sup>1</sup> *System of National Accounts 1993 Eurostat, International Monetary Fund, Organization of Economic Development and Co-operation, United Nations, World Bank (Brussels/Luxemburg, New York, Paris, Washington, 1993).*

Statistics Committee of Russian Federation have been considered, which, after respective changes, were brought into compliance with the purposes and challenges of the survey to be conducted in the Republic of Armenia, as well as the approaches and principles used in a new accounting system operating in the republic.

Afterwards, the additionally elaborated questionnaire was methodologically examined and approved by the experts of the Central Statistical Office of Hungary.

The sample survey covered 805 non-profit institutions of the regions (marzes) of the republic and Yerevan city.

To carry out this survey the standard statistical tools such as classifications, sample design, software and others were applied.