

## DIRECT ASSISTANCE

IOM CONTINUES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE MIGRANTS AND VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING



Photo by IOM, 2020

vulnerable  
Migrants

192

Received humanitarian, legal  
and return assistance by IOM  
missions in Central Asia since  
the beginning of 2021

*In 2019 a migrant from Uzbekistan went to Georgia to pursue employment opportunities. During his stay in the country of destination, he had a work-related accident. He slipped and injured his spine and was hospitalized to the Center of Multidisciplinary Emergency Care in Tbilisi with a diagnosis of a fracture of the second vertebra. As the result two spine surgeries were performed. All surgeries were financially supported by the mayor's office of Bukhara region, the charity fund "Everything is Possible", as well as through the assistance from the relatives of the migrant. Considering the family's difficult financial situation, IOM Uzbekistan also provided direct assistance by supporting and facilitating the return of the migrant back to Uzbekistan. As of February 2021, the migrant is already in Tashkent with his relatives and is being provided medical assistance with the support of the Government of Uzbekistan.*

## PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

On February 24, 2021, IOM KAZAKHSTAN presented the report "The Extended Migration Profile of the Republic of Kazakhstan", funded by the MFA of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The report was developed by IOM national experts in cooperation with the members of the inter-ministerial working group lead by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Migration Profile is an IOM tool that allows not only to provide detailed statistical overview of the migration trends in the country, but also describes migration situation and its impact on key (demographic, socio-economic and political) development areas. The report is based on a unified international methodology and outlines recommendations for improving national migration policy. Migration Profile was published in Kazakh and Russian languages and distributed among state bodies involved in the formulation and implementation of migration policy.



Kazakhstan is implementing stabilizing anti-crisis measures to overcome the consequences of the pandemic, including measures to protect the rights of migrants. The Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan has established a Working Group to develop the Concept of Migration Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2022-2026. IOM is providing technical support for the development of the concept within the framework of the project "Improving the current migration system to create an enabling environment for Kandas and displaced persons within the framework of the Enbek program" funded by the IOM International Development Fund.

## COMMUNITY STABILIZATION THROUGH RETURNEES REINTEGRATION



Photo by IOM Kyrgyzstan

IOM in KYRGYZSTAN AND TAJIKISTAN launched the “Community Stabilization through Returned Migrant Reintegration in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan during and after COVID-19” initiative.

IOM Kyrgyzstan has conducted information sessions on the psychosocial support, COVID-19, restoration of family ties as well as other community events among 561 migrants, community members and

leaders in six pilot sub-districts of Osh, Jalal-Abad and Batken regions. In addition, 2012 migrants have received individual reintegration planning sessions and referrals to necessary social and other services.

In light of large flows of returnees to Tajikistan due to COVID-19, this project timely supports the returned migrants with reintegration planning sessions and targeted support including small grants for income-generating activities. The project is funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the Government of the United Kingdom.



Photo by IOM Tajikistan, Launch of the three-day training on the reintegration of returned migrants with 17 participants, including specialists from the Migration Service at Oblast Level and civil society members of five districts of Khatlon region.



## MIGRATION POLICIES UNDER THE MIGRATION GOVERNANCE INDICATORS (MGI)

IOM TAJIKISTAN and representatives of the ministries of the Republic of Tajikistan had an inter-ministerial consultation to discuss research results on migration policies in Tajikistan under the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI). MGI helps establish a baseline to assess national policy frameworks, identify gaps, and track the progress of national and international commitment to safe and orderly migration. After discussions, the participants renewed their commitment to enhancing the government's migration response and agreed to collect insights from different perspectives to achieve the best response.



Photo by IOM Tajikistan: Scene of the inter-ministerial consultation on research findings under Migration Governance Indicators at Hilton Hotel, Dushanbe.



Photo by IOM Uzbekistan: Briefing on Migration Governance Indicators in Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Monocenter "Ishga marhamat".

IOM UZBEKISTAN organized a briefing on Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) at the "Ishga marhamat" Monocenter in Tashkent. The briefing was attended by the officials from the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Employment and Labor Relations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction, the Ministry of Mahalla and Family Support, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Health, the State Committee on Statistics, the National Center for Human Rights, and the Republican Center for the Study of Public Opinion.

## MULTISECTORAL APPROACH TO MIGRANTS' HEALTH



IOM TAJIKISTAN and WHO continue promoting migrants' health initiatives. On 25 February 2021 key partners, specialists on migration and health discussed technical guides of WHO on promoting the health of migrants and refugees, including mental health. IOM Tajikistan will present IOM policy and practice on mental health and psychosocial support among migrants, as well as the new project supported by IOM Development Fund "Returned Tajik Migrants: Promoting a Multi-

Stakeholder Response to Mental Health and Disability Issues", IOM Tajikistan is also in the process of creating a Multisectoral Technical Working Group as part of the project. It is expected that in March IOM, the International Research Consultant and the technical working group will jointly develop the methodology and the tools for conducting research on disability issues among returned Tajik migrants.



**Kazakhstan's (11616) and Kyrgyzstan's national hotlines (1899) as well as the emergency cell number in Tajikistan +992900800800 continue to receive calls.**

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