

**On September 2-4, 2010** a workshop for representatives of the RA ministries and regional administration centers was organized in Tsaghkadzor (Armenia) as per initiative of the RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MLSA) and with support of UNFPA “Combating Gender-Based Violence in the South Caucasus” (CGBV) project. The purpose of the workshop was to elaborate “Gender Policy Program of Actions 2011-2015” for Armenia and to discuss possibilities for establishment of special bodies on Gender Equality Issues at regional administration centers.

Ms. Lala Ghazaryan, Head of the Ra MLSA Family, Women and Children Issues Department, Ms. Armenuhi Tanashyan, Deputy Head of the RA MLSA Family, Women and Children Issues Department/Head of the Women Issues Division, Ms. Eleonora Virabyan, Chief Specialist of the the Women Issues Division and UNFPA CGBV coordinator Ms. Jina Sargizova led the workshop.

The workshop aimed primarily at:

- Elaboration of “Gender Policy Program of Actions 2011-2015”,
- Discussion of the Family, Women and Children’s Rights Protection divisions’ model charter pertaining to performance of the regional administration centers’ staff duties relating to gender and trafficking, as well as
- Discussion on establishment, operation and capacity building of the special bodies on Gender Equality Issues at regional administration centers.

A three-day workshop featured hot, active debates and yielded expected positive results. “Gender Policy Program of Actions 2011-2015” and “Gender Policy Program of Actions 2011” were elaborated, as well as preliminary agreement on expansion, revision of the status and capacity building of the working groups on Gender Issues at the regional administration centres was reached.