



Progress in Achieving EFA Goals in Turkmenistan

Initial EFA Activity in Turkmenistan



- Technical working group was created
 - Ministry of Education
 - Preschool Education Department
 - General Secondary Education Department
 - Department of Secondary and Higher Professional Education
 - Department of Schoolbooks and Publishing Activity
 - National Institute of State Statistics and Information
 - UNICEF



Initial EFA Activities in Turkmenistan

- It is necessary to involve other Ministries to initiate the work and to develop the EFA MDA Action Plan (UNESCO National Committee, Ministry of Public Health, etc.)



Initial EFA Activity in Turkmenistan

□ Gathering information

- Administrative statistics
- The work within the MICS framework had been completed. The outputs could be used in the EFA report.
- The curriculum analysis and the master-plan development within the EFA framework has been carrying out.
- The selective survey



National Education System

- ❑ The right to education has been stipulated by Article 35, Constitution of Turkmenistan and by Law “On Education in Turkmenistan” .





National Education System

- ❑ Law of Turkmenistan “On Education in Turkmenistan” (1993),
- ❑ Law of Turkmenistan “On Child’s Rights Guarantee ” (2002),
- ❑ Program of the President of Turkmenistan, Saparmurat Turkmenbashi “Strategy of Social and Economic Reforms in Turkmenistan till 2010” (1999),
- ❑ National Program “Strategy of Economic, Political and Cultural Development of Turkmenistan till 2020” (2003),
- ❑ Regulation on Preschool Institutions in Turkmenistan (1998),
- ❑ Regulation on Public Secondary School (1998),
- ❑ Other Acts of Mazhilis of Turkmenistan, Cabinet Council of Turkmenistan, and Instructive and Normative Acts of the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan.

Structure of the Education System of Turkmenistan



- ❑ Preschool education
- ❑ Secondary education
- ❑ Out of school education
- ❑ Secondary vocational education
- ❑ Higher education
- ❑ Advanced training and continuing education



EFA Coordination

- Ministry of Education will assign a EFA Coordinator in the immediate future
- Action Plan is under consideration



Early Childhood

- It should be mentioned that according to Law “On Education in Turkmenistan”, both pupils\students and preschool children are provided with free of charge textbooks and study guides.
- Insufficient ECCE reach



ECCE reach, 2000-2005 inclusive

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
18%	19%	22%	24%	27,4%	28,7%



UBE

- “Sovat” (“Literacy”) level covers 1-4 grades
- “Bilim” (“Knowledge”) level covers 5-9 grades



UBE

Percentage of children first attended the 1st grade against total number of official school age children, 2000-2005 inclusive was as follows:

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
99,3%	99,3%	99,3%	99,3%	99,2%	99,3%



Secondary Education, 2000-2005 inclusive

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
96,4%	96,6%	96,7%	96,8%	97,0%	97,2%

Increase in education quality resulted in decrease of the students repetition rate :

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
0,6%	0,5%	0,4%	0,3%	0,3%	0,3%



Life Skills

- ❑ It is not a separate subject of the General Education program
- ❑ Curriculum and materials for teachers and students have been analyzed for their meeting criteria of friendly education environment
- ❑ Resource Centers working in 20 schools and 5 youth centers have been equipped with the audio-visual means and provided with information and training\instructive materials for carrying out multistage life skills and FSC trainings
- ❑ More than 42.000 teen-agers of 13-16 years in 342 schools (approximately 20% of Turkmenistan schools) and 45% teen-agers of 13-16 years old who are students of these schools, 17.000 teen-agers of 13-22 years old who attend youth centers (29) have got knowledge and skills in connection with HIV/AIDS protection
- ❑ 543 master-trainers were trained on life skills issues with special focus on HIV/AIDS protection. 850 teachers of urban and rural schools, 355 representatives of youth organizations and 90 teen-agers have got life skills trainings. Total number of trained is 1492



Literacy

The literacy rate of the population of Turkmenistan is the following: at the age of 15-24 – 99.8%; at the age of 15 and upward – 98.8%



Gender Equality in Education

In Turkmenistan, general secondary education is compulsory and everyone has the right for free and timely education. All children including girls are guaranteed free education at all its levels as well as the rights and privileges provided for by the legislation of Turkmenistan and also by the international legislation .





Gender Equality in Education

- ❑ Special attention has been made to professional training of students/girls. Vocational guidance of students/girls has been provided based on national traditions and also by professions taking into account national-based manufacture development.
- ❑ Students, including girls can continue learning of trade, improvement of job skills they've got at school, or can learn any additional trade through attending appropriate study groups, studios, functioning in the children's out-of-school institutions in Turkmenistan .



Education Quality

- ❑ Opportunity to study foreign languages beginning from the 1st grade
- ❑ Opportunity to participate in international Olympiads
- ❑ Orphan children and children being out of charge are cared and educated in the Orphan Palace or Child's House and are under the State custody.



Challenges in Providing Education

- Education reforms
- Curriculum and materials for teachers and students have been revising for their meeting criteria of friendly education environment, and also education master plan has been developing in cooperation with UNICEF and UNESCO

EFA Activity in Cooperation with UNISEF in 2006.



- ❑ 7 manuals and materials for child friendly school teachers , kindergartens and parents to improve quality of education were developed.
- ❑ 160 trainers were trained in child friendly schools and skills of efficient teaching
- ❑ In June 12-15, the 5th CAR Conference on Education took place in Turkmenistan. Participants discussed issues in connection with the Global EFA Framework and regional strategic and institutional measures which can be implemented CAR for rapid achievement of Six EFA Goals, and also reviews of countries as to their progress in achieving Six EFA goals, remaining gaps, strategies and programs as well as strategies for rapid achievement of goals. The countries agreed to carry out the EFA mid-decade assessment



Preliminary Plan

- ❑ Provide assessments of the education system
- ❑ Arrange consultations for members of working group prior to gathering information and subsequently analyze and discuss the outputs and the data
- ❑ Prepare the EFA MDA cost calculation
- ❑ EFA Action Plan
- ❑ EFA meetings (Discussing the EFA TOR)
- ❑ Survey of Action Plan with participation of headmasters and specialists from the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan
- ❑ Distribution of technical guide and proposed plan of the National report MOT
- ❑ National EFA workshops
- ❑ Velayat (local) workshops on strengthening the EFA potential, including the DevInfo trainings
- ❑ Combining regional data and holding workshop for statisticians
- ❑ Draft National Data and draft National Report were completed and submitted for approval