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## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

# Successful reduction of premature mortality in the Russian Federation and the countries around the Baltic Sea working together on Health and Social Well-being

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## Abstract

**Context:** The ‘Northern Dimension on Public Health and Social Well-being’ is a platform for dialogue and cooperation of countries around the Baltic Sea, established in 2003, guided by the Sustainable Development Goal 3 on Health and Social Well-being and the Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region of the European Union adopted in 2009. In this paper we determine the overall progress of the Russian Federation and its North West Federal Okrug in particular, with regard to the reduction of mortality.

**Methods:** For the purpose of inter-country comparison and progress over time we make use of age-standardised Potential Years of Life Lost (PYLL) applied to quantifiable strategic targets, the Sustainable Development Goal 3 on Health and Social Well-being and the European Union Strategy of the Baltic Sea Region. A gap analysis is performed to determine whether the target achievement is in delay or on track.

**Results:** With reference to the baseline of 2009 – corresponding to the most relevant recent period 2009-2020 respectively 2009-2030 – the Russian Federation as a whole is on track achieving the two strategic targets in advance by 2.7 years. For the North West Federal Okrug around St. Petersburg and Kaliningrad bordering the Baltic Sea the target achievement is estimated to be 4.8 and 10.8 years in advance of the deadlines 2020 and 2030. In comparison to the Baltic Sea states the Russian Federation takes a middle position after Estonia, Latvia and Finland. The early target achievement is confirmed if the period 2003-2020 respectively 2003-2030 is considered.

**Conclusion:** Although the region is progressing there may be a slowdown towards 2030. A careful analysis is required to determine to which degree the activities of the Partnership for Health and Social Well-being have contributed to the success and what should be proposed to increase the impact on premature mortality.

**Keywords:** gap analysis, northern dimension, North West Federal Okrug, premature mortality, public health, Russian Federation.

## Introduction

Since 1999 the countries around the Baltic Sea (figure 1) initiated in several steps a platform for cooperation the ‘Northern Dimension’(ND) (1,2) with meanwhile four Partnerships on Culture, Environment, Health and Social Well-being, and Transport. The ‘Northern Dimension Partnership on Public Health and Social Well-being’ (NDPHS) (2) was formally established at a ministerial-level meeting on 27 October 2003, in Oslo, Norway. Today the membership comprises ten countries characterised by very diverse population size, history, health status and culture: Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, the Russian Federation, and Sweden (Denmark is not included) as well as related international organisations, the European Union (EU), the Baltic Sea States Sub-regional Cooperation (BSSSR), the Northern Dimension Institute (NDI), the World Health Organisation (WHO-EURO) and several more. Coordinated by a secretariat in Stockholm the NDPHS promotes dialogue, practical cooperation and development (3) in two priority fields:

- I. *To reduce the spread of major communicable diseases, and*
- II. *To prevent life-style related non-communicable diseases. Emphasis is placed on encouraging proper nutrition, physical exercise, safe sexual behaviour, ensuring good social and work environments, as well as supporting*

*alcohol, drug and smoke-free leisure activities.*

During the decade 2010-2020 two strategies for development of the Baltic Sea region have been most relevant:

I. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), especially SDG 3 on Health and Social Well-being (4):

*SDG target 3.4, by 2030: Reduce by one third premature mortality from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being.*

II. The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EU-SBSR) adopted by the European Council October 2009 (5):

*EU-SBSR action target, by 2020*

*1) Reduce by at least 10% premature preventable mortality determined as Potential Years of Life Lost (PYLL) in the countries of the Baltic Sea region.*

*2) Reduce by at least 10% the difference between the lowest (best) and the highest (worst) PYLL rates for women and men in the countries of the Baltic Sea region.*

In this framework, the Russian Federation (RUF) is fully engaged as an entire member state and especially regarding its North-West Federal Okrug (NWO) including St. Petersburg and Kaliningrad and stretching from the Baltic to the Barents Sea with a territory of 1,686,970 km<sup>2</sup>.

**Figure 1. The geographical area of the Northern Dimension Partnership on Health and Social Well-being**



**Figure 2. The geographical area of the North West Federal Okrug of the Russian Federation**





With our analysis, we attempt to determine to which extent it is possible for the RUF and the NWO to achieve the targets of the EU-SBSR and SDG. In addition, we try to identify the Russian Federation's rank of target achievement in comparison with the other Baltic Sea states. For the NWO a specific Strategy and Action Plan of Social and Economic Development has been developed. It lists 109 activities together with the responsible institutions and timelines ending at the 4th quarter 2020: 12 activities relate to the health of the population, of which 3 are linked to maternal and child health (activities 63, 68, and 74). Activity 71 refers to primary health care, and activity 77 to HIV. Health related activities can also be found in other sections, e.g. activities 79 and 80 aiming at elderly services and 81 to rehabilitation. Of interest is also activity 40 on the implementation of cross-border cooperation programmes.

## Methods

Losses of years of life up to the age of 69 years inclusive are predominantly preventable. It is in this sense that we will use the terms "premature" and "preventable" losses as synonyms. The Preventable Years of Life Lost (PYLL) were calculated by Vienonen et al. (6) for all countries except the Russian Federation up to the age of 69, based on the method of Haenszel (7) i.e. calculating the "...number of deaths in a theoretical standard population obtained by multiplying the specific death rates by the standard population". To standardize the rates the OECD 1980 Standard Population (8) was applied. For age standardisation the direct method was used as recommended e.g. by Armitage (9).

The likelihood of achieving the SDG targets (4) and EU-SBSR (5) is determined by the

indicators' time gap (G), i.e. the time needed to achieve an agreed target deadline related to the time remaining between the year of observation and the target year. To this end we use the mathematical model of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) originally employed to assess advancement towards the target year of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) (10), based on linear progress between the value of an earlier 'baseline year' and the year of observation; for details of the calculation see Bjegovic-Mikanovic et al. (11,12). We applied the EU-SBSR targets for 2020 with an intended reduction of 10% (4) and for 2030 of 33% (5). As non-communicable conditions make up for more than 2/3 of premature mortality, it seems to be justified for the purpose of intercountry comparison to apply the SDG-3 target to the calculated PYLL rates.

A positive time gap G indicates that the respective country is "On Track" to achieve the target on time or even earlier; a negative value indicates that it may still be "Likely" or even "Unlikely" to achieve the target within the targeted timeframe i.e. here in 2020 respectively 2030. A country is still considered likely to achieve the target as long as a negative value does not make up for more than 25% of the remaining time (gap ratio). The gap ratio multiplied by the remaining time since the year of observation i.e.  $2020-2013 = 7$  or  $2030-2013 = 17$  indicates the number of years in advance or delay given the target year. Table 1 provides details of the calculation using the year of observation 2013 and the Russian Federation as an example. The demographic data have been provided by the Federal Research Institute for Health Organization and Informatics of the Russian Ministry of Health (Annex 1).



**Table 1. Calculation of Premature Years of Life Lost before age 70 (PYLL) in 2013 for the Russian Federation (RUF)**

| Standardized death rates 2013<br>Direct standardization |  |                     |                                    |                 |                                 |  |
|---|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Age Groups  | Study Population<br>(Russian Federation) |                     | Standard Population<br>(OECD 1980) | Crude Rate      | Expected deaths<br>(study pop.) | PYLL   |
|   | Deaths<br>$d_i$                          | Population<br>$p_i$ | $STD P_i$                          | $r_i = d_i/p_i$ | $D_i = r_i * STD P_i$           | $D_i * (Remaining Years to Upper Age Limit)$ |
| 0-4   | 18,549                                   | 8,793,034           | 80,269,483                         | 0.00211         | 169,329                         | 11,429,730                                   |
| 5-9   | 1,878                                    | 7,551,502           | 84,285,393                         | 0.00025         | 20,961                          | 1,310,070                                    |
| 10-14   | 1,930                                    | 6,755,920           | 85,828,597                         | 0.00029         | 24,519                          | 1,409,849                                    |
| 15-19   | 5,479                                    | 7,053,780           | 87,597,591                         | 0.00078         | 68,041                          | 3,572,160                                    |
| 20-24   | 15,314                                   | 10,409,826          | 82,619,776                         | 0.00147         | 121,543                         | 5,773,282                                    |
| 25-29   | 29,730                                   | 12,539,043          | 77,252,661                         | 0.00237         | 183,166                         | 7,784,539                                    |
| 30-34   | 44,424                                   | 11,503,329          | 73,604,119                         | 0.00386         | 284,247                         | 10,659,271                                   |
| 35-39   | 51,039                                   | 10,536,321          | 61,676,142                         | 0.00484         | 298,765                         | 9,709,877                                    |
| 40-44   | 53,882                                   | 9,656,787           | 57,394,499                         | 0.00558         | 320,244                         | 8,806,717                                    |
| 45-49   | 68,120                                   | 9,365,912           | 54,245,506                         | 0.00727         | 394,538                         | 8,877,095                                    |
| 50-54   | 111,658                                  | 11,310,281          | 52,537,987                         | 0.00987         | 518,669                         | 9,076,699                                    |
| 55-59   | 146,852                                  | 10,508,048          | 48,323,994                         | 0.01398         | 675,337                         | 8,441,714                                    |
| 60-64   | 177,781                                  | 8,819,230           | 36,727,063                         | 0.02016         | 740,356                         | 5,552,674                                    |
| 65-69   | 126,245                                  | 4,861,125           | 36,887,734                         | 0.02597         | 957,986                         | 2,394,966                                    |
| <b>Sum</b>  | <b>852,881</b>                           | <b>129,664,138</b>  | <b>919,250,545</b>                 | <b>0.00706</b>  | <b>4,777,702</b>                | <b>94,798,643</b>                            |
| <i>Standardized rate (per 100 000)</i>                  |  |                     |                                    |                 | <b>520</b>                      | <b>10,313</b>                                |

**Results**

Table 2 presents the Premature Years of Life Lost (PYLL) for the Russian Federation (RUF). The data are used below for the

calculation of the gap status for the target years 2020 and 2030 (for further details see Annex 2).



**Table 2. Overview of age standardized PYLL rates of the Russian Federation, based on the OECD 1980 Standard Population**

| Age groups                           | PYLL 2003          | PYLL 2009          | PYLL 2013         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0-4                                  | 18,229,269         | 12,183,235         | 11,429,730        |
| 5-9                                  | 2,215,671          | 1,612,951          | 1,310,070         |
| 10-14                                | 2,146,975          | 1,681,090          | 1,409,849         |
| 15-19                                | 5,589,625          | 4,317,138          | 3,572,160         |
| 20-24                                | 9,726,159          | 6,893,909          | 5,773,282         |
| 25-29                                | 12,106,799         | 9,949,936          | 7,784,539         |
| 30-34                                | 13,094,532         | 11,961,014         | 10,659,271        |
| 35-39                                | 12,824,630         | 9,977,662          | 9,709,877         |
| 40-44                                | 14,212,643         | 10,036,011         | 8,806,717         |
| 45-49                                | 15,208,226         | 10,587,880         | 8,877,095         |
| 50-54                                | 16,014,381         | 11,134,913         | 9,076,699         |
| 55-59                                | 13,353,138         | 10,139,068         | 8,441,714         |
| 60-64                                | 8,350,403          | 6,339,159          | 5,552,674         |
| 65-69                                | 3,546,838          | 2,902,400          | 2,394,966         |
| <b>Sum of PYLL</b>                   | <b>146,619,290</b> | <b>109,716,365</b> | <b>94,798,643</b> |
| <b>Age standardised rate/100,000</b> | <b>15,950</b>      | <b>11,935</b>      | <b>10,313</b>     |

We see in table 2 an impressive reduction of Premature Years of Life lost from 15,950 in 2003 to 10,313 in 2013, which translates if continued at the same speed into a positive Gap ratio for 2020 and 2030 standing for an early target achievement ranking 4<sup>th</sup> among the member states of NDPHS (table 3).

The Gap ratios for the RUF based on 2009 of 0.39 for the target year 2020 and 0.16 for 2030 correspond to 2.7 years in advance of either target (calculated from  $0.39 * 7$  years and  $0.16 * 17$  years up to the corresponding target year).

If 2003 is used as the baseline year the gap analysis shows the following results:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| PYLL 2003 / 100,000 | 15,950                 |
| PYLL 2013 / 100,000 | 10,313                 |
| Target 2020 (-10%)  | = 9,282                |
| Target 2030 (-33%)  | = 6,875                |
| Gap value 2020      | = 0.62                 |
|                     | (4.4 years in advance) |
| Gap value 2030      | = 0.40                 |
|                     | (6.8 years in advance) |

Table 4 presents the corresponding data for the NOW (for details see Annex 3). Progress between 2003 and 2009 is very slow but accelerates considerably between 2009 and 2013.

**Table 3. Gap Analysis of the mortality in the Russian Federation and NDPHS member states (ESTonia, LATvia, FINland, POLand, GERmany, RUssian Federation, SWEden, LITHuania, Ru)**

| Countries ranked according to achievement 2009-2013 -2020 | Change of country ranks 2009-2030 | Baseline value 2009<br>All Death: PYLL/<br>100,000 | Observed value 2013<br>All Death: PYLL/<br>100,000 | Target value 2020<br>(-10% as of 2013)<br>All death: PYLL/<br>100,000 | Target value 2030<br>(-33% as of 2013)<br>All death: PYLL/<br>100,000 | Gap ratio 2020 according to baseline 2009 | Gap ratio 2030 according to baseline 2009 |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1) EST  | EST→1                             | 6247   | 4979   | 4481  | 3319  | 0.557                                     | 0.299                                     |
| 2) LAT  | LAT→2                             | 8247   | 6837   | 6153  | 4558  | 0.487                                     | 0.237                                     |
| 3) FIN  | FIN→3                             | 3741   | 3115   | 2803  | 2077  | 0.477                                     | 0.229                                     |
| <b>4) RUF</b>   | <b>RUF→4</b>                      | <b>11935</b>                                       | <b>10313</b>                                       | <b>9282</b>   | <b>6875</b>   | <b>0.390</b>                              | <b>0.160</b>                              |
| 5) POL  | POL→5                             | 5649   | 4901   | 4411  | 3267  | 0.379                                     | 0.152                                     |
| 6) GER  | GER→7                             | 3219   | 3008   | 2707  | 2005  | 0.076                                     | -0.021                                    |
| 7) SWE  | SWE→8                             | 2670   | 2511   | 2260  | 1674  | 0.039                                     | -0.038                                    |
| 8) LIT  | LIT→6                             | 8351   | 7369   | 6632  | 4913  | 0.033                                     | 0.118                                     |
| LIT - SWE   |                                   | 5681   | 4858   | 4372  | 3239  | 0.420                                     | 0.181                                     |

**Table 4. Overview of age standardized PYLL rates of the North West Federal Okrug, based on the OECD 1980 Standard Population**

| Age groups                           | PYLL 2003          | PYLL 2009          | PYLL 2013         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0-4                                  | 15,994,997         | 9,627,834          | 8,660,105         |
| 5-9                                  | 2,279,635          | 2,512,981          | 1,189,746         |
| 10-14                                | 2,066,224          | 2,939,012          | 1,180,353         |
| 15-19                                | 5,248,957          | 5,051,446          | 2,998,759         |
| 20-24                                | 9,630,348          | 7,584,853          | 4,984,555         |
| 25-29                                | 13,542,067         | 12,095,659         | 6,912,712         |
| 30-34                                | 15,222,446         | 16,309,283         | 10,162,831        |
| 35-39                                | 15,455,366         | 16,274,079         | 9,581,213         |
| 40-44                                | 17,978,711         | 17,318,045         | 8,800,723         |
| 45-49                                | 18,879,238         | 16,853,065         | 9,053,049         |
| 50-54                                | 19,914,378         | 18,018,859         | 9,311,518         |
| 55-59                                | 15,444,599         | 17,242,066         | 8,640,291         |
| 60-64                                | 9,238,993          | 12,450,710         | 5,528,433         |
| 65-69                                | 3,712,069          | 6,661,087          | 2,323,054         |
| <b>Sum of PYLL</b>                   | <b>164,608,028</b> | <b>160,938,978</b> | <b>89,399,156</b> |
| <b>Age standardised rate/100,000</b> | <b>17,907</b>      | <b>17,508</b>      | <b>9,725</b>      |



The demographic and mortality data in **table 4** provided for the NWO allow for the following calculation of the PYLL target achievement for 2020 and 2030 (reduction of PYLL, 0-69 years of age, direct age-standardisation, population base 2003, 2009 and 2013):

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Baseline value 2009 (PYLL NWO)   | 17,508                  |
| Observed value 2013 (PYLL NWO)   | 9,725                   |
| Target value 2020 (-10% of 2013) | 8,753                   |
| Target value 2030 (-33% of 2013) | 6,483                   |
| GAP 2020                         | 0.69                    |
|                                  | (4.8 years in advance)  |
| GAP 2030                         | 0.64                    |
|                                  | (10.8 years in advance) |

If 2003 is used as the baseline year the gap analysis shows the following results:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| PYLL 2003 / 100,000 | 17,907                 |
| PYLL 2013 / 100,000 | 9,725                  |
| Target 2020 (-10%)  | = 8,753                |
| Target 2030 (-33%)  | = 6,483                |
| GAP 2020            | = 0.31                 |
|                     | (2.2 years in advance) |
| GAP 2030            | = 0.55                 |
|                     | (9.3 years in advance) |

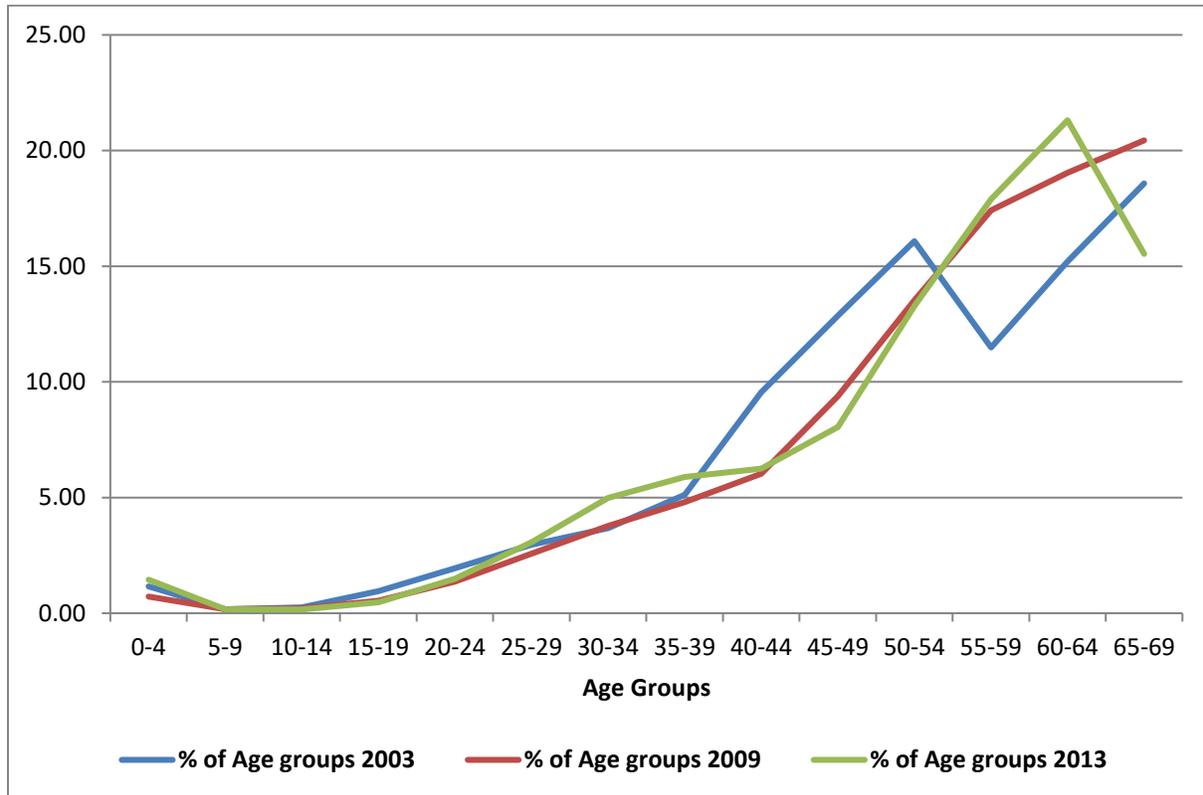
### Discussion

With reference to the baseline of 2009 - corresponding to the most relevant recent

period 2009-2020 respectively 2009-2030 - the Northern Dimension and all its member states including the RUF and the NOW are on track or are likely to achieve the targets in time (Sweden and Germany with slight delays regarding the SDG targets [The borderline for “not likely” is a gap status < -0.25. The status “likely” is indicated by a gap status <0 and >= -0.25]). This can be considered a success to which the NDPHS contributed. However for all countries the positive gap (indicating achievement before the targeted time) is smaller for the SDG targets of 2030 than for 2020. This may indicate a slowing down of the dynamics in reducing mortality. The analysis is confirmed if the period 2003-2020 respectively 2003-2030 is considered.

The Russian Federation keeps throughout the years a middle position among the NDPHS member states included in **table 3** whereas the NWO would even take a top position for its more than 12 million inhabitants in front of the neighbouring Estonia. This relative good positioning is unlikely to be due to data inconsistencies as **figure 3** shows an impressive homogeneity of mortality development throughout age groups in 2003, 2009 and 2013. Nevertheless the NWO shows accelerated progress.

**Figure 3. Percentage of deaths by age-groups in the Russian Federation 2003, 2009 and 2013**



**Limitations**

The straight projection of past progress into the future may be modified by the realities of historical development with its unpredictable interference in positive as well as negative direction. However, advanced achievement of targets may encourage to continue along the path of success whereas delays should stimulate to add up efforts. For the target year 2020 most ND member states have already achieved the target one or two years ago, so did the Russian Federation. Also in this paper we applied the targeted SDG-3 reduction by one third for non-communicable diseases to the PYLL rates which include to a minor degree communicable diseases too.

The Russian Government’s activities during the last decade were marked by big investments in healthcare (around 10bln US dollars per year) with main focus to reconstruction of old health facilities including purchasing of modern medical equipment for diagnostics and treatment. A model of avoidable mortality was used to analyze causes of death related to insufficient diagnostics and treatment (healthcare factor), and causes associated with behavioural risks (lifestyle factor) (13). A comparison of regions of North-Western Russia and neighbouring European countries confirmed that the higher the mortality levels the stronger the contribution of avoidable causes i.e. up to 50% in average in



North-Western Russia, varying between 45% in St. Petersburg and 67% in Pskov and Novgorod. Healthcare does substantially contribute to mortality reduction, however its role is not the leading one.

For this moment our analysis could include only one Federal Okrug but it would be a fascinating task to analyse target achievement for all Okrugs of the huge territory of the Russian Federation. As the Russian Federation borders the Near and Far East this may induce dynamic exchange and a more global than national perspective (14), especially if combined with a more precise

sub-grouping according to gender and to specific disease groups.

The very good ranking of the Russian Federation and its NWO are encouraging although it will be difficult to keep the pace of improvement as it started from very high levels of premature mortality in 2009 and even worse in 2003. A national strategy may be considered in this regard. Also for the European Union (15) a technical cooperation in this area may be of mutual interest.

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## ANNEX 1: Population and mortality data of the Russian Federation for 2003, 2009, and 2013

| Annex 1a: Population and mortality in the Russian Federation 2003 |                    |                   |                   |                  |                |                |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Age-group   | Total population   | Males             | Females           | Total mortality  | Males          | Females        |
| 00-04   | 6,565,695          | 3,364,592         | 3,201,103         | 22,090           | 12,754         | 9,336          |
| 05-09   | 6,818,772          | 3,486,662         | 3,332,110         | 2,868            | 1,791          | 1,077          |
| 10-14   | 9,760,069          | 4,985,362         | 4,774,707         | 4,246            | 2,778          | 1,468          |
| 15-19   | 12,669,554         | 6,432,752         | 6,236,802         | 15,399           | 11,128         | 4,271          |
| 20-24   | 11,713,409         | 5,913,034         | 5,800,375         | 29,030           | 23,001         | 6,029          |
| 25-29   | 10,717,142         | 5,360,243         | 5,356,899         | 39,519           | 31,466         | 8,053          |
| 30-34   | 9,963,892          | 4,973,305         | 4,990,587         | 47,270           | 37,095         | 10,175         |
| 35-39   | 9,888,714          | 4,863,197         | 5,025,517         | 63,268           | 49,281         | 13,987         |
| 40-44   | 12,324,267         | 5,972,742         | 6,351,525         | 110,977          | 85,938         | 25,039         |
| 45-49   | 11,777,383         | 5,564,681         | 6,212,702         | 146,751          | 111,219        | 35,532         |
| 50-54   | 10,316,215         | 4,737,479         | 5,578,736         | 179,688          | 131,720        | 47,968         |
| 55-59   | 5,976,065          | 2,638,995         | 3,337,070         | 132,107          | 91,857         | 40,250         |
| 60-64   | 7,045,054          | 2,854,945         | 4,190,109         | 213,572          | 141,469        | 72,103         |
| 65-69   | 6,718,590          | 2,573,559         | 4,145,031         | 258,403          | 155,124        | 103,279        |
| <b>00-69</b>  | <b>132,254,821</b> | <b>63,721,548</b> | <b>68,533,273</b> | <b>1,265,188</b> | <b>886,621</b> | <b>378,567</b> |

| Annex 1b: Population and mortality in the Russian Federation 2009 |                    |                   |                   |                 |                |                |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Age-group   | Total population   | Males             | Females           | Total mortality | Males          | Females        |
| 00-04   | 7,793,807          | 3,994,295         | 3,799,512         | 17,525          | 10,064         | 7,461          |
| 05-09   | 6,887,915          | 3,530,220         | 3,357,695         | 2,109           | 1,273          | 836            |
| 10-14   | 6,784,360          | 3,470,481         | 3,313,879         | 2,311           | 1,416          | 895            |
| 15-19   | 9,274,152          | 4,699,081         | 4,575,071         | 8,706           | 6,073          | 2,633          |
| 20-24   | 12,354,120         | 6,242,785         | 6,111,335         | 21,702          | 16,795         | 4,907          |
| 25-29   | 11,788,055         | 5,916,062         | 5,871,993         | 35,724          | 27,844         | 7,880          |
| 30-34   | 10,751,459         | 5,306,042         | 5,445,417         | 46,591          | 36,183         | 10,408         |
| 35-39   | 9,997,601          | 4,903,848         | 5,093,753         | 49,765          | 37,620         | 12,145         |
| 40-44   | 9,307,938          | 4,493,889         | 4,814,049         | 59,185          | 44,056         | 15,129         |
| 45-49   | 11,415,509         | 5,393,625         | 6,021,884         | 99,028          | 73,183         | 25,845         |
| 50-54   | 11,292,748         | 5,136,151         | 6,156,597         | 136,765         | 98,957         | 37,808         |
| 55-59   | 9,821,361          | 4,274,188         | 5,547,173         | 164,853         | 113,724        | 51,129         |
| 60-64   | 6,497,033          | 2,694,911         | 3,802,122         | 149,520         | 100,238        | 49,282         |
| 65-69   | 5,059,895          | 1,869,565         | 3,190,330         | 159,249         | 94,717         | 64,532         |
| <b>00-69</b>  | <b>129,025,953</b> | <b>61,925,143</b> | <b>67,100,810</b> | <b>953,033</b>  | <b>662,143</b> | <b>290,890</b> |



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| <b>Annex 1c: Population and mortality in the Russian Federation 2013</b> |                    |                   |                   |                 |                |                |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Age-group  | Total population   | Males             | Females           | Total mortality | Males          | Females        |
| 00-04  | 8,793,034          | 4,513,291         | 4,279,743         | 18,549          | 10,567         | 7,982          |
| 05-09  | 7,551,502          | 3,865,465         | 3,686,037         | 1,878           | 1,120          | 758            |
| 10-14  | 6,755,920          | 3,462,420         | 3,293,500         | 1,930           | 1,234          | 696            |
| 15-19  | 7,053,780          | 3,608,295         | 3,445,485         | 5,479           | 3,930          | 1,549          |
| 20-24  | 10,409,826         | 5,300,627         | 5,109,199         | 15,314          | 12,034         | 3,280          |
| 25-29  | 12,539,043         | 6,323,822         | 6,215,221         | 29,730          | 22,980         | 6,750          |
| 30-34  | 11,503,329         | 5,734,090         | 5,769,239         | 44,424          | 33,885         | 10,539         |
| 35-39  | 10,536,321         | 5,145,842         | 5,390,479         | 51,039          | 38,699         | 12,340         |
| 40-44  | 9,656,787          | 4,689,062         | 4,967,725         | 53,882          | 39,702         | 14,180         |
| 45-49  | 9,365,912          | 4,444,475         | 4,921,437         | 68,120          | 49,808         | 18,312         |
| 50-54  | 11,310,281         | 5,204,736         | 6,105,545         | 111,658         | 80,673         | 30,985         |
| 55-59  | 10,508,048         | 4,587,151         | 5,920,897         | 146,852         | 101,408        | 45,444         |
| 60-64  | 8,819,230          | 3,635,352         | 5,183,878         | 177,781         | 118,451        | 59,330         |
| 65-69  | 4,861,125          | 1,877,877         | 2,983,248         | 126,245         | 76,787         | 49,458         |
| <b>00-69</b>   | <b>129,664,138</b> | <b>62,392,505</b> | <b>67,271,633</b> | <b>852,881</b>  | <b>591,278</b> | <b>261,603</b> |

## ANNEX 2: Complete Gap Analysis based on the demographic data of the Russian Federation for 2003, 2009, and 2013

| Annex 2a: Standardized death rates 2003, direct standardization |                  |                    |                     |                 |                                 |  |
|---|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Study Population (Russian Federation)                           |                  |                    | Standard Population |                 |                                 |  |
|   | Deaths           | Population         | (OECD 1980)         | Crude Rate      | Expected deaths (Standard Pop.) | PYLL   |
| Age Groups  | $d_i$            | $p_i$              | $STD P_i$           | $r_i = d_i/p_i$ | $D_i = r_i * STD P_i$           | $D_i * (Remaining Years to Upper Age Limit)$ |
| 0-4   | 22,090           | 6,565,695          | 80,269,483          | 0.00336         | 270,063                         | 18,229,269                                   |
| 5-9   | 2,868            | 6,818,772          | 84,285,393          | 0.00042         | 35,451                          | 2,215,671                                    |
| 10-14   | 4,246            | 9,760,069          | 85,828,597          | 0.00044         | 37,339                          | 2,146,975                                    |
| 15-19   | 15,399           | 12,669,554         | 87,597,591          | 0.00122         | 106,469                         | 5,589,625                                    |
| 20-24   | 29,030           | 11,713,409         | 82,619,776          | 0.00248         | 204,761                         | 9,726,159                                    |
| 25-29   | 39,519           | 10,717,142         | 77,252,661          | 0.00369         | 284,866                         | 12,106,799                                   |
| 30-34   | 47,270           | 9,963,892          | 73,604,119          | 0.00474         | 349,188                         | 13,094,532                                   |
| 35-39   | 63,268           | 9,888,714          | 61,676,142          | 0.00640         | 394,604                         | 12,824,630                                   |
| 40-44   | 110,977          | 12,324,267         | 57,394,499          | 0.00900         | 516,823                         | 14,212,643                                   |
| 45-49   | 146,751          | 11,777,383         | 54,245,506          | 0.01246         | 675,921                         | 15,208,226                                   |
| 50-54   | 179,688          | 10,316,215         | 52,537,987          | 0.01742         | 915,108                         | 16,014,381                                   |
| 55-59   | 132,107          | 5,976,065          | 48,323,994          | 0.02211         | 1,068,251                       | 13,353,138                                   |
| 60-64   | 213,572          | 7,045,054          | 36,727,063          | 0.03032         | 1,113,387                       | 8,350,403                                    |
| 65-69   | 258,403          | 6,718,590          | 36,887,734          | 0.03846         | 1,418,735                       | 3,546,838                                    |
| <b>Sum</b>  | <b>1,265,188</b> | <b>132,254,821</b> | <b>919,250,545</b>  | <b>0.01089</b>  | <b>7,390,966</b>                | <b>146,619,290</b>                           |
| <i>Standardized rate (per 100,000)</i>                          |                  |                    |                     |                 | <b>804</b>                      | <b>15,950</b>                                |



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| <b>Annex 2b: Standardized death rates 2003, direct standardization</b> |                |                                 |                    |                 |                                 |  |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Study Population (Russian Federation)                                  |                | Standard Population (OECD 1980) |                    |                 |                                 |  |
|  | Deaths         | Population                      |                    | Crude Rate      | Expected deaths (Standard Pop.) | PYLL   |
| Age Groups   | $d_i$          | $p_i$                           | $STD P_i$          | $r_i = d_i/p_i$ | $D_i = r_i * STD P_i$           | $D_i * (Remaining Years to Upper Age Limit)$ |
| 0-4  | 17,525         | 7,793,807                       | 80,269,483         | 0.00225         | 180,492                         | 12,183,235                                   |
| 5-9  | 2,109          | 6,887,915                       | 84,285,393         | 0.00031         | 25,807                          | 1,612,951                                    |
| 10-14  | 2,311          | 6,784,360                       | 85,828,597         | 0.00034         | 29,236                          | 1,681,090                                    |
| 15-19  | 8,706          | 9,274,152                       | 87,597,591         | 0.00094         | 82,231                          | 4,317,138                                    |
| 20-24  | 21,702         | 12,354,120                      | 82,619,776         | 0.00176         | 145,135                         | 6,893,909                                    |
| 25-29  | 35,724         | 11,788,055                      | 77,252,661         | 0.00303         | 234,116                         | 9,949,936                                    |
| 30-34  | 46,591         | 10,751,459                      | 73,604,119         | 0.00433         | 318,960                         | 11,961,014                                   |
| 35-39  | 49,765         | 9,997,601                       | 61,676,142         | 0.00498         | 307,005                         | 9,977,662                                    |
| 40-44  | 59,185         | 9,307,938                       | 57,394,499         | 0.00636         | 364,946                         | 10,036,011                                   |
| 45-49  | 99,028         | 11,415,509                      | 54,245,506         | 0.00867         | 470,572                         | 10,587,880                                   |
| 50-54  | 136,765        | 11,292,748                      | 52,537,987         | 0.01211         | 636,281                         | 11,134,913                                   |
| 55-59  | 164,853        | 9,821,361                       | 48,323,994         | 0.01679         | 811,125                         | 10,139,068                                   |
| 60-64  | 149,520        | 6,497,033                       | 36,727,063         | 0.02301         | 845,221                         | 6,339,159                                    |
| 65-69  | 159,249        | 5,059,895                       | 36,887,734         | 0.03147         | 1,160,960                       | 2,902,400                                    |
| <b>Sum</b>   | <b>953,033</b> | <b>129,025,953</b>              | <b>919,250,545</b> | <b>0.00831</b>  | <b>5,612,089</b>                | <b>109,716,365</b>                           |
| <i>Standardized rate (per 100,000)</i>                                 |                |                                 |                    |                 | <b>611</b>                      | <b>11,935</b>                                |



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| <b>Annex 2c: Standardized death rates 2013, direct standardization</b> |                |                     |                    |                 |                              |  |
|--|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--|
| Study Population (Russian Federation)                                  |                | Standard Population |                    |                 |                              |  |
|  | Deaths         | Population          | (OECD 1980)        | Crude Rate      | Expected deaths (Study Pop.) | PYLL   |
| Age Groups   | $d_i$          | $p_i$               | $STD P_i$          | $r_i = d_i/p_i$ | $D_i = r_i * STD P_i$        | $D_i * (Remaining Years to Upper Age Limit)$ |
| 0-4  | 18,549         | 8,793,034           | 80,269,483         | 0.00211         | 169,329                      | 11,429,730                                   |
| 5-9  | 1,878          | 7,551,502           | 84,285,393         | 0.00025         | 20,961                       | 1,310,070                                    |
| 10-14  | 1,930          | 6,755,920           | 85,828,597         | 0.00029         | 24,519                       | 1,409,849                                    |
| 15-19  | 5,479          | 7,053,780           | 87,597,591         | 0.00078         | 68,041                       | 3,572,160                                    |
| 20-24  | 15,314         | 10,409,826          | 82,619,776         | 0.00147         | 121,543                      | 5,773,282                                    |
| 25-29  | 29,730         | 12,539,043          | 77,252,661         | 0.00237         | 183,166                      | 7,784,539                                    |
| 30-34  | 44,424         | 11,503,329          | 73,604,119         | 0.00386         | 284,247                      | 10,659,271                                   |
| 35-39  | 51,039         | 10,536,321          | 61,676,142         | 0.00484         | 298,765                      | 9,709,877                                    |
| 40-44  | 53,882         | 9,656,787           | 57,394,499         | 0.00558         | 320,244                      | 8,806,717                                    |
| 45-49  | 68,120         | 9,365,912           | 54,245,506         | 0.00727         | 394,538                      | 8,877,095                                    |
| 50-54  | 111,658        | 11,310,281          | 52,537,987         | 0.00987         | 518,669                      | 9,076,699                                    |
| 55-59  | 146,852        | 10,508,048          | 48,323,994         | 0.01398         | 675,337                      | 8,441,714                                    |
| 60-64  | 177,781        | 8,819,230           | 36,727,063         | 0.02016         | 740,356                      | 5,552,674                                    |
| 65-69  | 126,245        | 4,861,125           | 36,887,734         | 0.02597         | 957,986                      | 2,394,966                                    |
| <b>Sum</b>   | <b>852,881</b> | <b>129,664,138</b>  | <b>919,250,545</b> | <b>0.00706</b>  | <b>4,777,702</b>             | <b>94,798,643</b>                            |
| <i>Standardized rate (per 100,000)</i>                                 |                |                     |                    |                 | <b>520</b>                   | <b>10,313</b>                                |



**ANNEX 3. Demographic and mortality data and the resulting PYLL rates of the North West Federal Okrug (NWO) of the Russian Federation for 2003, 2009 and 2013**

| Annex 3a                               | Study Population (NWO District) |            | Standard Population (OECD 1980) | Crude Rate      | Expected deaths (Standard Pop.) | PYLL   |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
|  | Deaths                          | Population |                                 |                 |                                 |  |
| Age Groups                             | $d_i$                           | $p_i$      | $STD P_i$                       | $r_i = d_i/p_i$ | $D_i = r_i * STD P_i$           | $D_i^*$ (Remaining Years to Upper Age Limit) |
| 0-4                                    | 1,666                           | 564,500    | 80,269,483                      | 0.00295         | 236,963                         | 15,994,997                                   |
| 5-9                                    | 244                             | 564,321    | 84,285,393                      | 0.00043         | 36,474                          | 2,279,635                                    |
| 10-14                                  | 357                             | 852,259    | 85,828,597                      | 0.00042         | 35,934                          | 2,066,224                                    |
| 15-19                                  | 1,362                           | 1,193,690  | 87,597,591                      | 0.00114         | 99,980                          | 5,248,957                                    |
| 20-24                                  | 2,787                           | 1,135,751  | 82,619,776                      | 0.00245         | 202,744                         | 9,630,348                                    |
| 25-29                                  | 4,238                           | 1,027,373  | 77,252,661                      | 0.00412         | 318,637                         | 13,542,067                                   |
| 30-34                                  | 5,264                           | 954,497    | 73,604,119                      | 0.00552         | 405,932                         | 15,222,446                                   |
| 35-39                                  | 7,347                           | 952,804    | 61,676,142                      | 0.00771         | 475,550                         | 15,455,366                                   |
| 40-44                                  | 13,686                          | 1,201,468  | 57,394,499                      | 0.01139         | 653,771                         | 17,978,711                                   |
| 45-49                                  | 18,436                          | 1,191,875  | 54,245,506                      | 0.01547         | 839,077                         | 18,879,238                                   |
| 50-54                                  | 23,048                          | 1,064,075  | 52,537,987                      | 0.02166         | 1,137,964                       | 19,914,378                                   |
| 55-59                                  | 16,456                          | 643,591    | 48,323,994                      | 0.02557         | 1,235,568                       | 15,444,599                                   |
| 60-64                                  | 21,782                          | 649,414    | 36,727,063                      | 0.03354         | 1,231,866                       | 9,238,993                                    |
| 65-69                                  | 26,624                          | 661,425    | 36,887,734                      | 0.04025         | 1,484,828                       | 3,712,069                                    |
| Sum                                    | 143,296                         | 12,657,040 | 919,250,545                     | 0.01233         | 8,395,289                       | 164,608,028.34                               |
| <i>Standardized rate (per 100,000)</i> |                                 |            |                                 |                 | <b>913.28</b>                   | <b>17,906.76</b>                             |



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| 2009                                   | Study Population (NWO District) |            | Standard Population (OECD 1980) | Crude Rate      | Expected deaths (Standard Pop.) | PYLL   |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Annex 3b                               | Deaths                          | Population |                                 |                 |                                 |  |
| Age Groups                             | $d_i$                           | $p_i$      | $STD P_i$                       | $r_i = d_i/p_i$ | $D_i = r_i * STD P_i$           | $D_i^*$ (Remaining Years to Upper Age Limit) |
| 0-4                                    | 1,178                           | 662,703    | 80,269,483                      | 0.00178         | 142,635                         | 9,627,834                                    |
| 5-9                                    | 281                             | 590,035    | 84,285,393                      | 0.00048         | 40,208                          | 2,512,981                                    |
| 10-14                                  | 335                             | 561,830    | 85,828,597                      | 0.00060         | 51,113                          | 2,939,012                                    |
| 15-19                                  | 880                             | 801,242    | 87,597,591                      | 0.00110         | 96,218                          | 5,051,446                                    |
| 20-24                                  | 2,238                           | 1,157,868  | 82,619,776                      | 0.00193         | 159,681                         | 7,584,853                                    |
| 25-29                                  | 4,207                           | 1,141,931  | 77,252,661                      | 0.00368         | 284,604                         | 12,095,659                                   |
| 30-34                                  | 6,185                           | 1,046,782  | 73,604,119                      | 0.00591         | 434,914                         | 16,309,283                                   |
| 35-39                                  | 7,872                           | 969,565    | 61,676,142                      | 0.00812         | 500,741                         | 16,274,079                                   |
| 40-44                                  | 9,872                           | 899,724    | 57,394,499                      | 0.01097         | 629,747                         | 17,318,045                                   |
| 45-49                                  | 15,352                          | 1,111,823  | 54,245,506                      | 0.01381         | 749,025                         | 16,853,065                                   |
| 50-54                                  | 22,146                          | 1,129,981  | 52,537,987                      | 0.01960         | 1,029,649                       | 18,018,859                                   |
| 55-59                                  | 28,516                          | 999,024    | 48,323,994                      | 0.02854         | 1,379,365                       | 17,242,066                                   |
| 60-64                                  | 31,156                          | 689,278    | 36,727,063                      | 0.04520         | 1,660,095                       | 12,450,710                                   |
| 65-69                                  | 33,458                          | 463,209    | 36,887,734                      | 0.07223         | 2,664,435                       | 6,661,087                                    |
| Sum                                    | 163,675                         | 12,224,992 | 919,250,545                     | 0.01528         | 9,822,430                       | 160,938,978.09                               |
| <i>Standardized rate (per 100,000)</i> |                                 |            |                                 |                 | <b>1,068.53</b>                 | <b>17,507.63</b>                             |



| 2013                                   | Study Population (NWO District) |            | Standard Population (OECD 1980) | Crude Rate      | Expected deaths (Standard Pop.) | PYLL   |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Annex 3c                               | Deaths                          | Population |                                 |                 |                                 |  |
| Age Groups                             | $d_i$                           | $p_i$      | $STD P_i$                       | $r_i = d_i/p_i$ | $D_i = r_i * STD P_i$           | $D_i^*$ (Remaining Years to Upper Age Limit) |
| 0-4                                    | 1,220                           | 757,156    | 80,269,483                      | 0.00161         | 129,362                         | 8,731,919                                    |
| 5-9                                    | 145                             | 642,852    | 84,285,393                      | 0.00023         | 19,036                          | 1,189,746                                    |
| 10-14                                  | 137                             | 573,546    | 85,828,597                      | 0.00024         | 20,528                          | 1,180,353                                    |
| 15-19                                  | 394                             | 603,558    | 87,597,591                      | 0.00065         | 57,119                          | 2,998,759                                    |
| 20-24                                  | 1,252                           | 985,677    | 82,619,776                      | 0.00127         | 104,938                         | 4,984,555                                    |
| 25-29                                  | 2,587                           | 1,228,690  | 77,252,661                      | 0.00211         | 162,652                         | 6,912,712                                    |
| 30-34                                  | 4,193                           | 1,138,908  | 73,604,119                      | 0.00368         | 271,009                         | 10,162,831                                   |
| 35-39                                  | 4,956                           | 1,036,737  | 61,676,142                      | 0.00478         | 294,807                         | 9,581,213                                    |
| 40-44                                  | 5,259                           | 943,130    | 57,394,499                      | 0.00558         | 320,026                         | 8,800,723                                    |
| 45-49                                  | 6,779                           | 913,922    | 54,245,506                      | 0.00742         | 402,358                         | 9,053,049                                    |
| 50-54                                  | 11,182                          | 1,104,138  | 52,537,987                      | 0.01013         | 532,087                         | 9,311,518                                    |
| 55-59                                  | 15,070                          | 1,053,570  | 48,323,994                      | 0.01430         | 691,223                         | 8,640,291                                    |
| 60-64                                  | 17,942                          | 893,981    | 36,727,063                      | 0.02007         | 737,124                         | 5,528,433                                    |
| 65-69                                  | 13,078                          | 519,162    | 36,887,734                      | 0.02519         | 929,222                         | 2,323,054                                    |
| Sum                                    | 84,195                          | 12,395,023 | 919,250,545                     | 0.00695         | 4,671,490                       | 89,399,155.82                                |
| <i>Standardized rate (per 100,000)</i> |                                 |            |                                 |                 | <b>508.18</b>                   | <b>9,725.22</b>                              |

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